

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 4-2-2018

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday April 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.

Minutes: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the minutes from March 19, 2018 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll And Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #7 in the amount of \$215,044.78 and 176 claims totaling \$617,333.08. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 91 inmates, 4 are DOC and 22 are F6 DOC.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Josh Cotton updated the commissioners on the stone hauling, hole patching and sign replacements they are working on throughout the county. The Dustay bids will be opened at the next commissioners meeting on April 16th and that will also be the date that residents can start signing up for dust control. This year's bids will include both oil and calcium so residents can choose which type they prefer. Next week the backhoe crew is scheduled to start working on several repairs that surfaced over the winter.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag gave updates on the work progress for Bridge #142 (Zanesville Bridge). As time allows Nate will continue to update the road inventory condition scores. According to LTAP we need to update the inventory on a two-year schedule. The gravel roads will be reviewed on a two-year rotation while the chip-seal and asphalt road will be inspected annually. The Statements of Qualifications are due on April 5th for the Bridge #106 Federal Aid project. The county has been doing a small structure inspection about every 10 years and Nate is proposing that we change this schedule for a more regular inspection so it would be easier for him to budget and for consultants to plan for the work. Nate presented a proposal from Janssen & Spaans that would bill for services on a per small structure and small bridge fee along with a fee for load ratings on small bridges. The inspection rotation would load rate and inspect all small bridges (15'-19.9') every 4 years and inspect the remaining small culverts (4'-15') every two years. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the Proposal from Janssen & Spaans and allow the president of the board to sign the proposal (Misc. 2018-11). Motion carried 3-0. One Right-of Way document for CR 400N was presented to the commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the Right-of-Way Document. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:25AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor