

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session 2-20-2018

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday February 20, 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 Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the minutes from February 5, 2018 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

**Payroll And Claims:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #4 in the amount of \$209,849.10 and 248 claims totaling \$426,680.03. Motion carried 3-0.

**Wells County Sheriff:** Sheriff Fisher reported 99 inmates, 6 are DOC and 21 are F6 DOC. Sheriff Fisher informed the commissioners that they have started some spring cleaning and painting at the Jail.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Josh Cotton informed the commissioners that his department has been trimming brush and removing dead ash trees along county roads. The sign decals have started to come in so they are working on replacing them. As rain continues to fall, Josh wanted to remind everyone to not drive through standing water on county roads.

**Highway Engineer:** Nate Rumschlag informed the commissioners that the work on the Zanesville Bridge #142 is anticipated to start on March 5<sup>th</sup> pending a final utility relocation. Wells County has been awarded up to \$1,252,800 of Federal Aid for the replacement of Bridge #106. Nate will be scheduling a meeting with INDOT to review the details of the award. The timeframe for the Federal Aid project is set for 2022-2023. The main structure was installed last week on Bridge #18 on county road 750E. Nate stated that he should have 30% design documents to review this week so he can get an updated cost estimate for the Hoosier Highway & County Road 500S project. Four right of way dedications were presented to the commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve all four right of way dedications. Motion carried 3-0.

**Regional Sewer District:** Commissioner Gerber stated that he and RSD board member Lee Von Gunten had met with state officials last week regarding the River Terrace Estates sewer issues. Two options were discussed: Add a pressurized line to the homes or conduct a project using the slope of the land and gravity. With a great deal of difference in the cost of the two options, the state officials pushed for the project using the ground slope. The City of Bluffton has agreed to accept the sewage from the area, but not the financial obligation for the project. The state officials strongly suggest that Wells County put in a functioning RSD which would include a list of duties and responsibilities. To put in a functioning RSD they would need to have some financial support from the county. The RSD Board members are planning on having a meeting to discuss the issues and bring it back to the Board of Commissioners at their next meeting.

**2018 Solid Waste Salary Contract:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the 2018 salary contract between the county and the Solid Waste Management District. Motion carried 3-0.

**Adjourned:** Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:05AM

**Wells County Commissioners**

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President, Blake Gerber

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Vice President, Kevin Woodward

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Tamara Robbins

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor