

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 10-17-2016

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday October 17, 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 was County Auditor, Beth Davis. County Attorney Roy Johnson was absent.

Minutes: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the minutes from October 3, 2016 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll And Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #21 in the amount of \$208,329.08 and 215 claims totaling \$592,975.87. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher was unable to attend the meeting because he was in court but he emailed the commissioners his report of inmates at the jail. There are a total of 92 inmates, 7 are DOC and 19 are F6 DOC.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman undated the commissioners on the centerline marking and road side mowing. Ed informed the commissioners that the fence has been installed on 950 N.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag informed the commissioners that he didn't have any new Right of Way Dedications to present. Nate stated that he has one landowner that has declined to sign the right of way document for the Bridge No. 79 Project. Nate is going to try to reach out to the public to let them know the need for the right of way dedications for both bridge and road projects. Nate informed the commissioners that Chester 1564 small structure is being replaced with a large Aluminum Box Culvert which will now become Bridge #400. Nate is waiting on the Right of Way Documents for this project. Supplemental Agreement No. 1 was presented from USI Consultants adding an additional \$8,000 to the Design Services contract for some required permitting for Bridges #2 and #203. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, second by Tamara Robbins to approve the Supplemental Agreement No. 1 (Misc. 2016-18). Motion carried 3-0. Bridge No. 79 Contract was presented to the Board of Commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the "Agreement Between Owner and Contractor For Construction Contract" and allow the president of the board to sign the contract (Misc. 2016-19). Motion carried 3-0. Nate presented A&Z Engineering, LLC agreement to the Board of Commissioners for their approval. A&Z Engineering, LLC is doing the design work for bridge #6 which is one of the 2017 bridge projects. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the "Short Form of Agreement Between Owner and Engineer For Professional Services" (Misc. 2016-20). Motion carried 3-0. Nate presented a Utility Permit Application from AT&T to install Fiber in Union Township. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the permit application from AT&T. Motion carried 3-0. Nate presented INDOT's recommendation for acceptance document for the commissioner's approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve "Indiana Department of Transportation Report of Contract Final Inspection and Recommendation for Acceptance" form. Motion carried 3-0. Nate informed the commissioners that the RFP is out on the INDOT letting site for the National Bridge Inspection Report 2017-2020. Nate is anticipating letters of interest from engineering firms by 2pm on October 27th. Nate will present the interested firms to the commissioners for their scoring then submit the scoring information to INDOT.

Wellness Plan: Tim Miller with Med Partners and Payroll Deputy Lisa McCormick presented the Wellness Plan for the 2017 Health Insurance Plan year. No changes were made from the previous plan. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the Wellness Plan. Motion carried 3-0.

Flexible Spending: Payroll Deputy Lisa McCormick presented the Flexible Spending plan to the Board of Commissioners for their approval. There are no changes from the previous plan. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the Flexible Spending plan. Motion carried 3-0.

Zoning Ordinance Amendments: On behalf of the Plan Commission Board, Area Plan Director Michael Lautzenhiser Jr. presented 10 proposed amendment changes to the Wells County Zoning Ordinance. The commissioner's decided to table amendment #5 which deals with recreational vehicle regulations and amendment #8 which deals with RV regulations until the County Attorney is available for discussion. The Plan Commission recommended a 'do not pass recommendation' on the amendment to require a road use agreement prior to issuing an improvement location permit and also an approved IDEM application and letter prior to applying for a CFO or Manure Lagoon Development Plan. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve Ordinance 2016-07 "Amendment to the Wells County Zoning Ordinance" accepting all the recommendations of the Plan Commission except for Amendment's #5 & #8. Motion carried 3-0.

County Farm Ground: County Attorney Roy Johnson has contacted someone about doing the appraisal and surveying the portion located east of County Home Road. Information will be available at future meetings.

Spec Building: Signed the "Agreed Certification of Construction Cost" for the Spec Building.

County Engineer Credit Card: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve Resolution No. 2016-03 "A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Wells Authorizing the Wells County Engineer to Obtain and Use a Credit Card". Motion carried 3-0.

Roadside Bioseal: Owner, Lisa Harris came before the commissioners to explain her pavement sealing product. Neighboring Adams County has a road that was sealed with this product so the commissioner's will travel to Adams county to look at their road.

Health Insurance Proposals: The Board of Commissioners opened six proposals from: IHC, Starr Insurance, Abbott, Secure Benefits Solution, Apex Benefits, and Platinum Benefits. The proposals will be taken under advisement and reviewed during the schedule Executive Session following this meeting.

Abandoned Homes: Keystone residents, Rhonda and Gary McFarren asked the commissioners if there was anything that could be done about abandoned homes in the county. The county does not currently have any ordinances regarding abandoned homes. The commissioners suggested starting with the Health Department. The commissioners also stated that they would like to have the county attorney present for future discussions.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:35AM

Wells County Commissioners

President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor