

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 10-03-2016

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

Payroll And Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #19 in the amount of \$205,512.45 and Payroll #20 in the amount of \$208,619.83. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve 174 claims from September 19, 2016 totaling \$548,556.95 and 181 claims for October 3, 2016 totaling \$269,511.11. Motion carried 3-0.

Workforce Development Program Grant Public Hearing: The second required public hearing was held for the Workforce Development Program Grant that wells County is participating in with Adams County. There was no public comment during the hearing and a motion was made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to allow the president of the board to sign the letter of commitment for the grant. Motion carried 3-0.

Vehicle Bids: Two bids were received for the 2004 Chevy Trailblazer and one bid was received for the 2000 Ford Crown Vic. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to sell the vehicles to the highest bidders. Motion carried 3-0. Mike Johnson was the top bidder for the 2000 Ford Crown Vic. In the amount of \$250.00 and Rebecca Thompson was the highest bidder for the 2004 Chevy Trailblazer in the amount of \$600.00.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 97 inmates, 5 are DOC and 13 are F6 DOC. The commissioners discussed the two quotes that were received for the Chiller at the jail and decided to go with the low quote from Felger Hart Inc. on a new "YORK Chiller". Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to accept the quote from Felger Hart, Inc. in the amount of \$103,800.00 plus \$2,435.00 for a 66 month parts and 5 year compressor parts only extended warranty. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman updated the commissioners on the Centerline Marking, Chip and Seal, and roadside mowing. Ed also updated the commissioners on the three road projects and provided two quotes for the new fence on 950 N. Ed recommended the low quote from Shady Acre Fencing in the amount of \$2,965.56. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the low bid from Shady Acre Fencing. Motion carried 3-0.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag provided additional right of way dedications for the bridge and road conversion projects to the Board of Commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to accept all the new right of way dedications. Motion carried 3-0. Nate provided the bids that were received for the construction cost of the replacement of Bridge No. 79 carrying CR 200 south over Rock Creek. The low bid was from Primco and Nate presented "Intent

to Award Construction Contract” to the commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the notice of intent for Primco and allow the president of the board to sign the intent letter. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to give all the bids to the Auditor to keep for public record. Motion carried 3-0. Nate informed the commissioners that structure #1564 on 100W between 700S and 800S has been closed due to its condition. The structure was scheduled to be replaced in 2017 but during an inspection additional damage was discovered. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to move forward with the replacement of structure #1564 using CEDIT funds. Motion carried 3-0. Nate is starting to work on the next Community Crossing Grant application and he is looking at replacing Bridges #6 & #18 with the next grant. The design cost for the two bridges will be a total of \$62,300 and that cost will not be covered through the Community Crossing Grant. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to move forward with the Bridge design work and fund the cost through the Highway Department Budget. Motion carried 3-0. The agreement for the current Community Crossing Grant projects was presented to the commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the “Local Roads And Bridges Matching Grant Agreement” (Misc. 2016-17) and allow the president of the board to sign the agreement. Motion carried 3-0.

IT Director: Roger Richardson updated the commissioners on the replacements of computers, printers and a copier due to the recent lighting strikes. We have received approximately \$12,000 from our insurance company to cover the cost for repairs or replacement of the equipment. Roger informed the commissioners that new cameras and a new computer is needed for the courthouse security system and the total cost would be around \$1,400.00. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to have the sheriff request an additional appropriation to cover the cost for the upgrade to the security system. Motion carried 3-0.

Bridge Inspections: Leo Rumschlag came before the commissioners to inform them that he is now working for a firm called Janssen & Spaans and his firm is qualified to do Bridge Inspections. Mr. Rumschlag stated that he would be applying through the RFQ to do the bridge inspection for Wells County. Mr. Rumschlag has done the last two small structure inspections for the county.

County Farm Sale/Lease: County Attorney Roy Johnson informed the commissioners that both County Council and Board of Commissioners need to sign any agreement for the purchase or lease of Land do to the amount of revenue it generates. Roy asked the commissioners if he should contact a surveyor to survey the section of the county farm that someone has expressed interest in buying. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to move forward with getting the appraisal done on the section that is to be sold and also have a fair market value appraisal done on the remaining farm ground. Motion carried 3-0.

Juvenile Detention Center: Judge Kiracofe informed the commissioners that the county has already used all the beds that were contracted for at the Delaware Juvenile Detention Facility for this year. Judge Kiracofe stated that the Facility could give the county an additional 225 beds at a cost of \$28,125. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the additional beds. Motion carried 3-0.

Spec Building: County Attorney Roy Johnson asked the commissioners if they were ok with the changes he made to the Spec Building Construction Cost Certification. The commissioners stated that they were ok with the changes and it was ok to send it back to Mr. Crowell for his approval.

Drainage Study: During the earlier drainage board meeting the drainage board approved a watershed study on the west side by Bluffton near Adams Street. The total cost for the study is \$24,000.00 and the drainage board has approved paying 1/3 of the cost and they are asking the commissioners to pay 1/3 and the other 1/3 to be paid by the City of Bluffton. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to have the commissioner put in 1/3 of the cost (\$8,000.00). Motion carried 3-0.

AIC Conference: Commissioner Woodward acknowledged that County Assessor Rick Smith was named Assessor of the year by the Assessor's Association at the recent AIC Conference that was held in Fort Wayne. Wells County was well represented with several elected officials attending the conference.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:37AM

Wells County Commissioners

President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor