

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 5-16-2016

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday May 16, 2016 at 9:30AM 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 May 2, 2016 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll And Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #10 in the amount of \$207,992.78 and 353 claims totaling \$474,321.94. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 81 inmates, 3 are DOC and 9 are F6 felonies.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman recommended that the Board of Commissioners accept all three Bituminous bids. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve Ed's recommendation and accept all three bituminous bids. Motion carried 3-0. Ed provided two quotes for a new Diesel Engine 1 ton service/plow truck to replace the 2004 Ford F-350. The bid from Hiday Chrysler Dodge was for \$37,000.00 and the bid from Family Ford was for \$37,615.50. Commissioner Woodward stated in his opinion and experience Ford trucks have better front ends and since this truck would be used for a plow truck he feels the Ford truck would be a better option. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the bid from Family Ford. Motion carried 3-0. Ed informed the commissioners that the first application of dust control has been applied.

Wells County Engineer: Nate Rumschlag informed the commissioners that he would forward the Bridge Asset Management Plan (BAMP) that he had provided them to INDOT for their approval. After Nate receives approval on the Bridge Asset Management Plan he will start working on the Traffic Asset Management Plan (TAMP). According to the BAMP Nate would like to replace bridge #79 this year and bridge #'s 2 and 203 in 2017. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to pursue the replacement of Bridge #79 this year and pursue quotes for the replacements of bridge #'s 2 and 203 for 2017. Motion carried 3-0. Nate provided a quote of \$92,600 for fees leading up to the construction for all three bridges. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the quote not to exceed \$92,600. Motion carried 3-0. Nate also provided a quote from DLT Solutions in the amount of \$1,671.18 for some drafting software he needs for his office. Motion Made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the software quote from DLT. Motion carried 3-0.

Courthouse Repairs: Courthouse custodian Bobbie Studebaker provided two quotes to repair the cement at the Annex and she is recommending the lowest quote from Kiel and Sons in the amount of \$6,400. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the quote from Kiel and Sons and allow the president of the board to sign the quote. Motion carried 3-0. Bobbie also provided some additional information regarding the courthouse x-ray machine. The life expectancy for the x-ray machine is 10 years and we are in the ninth year with our x-ray machine. We have spent approximately \$9,000 in repairs including the most recent one for the last meeting.

Public Transit Grant: Bonnie Valind and Betsy Collier provided comparison charts showing growth in riders of 8% from 2015 to 2016. Two new vans are been received and are currently being lettered, they are replacing two older vans that have over 200,000 miles on them. Bonnie provided the quarterly report for public transit to the Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the quarterly report and allow the President of the Board to sign. Motion carried 3-0. Bonnie asked the Commissioners if they would continue to support the public transit program by contributing \$53,000 again for 2017. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to support the program again for 2017. Motion carried 3-0. The Board of Commissioners also signed the application package for CY 2017 Public Transit.

Bridge 193 Update: Ben Beer with USI updated the commissioners on additional repairs do to deterioration on four more beams just north of the others. The damage that was done to the bridge from the farm equipment is cosmetic not structure.

County Farm Sale Off: County attorney Roy Johnson asked the commissioners if they wanted him to proceed with the requested sale-off of 2-3 acres at the county farm. The commissioners told Roy to go ahead and proceed with the request.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:28AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor