

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 12-4-2017

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday December 4, 2017 at 9:00AM in the Commissioner's Room of the Wells County Carnegie Annex, Bluffton, IN. Those in attendance were Commissioners, Blake Gerber and Tamara Robbins. Also in attendance were County Attorney, Roy Johnson and County Auditor, Beth Davis. Commissioner Kevin Woodward was absent

Minutes: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the minutes from November 20, 2017 regular session. Motion carried 2-0.

Payroll And Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve Payroll #25 in the amount of \$212,420.23 and 196 claims totaling \$609,425.03. Motion carried 2-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 90 inmates, 3 are DOC and 19 are F6 DOC. Sheriff Fisher informed the commissioners that the new windows have already been installed do to the mild weather we had this past week. The security equipment has all been installed and the paperwork for the Lease with Star Financial Bank is being signed today.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Josh Cotton updated the commissioners on the backhoe notes, hand patching and spot patching projects. The road has been widened, all the ditches are complete and all the base stone has been installed for the 900W road conversion project. Currently the highway department is getting all the trucks prepped and ready for winter weather.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag informed the commissioners that Bridge #142 on County Road 300W at the south end of Zanesville would most likely be a rehabilitation project rather than a replacement project but he would have more information at the December 18th meeting. Nate asked the Board of Commissioners if they would like to declare the closing of Bridge #142 an emergency project. IC 36-1-12-9 allows the board upon a declaration of emergency to contract for a public work project without advertising for bids if bids or quotes are invited from at least two (2) persons known to deal in the public work required to be done. This step would allow us to save approximately 30 days in the overall project so the bridge could be opened sooner. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Blake Gerber to declare the Bridge #142 project as an emergency and to invite all the companies that normally bid on our projects to submit a bid these companies would include, Primco, HIS, Pioneer, R.L. McCoy and Jutte Excavating. Motion carried 2-0. Nate provided a picture to the commissioners showing the wash out on County Road 500W due to flooding of the Eight Mile. This road is also the road for the scheduled rehabilitation of Bridge #112. The roadway is lower than the bridge deck and the 100-year flood elevation. USI Consultants will be presenting a proposal for additional hydraulic analysis and permitting if it can be determined that the road can be raised and a secondary drainage structure installed to handle overflow waters. Nate presented the final Right of Way dedication for the 1150N project. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the Right of Way dedication. Motion carried 2-0.

Cyclical Reassessment: County Assessor Rick Smith informed the commissioners that he has reviewed the bid from Nexus and they have met all the specs. Rick's recommendation is to accept the bid from Nexus in the amount of \$436,000.00 for a four year contract. The Department of Local Government Finance has to provide the contract to the Assessor and Board of Commissioners; however the contract

has not been received yet from the state. As soon as Rick receives the contract from DLGF he will forward it to Roy Johnson to review and bring it to the next commissioner's meeting for signatures.

Right of Way Documents: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve Right of Way Documents for a Sub Division on 200E. Motion carried 2-0.

Miscellaneous Business: The Commissioners signed the annual certification certifying that they have not violated the Wells County Contract Disclosure Policy as described in Ordinance 2012-06.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:38AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor