

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 1-2-2018

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday January 2, 2018 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.

Re-organization of Board: Auditor Beth Davis asked for a nomination for President of the Board of Commissioner for 2018. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to appoint Commissioner Blake Gerber as President of the Board. Motion carried 2-0-1, Blake abstained from voting. Motion was made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Blake Gerber to appoint Kevin Woodward as vice-president of the board. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the minutes from December 18, 2017 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll And Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #1 in the amount of \$210,527.45 and 252 claims totaling \$571,515.13. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 92 inmates, 9 are DOC and 16 are F6 DOC.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Josh Cotton's recommendation to the commissioners was to accept all 4 stone bids that were presented at the previous meeting. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to accept all stone bids. Motion carried 3-0. Josh informed the commissioners that all the trees are down for the road conversion project on 1150N and they are now removing the stumps. Josh wanted to publically say thank you to all the highway employees for sacrificing their holidays by working on Christmas Day to make sure all the county roads were safe for Wells County residents.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag informed the commissioners that the Plans and Specifications have been release to Primco, HIS Constructors, RL McCoy, Pioneer and Jutte Excavating for the rehabilitation of Bridge #142. The Quotes are due on January 12th for Bridge #142 with the intent to award during the January 16th Commissioners meeting. Nate also informed the commissioners that he would be presenting a request to the County Council to fund an alternatives analysis and environmental study for the Wells County Corridors Project. Nate presented additional Right-of-Way documents for the 500E conversion project and informed the commissioners that he would be contacting the last two property owner on the road. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve and sign the Right-Of-Ways. Motion carried 3-0.

Tocsin Property: County Attorney Roy Johnson informed the commissioners that he had sent notices to all abutting landowners for the county owned Tocsin Property and one property owner is present to offer \$1.00 for the purchase of land. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to accept the offer to purchase the land for \$1.00. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Resolution No. 2018-01 "A Resolution Authorizing The Transfer Of Certain Real Estate Acquired By Tax Default Without Consideration Or For A Nominal Consideration To An Abutting Landowner". Motion carried 3-0.

Board Appointments: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to re-appoint Blake Gerber to the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Developments Boards, Tamara Robbins to the EMA Advisory Board, Kevin Woodward to the EMS Board and Sheriff Monte Fisher to the District 3 Planning Council Board. Motion carried 3-0.

Community Correction Board Appointments: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to appoint Alicia Johnson as the Mental Health appointment and to re-appoint Gene Bell and Mary Porata as Lay Person appointments to the Community Correction Advisory Board. Motion carried 3-0.

CRS Program: Area Plan Director Mike Lautzenheiser Jr. presented the Community Rating System Annual Recertification to the Board of Commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the annual recertification and allow the President of the Board to sign. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:26AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor