

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session 8-15-2016

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday August 15, 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 August 1, 2016 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

**Payroll And Claims:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #17 in the amount of \$209,683.49 and 138 claims totaling \$461,410.68. Motion carried 3-0.

**Vehicle Bids:** One bid was received for the 2000 Crown Victoria in the amount of \$100.00. Two bids were received for the 2004 Chevy Trail Blazer; one for \$100.00 and one for \$200.00. Sealed bids at least \$50.00 higher than the current bids will be accepted at the next commissioners meeting.

**Wells County Sheriff:** Sheriff Fisher reported 92 inmates, 3 are DOC and 15 are F6 DOC's. Sheriff Fisher informed the commissioners that the bids for the chiller should be presented at the next meeting.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Ed Herman provided a map showing the 96 miles of centerline road markings to be done this year. Ed received 3 quotes for the road markings and he recommended Three Rivers Barricade which is the same company that did the markings last year. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve Three Rivers Barricade as the company to do the road markings. Motion carried 3-0. Ed informed the commissioners that he has completed 29 miles of Chip and Seal and he has 50 miles to go. The two county roads that the commissioners have signed agreements on (County roads 700 W and 1200 S) have both been completed. Ed updated the commissioners on the three road conversion projects in Rockcreek Township.

**Highway Engineer:** Nate Rumschlag informed the commissioners that he has not heard anything from INDOT yet regarding the Community Crossing Matching Grant Application. Nate has sent out Right of Way Dedication letter to all Adjacent landowners to bridge #79 and one has been received back. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the Right of Way document for Phyllis and Dean Cassiday. Motion carried 3-0. Nate informed the commissioners that he was notified by AEP for a road closure on 500W between 900N and 1000N for a line transfer. AEP gave Nate a three month window for the project so Nate has requested that AEP give him a 48 hour notice of when the work will be done so they can put up barricades.

**Know-Ink Contract:** Clerk Yvette Runkle provided a contract to the Board of Commissioners to purchase three additional E-Poll Pads for three of the vote centers. The additional appropriation was already approved by the county council at their last meeting. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the contract and allow the President of the board to sign the contract (Misc. 2016-14). Motion carried 3-0.

**Bicentennial Celebration Committee:** Chuck King, Teresa Dustman and Emily Marshall with the Bicentennial Celebration Committee explained some of the activities they have plan for the Bicentennial

Celebration. The committee is requesting permission to use the courthouse square from December 8<sup>th</sup> through December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for the some of the activities including ice sculptures on the plaza. The committee would also like to use the courthouse balcony to set off fireworks on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The company doing the fireworks is Melrose Pyrotechnics and they do carry a five million dollar liability insurance policy. The committee also requested a \$1,000.00 donation from the county to help pay for the festivities. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the use of the courthouse square and courthouse balcony for fireworks and to revisit the financial aspects at a later date. Motion carried 3-0.

**Bluffton Street Fair Committee:** Melanie Durr with the Bluffton Street Fair Committee also asked the commissioners for permission to use the courthouse balcony on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to set off fireworks for the closing night of the street fair. The same company doing the Bicentennial Celebration fireworks will also be doing the Street Fair Fireworks. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the use of the courthouse balcony to set off fireworks for the Bluffton Street Fair. Motion carried 3-0.

**Capital Asset Consulting Agreement:** Auditor Beth Davis Presented a renewal agreement with Peterson Consulting Services, Inc. This is the vendor that helps assist the county with the required reporting of its capital asset information. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the agreement with Peterson Consulting Services, Inc. (Misc. 2016-15). Motion carried 3-0.

**Open Comments:** Steve Aschliman and Chuck Brooks made comments about the recent approval from the Wells County Area Plan Commissioner for Heritage Farms to construct a new concentrated feeding operation. Steve is concerned because his house is just north of the unit and the exhaust fans will be blowing in the direction of his home. Chuck asked for guidance on what residents can do on where CAFO units can go. The commissioners stated that residents should start by addresses the ordinances that are currently in place.

**Adjourned:** Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to adjourn at 10:08AM. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **Wells County Commissioners**

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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