

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session 06-06-2016

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday June 6, 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 May 16, 2016 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

**Payroll And Claims:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #11 in the amount of \$218,331.61, Payroll #12 in the amount of \$209,696.35 and 266 claims totaling \$395,488.09. Motion carried 3-0.

**Family Center Services:** Amy George presented her annual request of \$15,000 for the 2017 Budget. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the \$15,000 contribution to Family Centered Services for budget year 2017. Motion carried 3-0.

**Wells County Sheriff:** Sheriff Fisher reported 89 inmates, 5 are DOC and 9 are F6 felonies. Sheriff Fisher informed the commissioners that he would be using LOIT Public Safety Funds to purchase the sheriff's portions of the new radio system. The total cost for the county will be \$127,788.00

**911 Director:** Adam McCartney provided the Agreement and final cost for the new Motorola Radio system to the Board of Commissioners and County Attorney for their review. By going with a consortium with surrounding counties they were able to get a discount. The total initial cost for the 911 Department will be \$363,657.00. The first year the system is under warranty then the maintenance agreement will start with year two showing a total twenty year cost of ownership of \$703,061.00. The life span for the new system will be twenty years. The Statewide 911 fund has a surplus of \$634,000.00 so Adam will be requesting an additional appropriation to the County Council for the \$363,657.00.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Ed Herman updated the commissioners on dust control and roadside mowing. Ed informed the commissioners that he received the Federal reimbursement for the Railroad Crossings Painted in 2014. Ed asked the commissioners what they wanted to do about Steve Kumfer's fence that is in the counties right-of-way on 950N. The fence needs to be moved before the highway department can continue working on the road project. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to have attorney Roy Johnson send Steve Kumfer a letter stating that the fence would need to be removed within one week or the county will be filing an injunction against him. Motion carried 3-0. Ed asked questions on how he should budget for chip and seals projects and drainage in the 2017 budget. The Board of Commissioners asked Ed if he could provide them with a year-end report on what was spent each year from the highway fund.

**Wells County Engineer:** Nate Rumschlag asked the commissioner if the highway bookkeeper could apply for a notary bond so they would be able to notarize right-of-ways and other documents needed for the highway department. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to have the highway bookkeeper apply for a notary bond. Motion carried 3-0. Nate provided an "Application For Permit To Locate Buried Or Overhead Utility Facilities Within County Right Of Way" for the

McKinney-Paxson Project. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve and sign the Right-Of-Way for McKinney-Paxson. Motion carried 3-0. Nate stated that he is currently working on the Traffic Asset Plan which will need to be completed before we can apply for matching grant funds through the Community Crossing Matching Grant for road projects. The Bridge Asset Plan had already been completed so Nate is working on the grant application for matching funds for bridge #'s 2 & 203. The right-of-way documents for the three chip and seal road projects were presented to the Board of Commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the right-of-way documents. Motion carried 3-0.

**Bi-County Services:** Tim Ramsey, President of Bi-County Services present his annual report to the Board of Commissioners and requested the annual contribution of \$39,312. Tim also presented a picture of the new Whicker Park ADA Playground Project that he is currently accepting donations for. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the request of \$39,312 for budget year 2017 for Bi-County Services. Motion carried 3-0.

**Emergency Management Grant:** Wayne Grove asked the Board of Commissioners if he could apply for a grant in the amount of \$14,000.00 to pay for converting the conference room into an Emergency Center. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to allow Wayne Grove to apply for the grant. Motion carried 3-0.

**Spec Building Interest Payment:** Discussed a letter that Roy Johnson drafted regarding invoices that the Auditor has received for interest payments on the Spec Building. There are some questions regarding Land and Aggregate floor on the itemized expenses and when the interest payment should start.

**Adjourned:** Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:00AM

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President, Blake Gerber

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Vice President, Kevin Woodward

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Tamara Robbins

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor