

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session 9-6-2016

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

**Payroll And Claims:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #18 in the amount of \$211,344.49 and 244 claims totaling \$643,359.54. Motion carried 3-0.

**Vehicle Bids:** Two more bids were received for the two community corrections vehicles; \$150.00 bid received for the 2000 Crown Victoria, and \$250.00 bid received for the 2004 Trail Blazer. Bids will be accepted again at the next commissioner's meeting.

**Wells County Sheriff:** Sheriff Fisher reported 92 inmates, 3 are DOC and 15 are F6 DOC's. Sheriff Fisher provided the two quotes he received to replace the chiller at the Jail. The quote from Felger-Hart was for a "York Chiller" in the amount of \$103,800.00, the quote from BTS Building Temperature Solutions was for a "Trane Chiller" in the amount of \$134,557.00. BTS also provided two alternate quotes, one for a new Daikin chiller and one to replace the existing water pumps with new Armstrong pumps. The jail currently has a Trane Chiller that is over 25 years old. Sheriff Fisher is recommending the Trane Chiller because of the life they received from the current Trane Chiller. The commissioners would like to review the quotes and check with some experts they know regarding chillers. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to review for one month and bring back to the first meeting in October. Motion carried 3-0.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Ed Herman updated the commissioners on the current projects he is working on; the centerline road marking, the Chip and Seal maintenance, and the 3 road projects in Rock Creek Township. Ed received two quotes for Hot Mix on the 6 pipe projects that were done. One quote was from Brooks Construction in the amount \$44,978.00 and one was from E & B Paving in the amount of \$33,820.00. Ed recommended the low bid from E & B Paving. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the low bid from E & B Paving. Motion carried 3-0.

**Highway Engineer:** Nate Rumschlag informed the commissioners that the county was awarded \$740,896.55 on all four of the applications that were submitted for the Community Crossing Matching Grant. Nate also informed the commissioners that he has received some of the Right of Way Dedications for the four projects. The AEP road closure is no longer needed as indicated from the previous meeting. Bridge No. 79 is ready to bid with the first advertisement to be published on September 8<sup>th</sup> and the second advertisement to publish on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The bids will be opened on September 29, 2016 and reviewed by Nate and Ed and brought to the October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 commissioners meeting for approval. Purdue has requested the current boxes from Bridge No. 79 for research work; Purdue will pick up and haul the boxes. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the design plan for Bridge No. 79. Motion carried 3-0. An unofficial Detour has been received from INDOT for a small structure replacement on State Road 116 over the Wabash River.

Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the unofficial detour. Motion carried 3-0. Nate asked the commissioners if it was ok for the Highway Department to subscribe to the Bluffton News-Banner so they can make sure the notices are published when needed. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the news-paper subscription for the Highway Department. Motion carried 3-0. Nate informed the commissioners that he was notified by the family of a biker that was fatally struck at the intersection of CR 1100N & CR 100E. The family would like to have signage added to the intersection. Nate is recommending that the Highway Department add two warning signs below the stop signs indicating that the cross traffic does not stop. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the signage change per Nate's recommendation. Motion carried 3-0.

**CAFO Regulations:** Farmers, Todd Fiechter and Joel Fiechter came before the commissioners to ask them two questions "how can Wells County prevent CFO's and local residence from engaging in incompatible uses?" and "how much authority does Wells County have to regulate CFO's more stringently than INDEM?" These questions were related to the recent Area Plan meeting that is addressing changes to the current zoning ordinance regarding CFO's. The commissioners stated they would defer the questions to the Area Plan Board and their attorney. The commissioners also stated they would like to get some input from other counties regarding their zoning ordinances related to CFO's. Public comment was also heard from Farmers, Doug Klefeker and Chris Frauhiger and homeowner Steve Aschliman.

**2017 Holiday Schedule:** Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the 2017 Holiday Schedule. Motion carried 3-0.

**2017 Meeting Dates:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the 2017 Meeting Dates for the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried 3-0.

**Metaldyne Agreement:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Metaldyne M&A Bluffton, LLC. (Misc. 2016-16) and allow the president of the board to sign. Motion carried 3-0.

**Right of Way Dedications:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the current Right-of-way dedications we have for Bridge #79 project, CR 500S Conversion Project, and CR 500W Conversion Project. Motion carried 3-0.

**September 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to cancel the September 19, 2016 Commissioners Meeting because of the Bluffton Street Fair. Motion carried 3-0.

**Adjourned:** Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:29AM

**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