

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session 11-7-2016

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday November 7, 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 October 17, 2016 regular session and October 17, 2016 executive session. Motion carried 3-0.

**Payroll And Claims:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #22 in the amount of \$210,928.33 and Payroll #23 in the amount of \$211,316.93 and 273 claims totaling \$511,400.59. Motion carried 3-0.

**Wells County Sheriff:** Sheriff Fisher reported 88 inmates, 3 are DOC and 26 are F6 DOC's. Sheriff Fisher informed the commissioners that the prep work for the new chiller has started.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Ed Herman informed the commissioners that the centerline markings and roadside mowing has been completed.

**Highway Engineer:** Nate Rumschlag presented all but three right of ways for Bridge #400 (formally Chester culvert 1564) and all but one of the right of ways for CR 900W conversion. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to accept all the right of ways that were presented. Motion carried 3-0. Nate informed the commissioners that he is moving forward with Bridge #400 replacing it with a large Aluminum Box Culvert. Nate presented the low quotes he had received for the project totaling \$67,331.66 including stone and contingency estimated cost of \$10,000. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the quote and allow the president of the board to sign the quote from ALBC. Motion carried 3-0. Nate presented the Bridge Design Contract from BF&S on bridge #18. The design and survey services contract totals \$21,300. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the design & survey (Misc. 2016-22). Motion carried 3-0. Notice to process was presented to the Board of Commissioners for Bride #79. The south side lane was closed due to the October inspection on the bridge. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the Notice to Proceed on bridge #79. Motion carried 3-0. Utility Permit application was presented from Citizens Telephone to bore under CR 200S as needed for the construction of bridge #79. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the permit application from Citizens Telephone. Motion carried 3-0. Nate gave the commissioners the Bridge Inspections Score Sheets to complete for the "National Bridge Inspection Report 2017-2020 (DES# 1592940)".

**Public Transit:** Bonnie Valind and Betsy Collier presented quarterly and annual comparison charts for riders. Bonnie provided a copy of the Section 5311 Comprehensive Compliance Review for Wells County Council on Aging to the Board of Commissioners showing no finding. The 2017 Section 5311/5339 Grant Agreement was presented to the Board of Commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the 2017 Public Transit grant application and allow the president of the board to sign the agreement. Motion carried 3-0. The 2016 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter claim was presented to the commissioners for their approval showing a total reimbursable amount of

\$124,757.00. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter claim and allow the president of the board to sign the claim. Motion carried 3-0. The 2016 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter claim was presented to the commissioners for their approval showing a total reimbursable amount of \$106,011.00. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter claim and allow the president of the board to sign the claim. Motion carried 3-0.

**County Health Insurance:** The insurance committee made a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to continue with the current insurance provider which is Anthem. Two of the main reasons for their recommendation was due to the fact that 30% of the claims would be out of network if we changed and also the fact that Anthem provided a renewal with no increases. The committee reviewed 17 different plans with 6 different vendors. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to accept the recommendation from the insurance committee to stay with current provider. Motion carried 3-0.

**County Farm Lease:** The survey has been done for the section of land that was asked to be purchased by an adjoining landowner. The report of the fair market value for the section along with the fair market value on the rest of the tillable acres has not been completed yet, but should be available by the next commissioners meeting.

**Courthouse Tree Lighting Ceremony:** Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the request from the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Bluffton to use the courthouse square for the annual tree lighting ceremony on Friday, November 25, 2016 during the hours of 5:30pm-6:30pm. Motion carried 3-0

**Employee Thanksgiving and Christmas Party:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the Courthouse and Annex Building closing on Wednesday, November 23, 2016 from 12:00-2:00 for the employee Thanksgiving dinner and closing on Wednesday, December 22, 2016 at 2:00 for the employee Christmas Party. Motion carried 3-0.

**Amendment to Three Year CREDIT Plan:** The Board of Commissioners are making a change to their current three year CREDIT plan to allow for a transfer of \$1,000,000.00 from the CREDIT fund to the Rainy Day Fund so the \$1,000,000.00 can be used as the local match amount for the 2017 Community Crossing Grant Application. Currently the CREDIT fund is not an eligible fund to use for the 50/50 local match amount but the Rainy Day Fund is. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the Amended 3 year CREDIT Plan (Resolution No. 2016-04). Motion carried 3-0.

**Board Appointment:** Auditor Beth Davis informed the Commissioners that the advertisement for board appointments will be in the newspaper next week.

**Zoning Ordinance Amendments:** Area Plan Director Mike Lautzenheiser Jr. brought back the Zoning Ordinance Amendments that was tabled from the last commissioners meeting. The Board of Commissioners wanted the input from the County Attorney before acting on the amendments. The amendments made changes to the length of time a RV may be located within a Recreational Vehicle Park as well as changes to set-backs. These amendments have already been approved by the City of Bluffton. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the amendments as the City of Bluffton did. Motion carried 3-0.

**Adjourned:** Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:08AM

**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