

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 4-3-2017

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday April 3, 2017 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 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 March 20, 2017 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll And Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #7 in the amount of \$226,625.61 and 207 claims totaling \$337,598.31. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 79 inmates, 6 are DOC and 20 are F6 DOC.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Josh Cotton informed the commissioners that the sign-up for Dustay would begin today and he would recommend the Klink Group to provide the service this year at \$1.20 per foot. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to accept the recommendation of the Klink Group. Motion carried 3-0. Josh stated that he is still working to finalize the right-of-way documents needed for the three road conversion projects.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag provided the contracts from Jutte Excavating for the construction of Bridges 2 and 203 for the commissioner's approval. The contracts still need to be reviewed by county attorney Roy Johnson. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the contract agreements pending Roy's review. Motion carried 3-0. The asphalt work is scheduled to begin the week of April 17th for bridge #79. The cost for the culvert pipe work on county road 700 N is \$10,740.00 plus the cost of fill stone. The cost also includes the use of concrete pipe fared end sections. Nate is working with AEP and the backhoe crew to start the project. Nate informed the commissioners that he has sent his request to the Counties commission of public records to transfer the archive bridge files but no action will be taken until March of 2018 when the committee meets again. Nate asked the commissioners if they could set a "do not exceed" amount on scanning the records this year to see how far it would take us and revise it for future years. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to spend up the \$3,000.00 this year for scanning of the old records. Motion carried 3-0.

IT Director Updates: Roger Richardson informed the commissioners that the email upgrade project has been completed. A new server has been purchased to handle upgrades to GIS, Spillman and the scanning for the Clerk's records.

EMA Director Appointment: Matt Favory was announced as the new EMA Director. Matt starting working on March 27, 2017 and he will be replacing the retiring EMA director Wayne Grove.

Home Rule New Highway Garage Fund: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve Ordinance No. 2017-02 "An Ordinance to Adopt a Rule Home Ordinance Establishing a County Highway Garage Fund". Motion carried 3-0.

Veteran Officer's Driver Contract: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the "Memorandum of Agreement" and allow the president of the board to sign. Motion carried 3-0. The agreement approved a driver to contract with the county to drive veterans to doctor's appointment and be reimbursed for his services.

County Cemetery Board Appointment: Brian Steffen, one of the appointed County Cemetery Board Members has resigned. Since Jeri Lehman was appointed as the alternate to the board she has been moved up to file the vacancy. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Ordinance No. 2017-03 "An Ordinance to Amend Wells County Ordinance No. 2017-01, Creating a County Cemetery Commission". Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:28AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor