

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 1-16-2018

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday January 16, 2018 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 Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the minutes from January 2, 2018 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll And Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #2 in the amount of \$230,946.81 and 145 claims totaling \$447,684.06. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 86 inmates, 4 are DOC and 15 are F6 DOC.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Josh Cotton informed the commissioners that he has received three quotes to remove the log jam for the white bridge and he recommends going with the low bid. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to accept the bid low. Motion carried 3-0. The highway department is currently auditing the county road signs and will be replacing some of the olds signs this spring.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag informed the commissioners that he received three bids for the repair of Bridge #142 (Zanesville Bridge). The lowest bid was from HIS Constructors for \$419,556.60 which included the alternate for the deck overlay. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the low bid from HIS Constructors. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the president of the board to sign the notice to proceed for HIS Constructors. Motion carried 3-0. Nate informed the commissioners that the County Council approved moving forward with the corridors project study at their January 9th meeting. The request for proposals have been sent out and are due by Friday, February 2, 2018, they will be reviewed at the February 5th commissioners meeting. Because of the hydraulic problems with bridge #112 on county road 500W, Nate has asked USI to provide a supplement to their contract to prepare survey and a hydraulic model of the area so a plan can be developed to address the flooding and overtopping of the road. The supplement would cost \$29,200.00. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Supplemental Agreement No. 1. Motion carried 3-0.

Community Correction Grant: Blake Poindexter presented the 2018-2019 Community Corrections Grant to the Board of Commissioners for their approval. Blake explained that they are submitting the grant with no changes or new programs from the current grant. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the 2018-2019 Grant. Motion carried 3-0.

IT Director Updates: Roger Richardson updated the commissioners on what his department has been working on. They have started to purchase new network upgrades and getting them connected. They had worked with the 4-D office to help them go paperless, and they have been working with disconnecting and reconnecting the computer equipment in both the Auditor's Office and Assessor's Office since they installed new carpet in their offices.

FEMA Buyout: Mike Lautzenheiser Jr. came before the commissioners to formally go through the next steps for the FEMA buyout. Mike asked the commissioners if they would like to authorize Kent Sprunger and Joe Weterick to do the required appraisals for the two properties and if they would also accept the appraisal as presented. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to accept the two appraisals for the two properties (Misc. 2018-01 to 04). Motion carried 3-0. Mike asked the commissioners to review the appraisals and send copies to the County Council Members and retain a copy for their records. Mike asked the commissioners if they were still ok to make the offers to the two properties owners based on the dollar amounts that were previous discussed even though they are less than the appraisals. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to proceed with the offers with no changes. Motion carried 3-0.

Courthouse Plaza Update: Commissioner Gerber stated that he had informed the County Council members that the commissioners were committed to spend up to \$350,000.00 to repair the courthouse steps and redo the courthouse plaza when Bluffton NOW moves forward with the downtown plaza project. Commissioner Gerber also stated that Engineering Resourcing could provide drawings of the repairs at a cost of \$3500.00 if they would like to see what the finished project would look like. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the cost to provide the drawing for review. Motion carried 3-0.

Workers Compensation Renewal: Richard Randol with General Insurance provided the Workers Compensation renewal quote. The workers compensation policy renews on February 1, 2018. The new quote is for \$75,733.00 which is an increase over last year's policy of \$2,085.00 or 2.90%. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to accept the renewal from Bitco Insurance in the amount of \$75,733.00. Motion carried 3-0

Cyber Liability Insurance: Richard Randol also provided a quote from Chubb/Bliss McKnight for Cyber Insurance in an amount of \$9,476.00. Since this is a new policy that covers several area of Cyber and Privacy Insurance Richard's recommendation was to have the counties I.T. Department review the policy to see what or If any insurance would be necessary for Wells County. The Commissioners gave the policy to Roger Richardson to review and get back with them on any recommendations.

Statement of Wages and Compensation: the commissioners acknowledged that they have received and reviewed the annual 100R report.

Huntington City/Township Library Board Appointment: The Huntington County Commissioners have re-appointed James Miller to the Huntington City/Township Library Board and since this is a joint appointment it also requires the Wells County Commissioners to make the appointment. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to re-appoint James Miller to the Huntington City/Township Library Board. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:39AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor