

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 5-15-2017

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday May 15, 2017 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 the May 1, 2017 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll And Claims: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve Payroll #10 in the amount of \$211,932.47 and 194 claims totaling \$474,895.90. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 97 inmates, 6 are DOC and 27 are F6 DOC. Sheriff Fisher stated that 8 of the inmates are from other counties and we will receive revenue from these counties for housing their inmates.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Josh Cotton informed the commissioners that the first application of Dustay has been applied and the second application is scheduled for the week of Memorial Day. Josh presented his recommendation and quotes for some new highway equipment. A new Case Loader in the amount of \$113,550.00 which includes trading in a Galion Grader and a Case 621 B Loader, a new JD 6105E tractor for \$45,200 which includes a trade in of a Holland TL100, and a new MacCallister Diamond Mower in the amount of \$22,248.89. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the recommendation of the Highway Supervisor to purchase the new equipment. Motion carried 3-0. Josh recommended that the commissioners accept all three Bituminous Bids that were received at the last meeting from Asphalt Material, Marathon, and K-Tech. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to accept the Bituminous bids as recommended. Motion carried 3-0.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag informed the commissioners that the total cost for Bridge #79 was \$246,062.03. Nate also informed the commissioners that they have recently stated the "Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating" (PASER) for Wells County roads and they plan is to have it completed in June. AEP will have the utility relocate work done by the first week of July for the CR 700N project. Nate received a question from a resident concerning the three way stop at CR 800E and CR 300S. The resident is questioning if it should be changed to a two way stop or a four way stop. Nate spoke with Tim Barkey the Adams County Engineer regarding the question since 800E is the county line road. The issue is a hill on the east side of the county line and only a large scale and expensive earthwork project could correct the sight distance. If any changes were to be made both Nate and Tim are recommending stopping both east and west bound traffic and allow the north and south county line the right of way. The Board of Commissioners stated that they would like to look at the intersection before making any decisions.

Family Centered Services: Amy George presented the annual report for Family Centered Services and asked the Board of Commissioners if they would support the program again for 2018 in the amount of \$15,000.00. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to continue with the \$15,000.00 donation to Family Centered Services again in 2018. Motion carried 3-0.

Re-Zoning Request: Area Plan Director Michael Lautzenheiser Jr. presented a rezoning requested for a property west of the old Walmart building on 200N. The property is currently zoned S-1 (suburban residential) and the request is to change it to B-3 (Business) for a potential self-storage building. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the rezoning change. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve Ordinance Number 2017-04 "An Ordinance Amending Wells County Zoning Ordinance and Zone Maps". Motion carried 3-0.

Washington/Main Parking Lot Event Request: A request to use the Washington/Main Parking Lot for a Motorcycle Benefit Ride on July 29, 2017 was presented to the commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the Washington/Main Commons Event Permit. Motion carried 3-0.

Regional Sewer District Board: Since Blake Gerber is connected to a municipal sewer system he is not eligible to serve on the Regional Sewer District Board. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to remove Blake Gerber from the Regional Sewer District Board. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to post an ad to fill the vacancy on the board. Motion carried 3-0

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:05AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor