

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 6-20-2016

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday June 20, 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 June 6, 2016 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll And Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #13 in the amount of \$216,869.89 and 246 claims totaling \$418,097.27. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 93 inmates, 6 are DOC and 9 are F6 Felonies. Sheriff Fisher informed the Commissioners that the chiller stopped working at the jail causing them to evacuation. The chiller has been repaired but it may need to be replaced, Sheriff Fisher is getting quotes for a new unit.

Sheriff and 911 New Radio System Contracts: Sheriff Fisher and 911 Director Adam McCartney presented the two agreements from Motorola for the new radio system. The county attorney has reviewed the contracts and Sheriff Fisher and Adam McCartney are ready to sign them. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to allow Sheriff Fisher and Adam McCartney to sign the contracts. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman presented three quotes for two hot mix projects. The projects are both on county road 100 north and it includes an extra mile. The extra mile will be paid for out of the Highway fund. The Projects will be from 450 E to SR 301 which is 2 ½ miles and from SR 301 to 800 E which is 1 mile. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to allow the complete project including the extra mile and going with the low bid from Brooks Construction. Motion carried 3-0. Regarding the three chip and seal projects, five of the right-of-way documents were rejected by the County Recorder for varies reasons, two have been fixed. The property owner with the fence in the right-of-way has also agreed to sign if the Highway Department agreed to replace the fence within 90 days. County Attorney Roy Johnson provided new right-of-way easements to the commissioners. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to sign the easements that were presented by the county attorney. Motion carried 3-0. The Board of Commissioners stated that they would like to do three more miles of chip and seal this year and at least five miles next year.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag presented the agreement from USI Consultants regarding the design of Bridges #2 and #203 in the amount of \$66,000.00. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the agreement with USI Consultants (Misc. 2016-13). Motion carried 3-0. Nate presented change order #3 for Bridge #193. The change order is for the sway frame (overhead repair) to the bridge in the amount of \$13,382.42. Nate discovered that the first two change orders that were previously approved have not been signed, so he is asking for the commissioners to approve the third change order and sign all three of them. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve change order #3 and sign all three of the change orders. Motion carried 3-0. Due to the repairs there will be a seven day extension for the project. Frontier is requesting a right-of-way permit to do a buried telephone service drop at a resident's home. Nate is asking if the permit is

only for a service drop if he could go ahead and sign off on the request rather than presenting it to the board of commissioners for their signatures. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to allow Nate to sign if only a service drop. Motion carried 3-0. Nate informed the commissioners that the Community Crossing matching grant deadline has been extended for two more weeks and he is working on applying for matching funds on two projects. Nate was given permission to work with NIRCC on revisions to the ADA Transition Plan since they were involved with the original plan that was adopted by the commissioners.

Bargain Hut Parking Lot: President Mike Kracium, Vice-President Glenna Plummer, and store manager Carolyn Powell were all present to request assistance with replacing the parking lot at the Bargain Hut location. The county is the owner of property where the Bargain Hut is located. Mr. Kracium presented two quotes and he is still waiting on three more vendors to give him quotes. The commissioners asked Mr. Kracium to provide the rest of the estimates when they come in and they will review them and make a percentage donation to the Bargain Hut for the repair.

Area Plan Electronic Payments: Area Plan Director Mike Lautzenheiser Jr. provided an agreement from Value Payment Systems for his office to take electronic payments for fees. County Attorney Roy Johnson stated that the agreement may want to be changed to only include the Area Plan Office since other offices may be using other companies. If the agreement is changed to only include the Area Plan Office then Mike could sign the agreement rather than the Board of Commissioners.

Board Appointment Application Process: The Board of Commissioners approved an application process for individuals to apply for open board appointment positions that are appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The board appointment position will be advertised and the interested persons will complete an application.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:37AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor