

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 5-2-2016

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday May 2, 2016 at 9:00AM in the Commissioner's Room of the Wells County Carnegie Annex, Bluffton, IN. Those in attendance were Commissioners, Blake Gerber, Kevin Woodward and Tamara Robbins. Also in attendance were County Attorney, Roy Johnson and County Auditor, Beth Davis.

Minutes: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the minutes from April 18, 2016 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll And Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #9 in the amount of \$214,315.66 and 240 claims totaling \$573,255.59. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 81 inmates, 4 are DOC and 10 are F6 felonies that will also be reimbursed from the state. Chief Deputy Scott Holliday, Norwell Superintendent Dr. Scott Mills, and School Recourse Officer Chad Bradley all came before the Board of Commissioners to discuss the renewal contract between Northern Wells Community School and the Wells County Sheriff. Chief Deputy Holliday stated the only changes to the contract were for salary increases and changing the number of days the SRO officer is at the school from 180 days to 182 days. Dr. Scott Mills and Deputy Bradley both talked about the positive impact the SRO officer has made for the School. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to continue to support the SRO program for Northern Wells Community School. Motion carried 3-0.

Community Correction's Security Cameras and Grant Renewal: Director Blake Poindexter informed the commissioners that he had an electrical issue in his office that damaged 9 security cameras. The cost to replace the cameras totaled \$1,090.00. The counties insurance policy has a deductible of \$2,500 so Blake asked if the county had a line item to cover the cost of replacing the camera's or should he use his grant funds to cover the cost since the cameras were originally purchased with grant funds. The commissioners informed Blake that he should use his grant funds to pay for the replacement cameras. Blake also provided his 2016-2017 fiscal year Grant Agreement in the amount of \$220,564.00 which requires the signature of the County Auditor. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to allow the Auditor to sign the Community Correction Grant Agreement (Misc. 2016-12). Motion carried 3-0

Wells County Highway Supervisor: The Board of Commissioners opened three Bituminous Bids from Klink Group, Asphalt Materials, and Marathon Petroleum. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to take the bids under advisement and refer them to the Highway Supervisor for his review and recommendations. Motion carried 3-0. Ed Herman asked the Board of Commissioners if his department could start on summer hours working four ten hour days. The commissioners asked if there was a way to get ahold of the highway department on Fridays in case of an emergency. Ed stated that he has an answering machine to direct the caller to contact the sheriff's department in case of emergency and the sheriff's department in turn contacts him. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to allow the Highway department to start their summer hours on June 6, 2016. Motion carried 3-0. There were a total of 144 residents that signed up for dust control and the highway department started applying the dust control today. Discussed the three road conversion

projects, Ed is still waiting on a few Right-Of-Way forms. Ed gave the commissioners several road conversion applications for their review.

Wells County Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag informed the commissioners that he has been working with Lisa McCormick the current ADA coordinator for the transition for him to take over as coordinator. Nate also informed the commissioners that he will be working on a Traffic Asset Management Plan (TAMP) for the county since this is something that need to be done before applying for state funding. After reviewing the bridge inspection report Nate is thinking of replacing two bridges this year if possible, the bridges would be bridge number's 2 and 203. Both of these bridges are similar in size and Nate feels that quoting them together could save some money. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to have Nate go ahead and pursue quoting the two bridges for replacement. Motion carried 3-0.

Bridge Number 193 Update: Ben Beer with USI informed the commissioners that he is still working with INDOT to see if any federal funds are available to cover the work order changes that were done for Bridge No. 193. Ben stated that he is waiting on the overhead change order to see if there will be funds available to cover that expense since the estimate for this repair came in at \$44,000. The commissioners asked Nate to look into the reports that was done from the farmer's equipment that did the damage to the overhead of the bridge.

County Owned Cemeteries Updates: The Auditor's office has discovered that the board of commissioners hold the deeds to two more cemeteries in the county. Both of the cemeteries are in Jackson Township. Auditor Beth Davis sent the information to General Insurance so they can also be added to the insurance policy. The Board of Commissioners asked County Attorney Roy Johnson to look into the possibility of deeded the cemeteries to the township trustees like the other cemeteries are within the townships. If the cemeteries cannot be deeded to the township trustees the Board of Commissioners will have to appoint a County Cemetery Board.

LOIT Special Distribution Update: Auditor Beth Davis informed the commissioners that the one time LOIT special distribution has been received from the state. Wells county units received \$2,777,835.55 and \$1,306,141.18 of the amount is for "Unit" Wells County. Per SEA 67 at least 75% of the amount of the county's funds has to be used for infrastructure as found under IC 6-3.6-9-17(h)(1)(A) and the remaining amount may be used for any other purposes of the county. The Auditor's office has set up the county fund titled "LOIT Special Distribution" to account for the restricted use as directed by State Board of Accounts. The county commissioners will need to request an appropriation from the county council on how they would like to use the funds.

X-ray machine Repair: Auditor Beth Davis provided a quote from Smith Detection to repair the x-ray machine at the security point at the courthouse. The x-ray machine is not working properly and smith detection is the only vendor to repair this type of machine. The quote is in the amount of \$1,287.91. Smith detection has also provided an option to go on an annual service agreement with would cover all labor and replacement parts, the cost for the annual agreement would be \$3,206.00 per year. The commissioners asked if we could check on the cost of a replacement unit so they could consider if the annual service agreement would be an option or not for future repairs. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the repair to the x-ray machine. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:03AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor