

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 9-5-2017

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday September 5, 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 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 August 21, 2017 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll And Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #18 in the amount of \$218,438.75 and 177 claims totaling \$594,870.93. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 112 inmates, 7 are DOC and 21 are F6 DOC. Sheriff Fisher informed the commissioners that they are no longer holding inmates for another county.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Josh Cotton informed the commissioners that he has completed 61.1 miles of the 89.2 miles of chip and sealed road projects for 2017. New stripping on the chip and sealed road will be starting in the next 30 days. The road conversion projects on county roads 1200S, 950N, 800N, and 400W have been completed. The two aluminum structures are being built right now and they will be installed within the next couple of months, they will be going on 400N east of 300W and on 800E south of 700S. A new box culvert will be installed this month on CR 100W a ½ mile north of Uniondale. Josh has received two quotes to pave CR 100E from the 124 bypass north to 300N. The two quotes were from Brooks in the amount of \$246,188.00 and E&B Paving in the amount of \$262,115.00. Josh's recommendation was to use the low quote from Brooks. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the paving of CR 100E with the low bid from Brooks. Motion carried 3-0.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag informed the commissioners that they are still waiting on correct guardrails to arrive for Bridge #2. The guardrails should be in by the end of this week then the road can be opened. The restoration of Bridge #203 is underway and potentially the bridge should be opened the week of September 11th. ROW letter request for the 500E road conversion project have been sent out to property owners on 500E between 900N and 1200N. No information has been received yet for the CCMG project applications, however Nate would like to proceed with the Bridge #66 and Bridge #18 projects by advertising for bids. These two bridges would be able to be funded by the CEDIT Bridge fund even if the county is not awarded any CCMG funding. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to allow Nate to proceed with the Bridge #66 & Bridge #18 projects. Motion carried 3-0. If the county is awarded CCMG funding before the next meeting in October Nate would like to proceed with advertising for Bids on the other bridge projects. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to allow the President of the Board to approve the advertisement of bids for other bridge projects if the county is awarded CCMG funding. Motion carried 3-0. Nate presented a supplemental agreement No. 1 from USI Consultants for a historic property construction inspection on Bridge #66 in an amount of \$3,900.00. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the inspection not to exceed the cost of \$3,900.00. Motion carried 3-0. AEP's request for permission for their transmission line reconstruction from Bluffton to CR 300S was approved on August 30th. Nate presented a quote from Monsido, Inc. to provide ADA compliance review of the County

Websites. The total subscription cost for the services is \$2,160.00 per year. The commissioners asked Nate to give the information to the county attorney to review. Nate presented ROW documents to the commissioners to approve. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the ROW documents. Motion carried 3-0.

Doxpop Contract: County Recorder Carolyn Bertsch and Julie Pickett-Hall with Doxpop came before the commissioners to explain a new service that the Recorders office is ready to provide. Doxpop provides online viewing of recorded documents and court records, 41 recorder and 90 courts already provide these services through Doxpop. The services through Doxpop are at no cost to the county. Two agreements had been provided to the county attorney to review and are now being presented to the Board of Commissioners for their approval. The two agreements are an addendum to the Recorded Document Internet Publishing Agreement Regarding Bulk Copy Services (Misc. 2017-11) and the Recorded Document Internet Publishing Agreement (Misc. 2017-12). Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve both agreements. Motion carried 3-0.

Election Board Redistricting: County Clerk Yvette Runkle and Election Board Member Roy Johnson presented additional redistricting ideas to the Board of Commissioners for the consideration. Any changes will need to be made by December 31st, 2017. The commissioners stated that they are still considering if they want to make changes to the current commissioner's districts, but they will make a decision by the end of the year.

2018 Holiday Schedule: Auditor Beth Davis presented the 2018 Holiday Schedule to the Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the 2018 Holiday Schedule. Motion carried 3-0.

Courthouse Square Request: Jinny Broderick with the Wells County Domestic Task Force ask for permission to use the courthouse plaza on October 12, 2017 at 6:00PM to hold the annual Candle Light Vigil for domestic violence. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the request. Motion carried 3-0.

Rescue Run Policy: A Resolution for the Rescue Unit Reimbursement Policy was present to the Board of Commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve Resolution No. 2017-02 "A Resolution of The Board of Commissioners of the County of Wells Regarding Rescue Unit Reimbursement Policy". Motion carried 3-0.

EMA Director's Resignation: The Board of Commissioners accepted the letter of resignation from EMA Director Matt Favory. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to appoint EMA deputy Director Rick Velasquez as the interim EMA Director. Motion carried 3-0.

Southern Wells School Letter: Commissioner Blake Gerber acknowledged a letter that was received from the Southern Wells Community Schools Superintendent Mr. Steve Darnell requesting the county to help with funding needed to move forward with a unified plan to help the residents of Southern Wells County and the School district on a waste water treatment plant.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:59AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor