

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 11-6-2017

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday November 6, 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 October 16, 2017 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll And Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #22 in the amount of \$216,403.98, Payroll #23 in the amount of \$214,584.31 and 199 claims totaling \$1,170,157.23. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 88 inmates, 4 are DOC and 16 are F6 DOC.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag presented the agreement from Primco Inc. for the rehabilitation of Bridge #66 to the Board of Commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the agreement from Primco (Misc. 2017-17). Motion carried 3-0. Nate informed the commissioners that he did not have the contract from HIS Constructors yet, HIS Constructors is the contractor that was awarded the bid for the replacement of Bridge #18. Nate asked if the commissioners could go ahead and approve the contract and allow the President of the board to sign it once he receives it. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the contract with HIS Constructors and allow the president of the board to sign the contract when it is received. Motion carried 3-0. Due to a Critical Failure that was discovered during the biannual inspection on bridge #142, Nate informed the commissioners that he would be making changes on the 2018 Community Crossing Matching Grant Application. The three prospective projects would include the Hoosier Highway supporting project (500S & 100W) along with the replacements of Bridges 112 and 142. Bridge #142 is currently closed due to the critical failure that was discovered and Nate is proposing that USI Consultants perform a two part analysis to see if a rehabilitation project can be performed with the intent to have the bridge opened by late spring or if a more extensive reconstruction project is required. The two part analysis from USI Consultants would cost around \$80,000. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the Contract with USI Consultants to not exceed the cost of \$80,000 (Misc. 2017-19). Motion carried 3-0. Nate presented an agreement from A&Z Engineering, LLC for the design work for the Hoosier Highway Project and an agreement with USI Consultants for the design of the Rehabilitation of Bridge #112. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the agreement with A&Z Engineering (Misc. 2017-20) and the agreement with USI Consultants (Misc. 2017-21). Motion carried 3-0. Nate presented an application for permit to locate buried or overhead utility facilities from Century Link's in Nottingham Township. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the request from Century Link (Misc. 2017-18). Motion carried 3-0. Nate presented an application for permit to locate buried or overhead utility facilities from AEP across county roads 400W, 500W, 600W, and 1200W. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the request from AEP (Misc. 2017-23). Motion carried 3-0. Nate informed the commissioners that he has nearly completed an application for a federal aid project on Bridge #106 for a construction date of 2022. The preliminary engineering assessment report has the project estimated for \$1,996,000.00. Nate will be presenting a letter of

financial commitment to the County Council for their signatures at their November 7, 2017 meeting. Nate presented several right of way documents to the board of commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve all the right of way documents. Motion carried 3-0. All of the right of way documents have now been received for county road 500W between 1100N and 1200N and we are still missing approximately 1/3 of the right of ways from the CR 500E and 1150N Projects. The commissioners stated that a reminder letter needed to be sent out for the right of way documents for county road 500E.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:27AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor