

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session 3-5-2018

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday March 5, 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.

**Minutes:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the minutes from February 20, 2018 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

**Payroll And Claims:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #5 in the amount of \$217,452.41 and 180 claims totaling \$260,123.43. Motion carried 3-0.

**Wells County Sheriff:** Sheriff Fisher reported 101 inmates, 9 are DOC and 22 are F6 DOC.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Josh Cotton informed the commissioners that his department has graded all the gravel roads and they are now hauling stone to them. This year Josh has started using a coding system that allows him to code the amount of stone being hauled each day by township which will provide good feedback moving forward on selecting which roads to chip and seal. Currently they have been out filling and patching holes. All the new signs are done and they have started replacing them throughout the county. The highway annual report was presented to the commissioners for their review and signatures. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the Highway's annual reports. Motion carried 3-0.

**Highway Engineer:** Nate Rumschlag informed the commissioners that following the scoring from last month's meeting, Butler Fairman & Seufert was the selected firm to do the engineering study services related to the Hoosier Highway south corridor project. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the Contract with Butler Fairman & Seufert (Misc. 2018-08). Motion carried 3-0. Nate met with A&Z Engineering for a 30% project review on the Hoosier Highway & CR 500 South project and asked them to take the project through 70% design and hold at that point for the results of the BF&S Contract on the south corridor. Received Des#1702735 for Bridge #106 Federal Aid Project. The request for proposals for the bridge project has been posted with INDOT. USI Consultants have provided Nate with a draft copy of the 2017 bridge inspections reports for his review.

**CADA 2018 Grant Request:** Molly Hoag and Mark Misch presented their 2018 grant request for Citizens Against Drug Abuse (CADA). Funds for the grants are collected through the "Drug Free Community Fund" and there was a total of \$14,393.50 collected in 2017 for distribution in 2018. The grants are divided within four categories; Administration, Education/Prevention, Treatment/Intervention, and Judicial. The appropriation request for the grants will be presented to the County Council at their March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Bargain Hut:** Glenna Plummer came before the Board of Commissioners to request permission and funding to add on to the existing Bargain Hut building. The two quotes that were provided to the commissioners were to add on a 12x42 area to the back of the building. The low quote was for approximately \$28,000 and Glenna asked the commissioners if they would be willing to pay \$15,000 toward to project. Motion was made by Tamara Robbins and seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve

the \$15,000 request pending the approval of the County Council for the additional appropriation request, then after second thought Kevin Woodward changed the motion to fund the \$15,000.00 project through the Commissioner's CEDIT fund which was seconded by Tamara Robbins. Motion carried 3-0.

**Parking Lot Event Permit:** Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the "Washington/Main Commons Event Permit" for May 12, 2018 from 9:00AM-Noon for the Shredding Event sponsored by the Wells County Solid Waste Management District. Motion carried 3-0.

**Rock Creek Conservancy Director Appointment:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to re-appoint Jeff Prible as a Director to the Rock Creek Conservancy District. Motion carried 3-0.

**Regional Sewer District:** Commissioner Blake Gerber shared what he could about a recent executive session of the Wells County Regional Sewer District that he attended. The Regional Sewer District is currently working on finding a solution for sewer issues at Timber Ridge. Commissioner Gerber stated that a Regional Sewer District is made up of three parts; administrative, executive and the homeowners and he did not feel like it is the homeowner's responsibility to pay for all three parts; a small portion of executive funds should be established by the county in order to create the legal documents needed for this and other areas of the county that could be affected in the future. Details of the executive session will be discussed at the next RSD public meeting scheduled for April 6, 2018.

**Adjourned:** Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:48AM

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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