

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 4-16-2018

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

Payroll And Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #8 in the amount of \$207,978.94 and 162 claims totaling \$165,882.43. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 93 inmates, 7 are DOC and 23 are F6 DOC.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Josh Cotton updated the commissioners on his weekly projects which includes, hauling stone, patching and working on the notes for the backhoe crew. There were a total of 4 companies that submitted bids for Bituminous/Dustay Material Liquid. The four companies were; LICA Construction, Asphalt Materials, Great Lakes Chloride and Klink Trucking. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to take the bids under advisement and allow Josh to review them and report his recommendations later in the meeting. Motion carried 3-0. After reviewing the bids Josh recommended that the commissioners accept the bids from Asphalt Materials, Great Lakes Chloride and Klink Trucking, the bid from LICA did not include the bid bond so it will not be considered. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Josh's recommendations and accept the three bids. Motion carried 3-0.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag was unable to attend the meeting do to a conflict of another meeting he needed to attend.

IT Director Updates: Roger Richardson updated the commissioners on the new firewall security system that has been installed at the County Jail and Annex. Currently they are upgrading the emails at the jail and replacing a new server at the courthouse. With all the upgrades the courthouse now has a link to the jail now.

FEMA Flood Buyout: Michael Lautzenheiser Jr. informed the commissioners that the second homeowner has decided to participant in the FEMA Grant buyout and he presented the paperwork to the commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to make the offer for the Grover Property in the amount of \$110,068.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Family Centered Services: Amy George thanked the commissioners for their past support to the Family Centered Services and asked them to continue their support in 2019 with the same contribution of \$15,000.00. Amy also invited the commissioners to check out the new facility which has allowed them to expand to 14 programs. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the \$15,000.00 contribution to FCS in 2019. Motion carried 3-0.

County Insurance Renewal: Richard Randol with General Insurance presented the renewal for the Counties Insurance. Do to the increased number of Tort Claims the Liability section of the policy has increase by \$8,868.00 while the remainder of the policy only had small increases or decreases. The overall difference from last year's policy to this year's policy was an increase of \$7,573.00. Richard informed the commissioners that they could save about \$2500 a year on the premium by increase the deductible from \$2500 to \$5000. After some discussion a motion was made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the renewal in the amount of \$191,547.00 with no changes to the deductible. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: 9:54AM Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to adjourn.

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor