

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session 5-7-2018

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday May 7, 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 Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the minutes from April 16, 2018 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

**Payroll And Claims:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #9 in the amount of \$220,054.97, Payroll #10 in the amount of \$210,702.25 and 249 claims totaling \$630,067.52. Motion carried 3-0.

**Wells County Sheriff:** Sheriff Fisher reported 85 inmates, 7 are DOC and 19 are F6 DOC. Sheriff Fisher, Chief Deputy Scott Holliday and Norwell Superintendent Dr. Scott Mills presented an updated two year contract with Norwell Community Schools for the SRO Contract. The updated contract only had a few minor changes with an updated pay scale and changes with the alternative school. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the "School Resource Officer Agreement" between Northern Wells Community Schools and the Wells County Sheriff's Department. Motion carried 3-0.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Josh Cotton updated the commissioners on the hand patching, backhoe and rotary ditch work. Josh reminded everyone that the deadline to sign up for dust control ends on May 10<sup>th</sup> and he also wanted to ask resident to not remove survey sticks at the job site. Received three bids for Bituminous Material Liquid from; Ktec Specialties, Asphalt Materials, and Marathon Petroleum. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to accept the three bids and give them to the Highway Supervisor to review and bring back with his recommendations. Motion carried 3-0

**Highway Engineer:** Nate Rumschlag informed the commissioners that the contractor is removing the damaged area and moving forward with pouring the replacement for the Zanesville bridge #142. The 5-Point Bridge #66 is progressing nicely with only some minor changes to the steel at the approaches to the bridge. Nate has received the responses to the request for proposals on Bridge #106 (Federal Aid Project). Received the last right-of-way for the 500E road conversion and also received right-of-ways from a minor subdivision. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve all right-of-ways. Motion carried 3-0. Nate reminded everyone that the deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup> for road conversion petitions. As the county ADA coordinator Nate had Courthouse Custodian Bobbie Studebaker present to discuss adding automatic door openers to the courthouse first floor public restrooms and one for the annex public restrooms. The county budgets \$10,000 each year for ADA projects. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the quote from Linn's Lock and Key for the three automatic restroom doors. Motion carried 3-0. Nate provided a picture of damage done to the top of the historical bridge #193 on old 303. The top of the bridge is continuing to be hit and he is asking for suggestion to help solve the issue. After some discussion it was suggested to add a headache bar to the bridge to see if that will solve the issue.

**Mayor/Commissioners Caucus of Northeast Indiana:** Discussed a letter that was received from the co-chairs of the Mayors and Commissioners Caucus of Northeast Indiana. The Caucus is looking at establishing a member's organization and asks members to contribute \$1,500.00 annually. This is currently just in discussion so more info will be coming later.

**Regional Sewer District:** Commissioner Blake Gerber informed everyone that he has met separately with a few council members regarding a meeting he attended in Gas City with state officials. The state officials have offered a matching grant of \$30,000.00 to Wells County to create an administrative "hub" for the Regional Sewer District. The RSD has scheduled a meeting for Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss this offer. More information will be presented at future meetings.

**Adjourned:** Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:40AM

**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