

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session 11-21-2016

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday November 21, 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 November 7, 2016 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

**Payroll And Claims:** Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve Payroll #24 in the amount of \$223,111.36 and 425 claims totaling \$491,567.66. Motion carried 3-0.

**Wells County Sheriff:** Sheriff Fisher reported 83 inmates, 11 are DOC and 23 are F6 DOC.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Ed Herman informed the Commissioners that the truck he ordered from Family Ford will not be done until January of 2017. Ed will encumber the money to pay for the truck since it was part of the 2016 budget.

**Highway Engineer:** Nate Rumschlag provided a plan for the next community crossing grant application which includes the reconstruction or rehab for five bridges including bridge #'s 66, 118, 56, 303, and 304. Nate has received quotes for the design work on the bridges which averaged \$22,925 and he would like to move forward with this part of the project. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to move forward with the bridge plan. Motion carried 3-0. Nate also informed the commissioners that the work on bridge #400 will be starting next week and they are currently working on the 1200 S road project.

**Farm Lease:** The Appraisal report for the sell-off of the 16.93 acres and the fair market value for cash rent were received from Joe Weterick Appraisals. The 16.93 acres was appraised at \$72,000-\$4,252 per acre and the estimated fair market cash rent per acre was appraised for \$250.00. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve selling off the 16.93 acres. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to have the county attorney draft a three year lease agreement for the farm ground and bring it to the next commissioners meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

**County Cemetery Commission:** County attorney Roy Johnson informed the commissioners that he would provide an ordinance for their review at the next commissioners meeting to form a County Cemetery Commission.

**Courthouse Repairs:** Courthouse custodian Bobbie Studebaker provided two quotes she has received to put in a drop ceiling on the first floor of the courthouse. The commissioners asked Bobbie if she could try to get a third quote and bring it back to the next meeting. The courthouse elevator went down during early voting at the courthouse. The elevator is currently working but may need a new heat element. Bobbie has contacted three elevator companies but she has only received one quote so far. Bobbie is also waiting on a quote to replace the entire elevator. The quotes will be presented at the next commissioners meeting if she has them by that time. Bobbie also informed the commissioners that

a section of the cement steps going up to the second floor on the outside of the courthouse have caved in. A repair contractor is scheduled to look at the damage on December 1<sup>st</sup> so Bobbie will provide an update at the next commissioners meeting.

**Commissioners Updates:** Commissioner Woodward informed everyone that he had recently been at a GIE Insurance meeting and he is currently doing some research on replacement value rather than actual cash value on insurance coverage for county owned vehicles. Commissioner Gerber informed everyone that he has recently been at the Mayor/Commissioners caucus where they updated their legislative platform.

**Adjourned:** Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:11AM

**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