

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 10-16-2017

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday October 16, 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 October 2, 2017 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll And Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #21 in the amount of \$214,412.77 and 181 claims totaling \$178,170.24. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 95 inmates, 9 are DOC and 18 are F6 DOC. The 2018 Sheriff's Salary Contract was presented to the Board of Commissioners for their review and approval. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the 2018 Sheriff's Salary Contract. Motion carried 3-0. The 2017 Sheriff's Salary contract had not been signed yet so it was presented to the Board of Commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the 2017 Sheriff's Salary Contract. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Josh Cotton updated the commissioners on the Hand Patching, Backhoe Crews and Mowing. Josh informed the commissioners that the 900W Road Conversion project is slated to start in the next few weeks.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag presented the bids from Bridge #18 (CR 750 East South of SR 218) and Bridge # 66 (CR 1100S east of CR 510W & Jeff Road) to the Board of Commissioners for their review. The Bids were opened on October 3, 2017 at 2:00PM. There was a total of seven bids received for Bridge #18 and a total of 5 bids received for Bridge #66. HIS Construction was the low bid on Bridge #18 at \$166,830.59 and PRIMCO Inc. was the low bid on Bridge #66 at \$155,028.80. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to accept the low bid of \$166,830.59 from HIS Construction for Bridge #18 and allow the president of the board to sign the Intent to Award Construction Contract. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to accept the low bid of \$155,028.80 from PRIMCO Inc. for Bridge #66 and allow the president of the board to sign the Intent to Award Construction Contract. Motion carried 3-0. Nate presented a list of projects he would like to move forward with for the 2018 community crossing grant application. Nate asked the board of commissioners if he could finish the scanning project that was started earlier this year, the estimated amount to finish the project would be \$5,000.00 and this amount would be paid out of the CEDIT fund. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to complete the scanning project not to exceed \$5,000.00. Motion carried 3-0. Nate has started an application for a Federal Aid project on Bridge #106 and he will be going before the County Council at their next meeting to get a letter of financial commitment for the project. Nate also presented several Right of Way Dedications for the Commissioners approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve all the Right of Way documents that were presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Parlor City Christmas: Chuck King and Teresa Dustman came before the Board of Commissioners to ask for permission to use the Courthouse Plaza on December 9th, 2017 for the “Parlor City Christmas” downtown events. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the request. Motion carried 3-0.

Wellness: Tim Miller with Med Partners and Personnel Deputy Lisa McCormick presented the Wellness renewal to the Board of Commissioners for their review. November 21st, 2017 and November 28th, 2017 has been scheduled for the wellness checks and the commissioners did not make any changes to the current goals. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the Wellness Agreement (Misc. 2017-14). Motion carried 3-0.

Flex Plan: Personnel Deputy Lisa McCormick asked the Board of Commissioners if they wanted to renew the BASIC Flex Plan, no changes were made from the current plan. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the Renewal with BASIC. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells on Wheels: Bonnie Valind and Betsy Collier provided information on the total riders by age group and total number of trips made by categories to the board of commissioners. The commissioners asked Bonnie and Betsy if they could provide information on their next reports of where the riders are coming from; within city limits or within the rural area of the county. Bonnie Valind asked the board of commissioners if they had any questions regarding the 2017 third quarter voucher report and the 2018 Capital Grant and Operating Grant agreements that had been provided to the commissioners, auditor and county attorney for their review prior to this meeting. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the 2017 3rd quarter voucher report in the amount of \$98,123.00. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve both the 2018 Section 5311 Discretionary Capital Assistance Grant and the 2018 Section 5311 & PMTF Operating Assistance Grant. Motion carried 3-0.

Area Plan Commission Clearing Account: An ordinance was presented to the Board of Commissioners for their approval of a Clearing Checking Account for the Area Plan Commission. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve Ordinance No. 2017-11 “An Ordinance Establishing a Clearing Account for the Wells County Area Plan Commission”. Motion carried 3-0.

Courthouse Employee Thanksgiving and Christmas: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve closing the courthouse for the Employee Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 22nd, 2017 from 12:00PM to 2:00PM and the Employee Christmas Party on Friday, December 22nd, 2017 at 2:00PM. Motion carried 3-0.

2018 Meeting Calendar: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the 2018 Meeting dates for the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:11AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor