

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 6-4-2018

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday June 4, 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 May 21, 2018 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll And Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #12 in the amount of \$209,849.79 and 167 claims totaling \$518,973.85. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 80 inmates, 7 are DOC and 22 are F6 DOC.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Josh Cotton informed the commissioners that he is continuing to work on hand patching, ditch mowing and backhoe notes throughout the county. The second application of Dustay will be applied next week and the first application of calcium will be applied today with the 2nd application scheduled for the week of the 18th. County road 1150N has been re-surveyed and they are ready to start the road conversion process this week. The road conversion project on 500E has been scheduled to be surveyed and they will start on that road after CR 1150N is complete.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag informed the commissioners that the concrete girders, deck and guardrails were poured last week and the north bank stabilization is complete on Bridge #142 (Zanesville Bridge). Nate is still waiting on the State Fire Marshall's report for the fire on Bridge #66 (5-Points). The degree of degradation and long-term impacts to the deck is unknown at this time. The INDOT Community Crossing Matching Grant applications open on August 6th, 2018 and Nate is updating the Bridge and Transportation Asset Management Plans for the application. Nate is planning on applying for similar projects that were applied for in the 2017 grant application along with the road realignment project at the intersection of CR 500S and Hoosier Highway. The deadline for Road Conversion Petitions was due today and Nate stated he has received several additional petitions that will be presented to the commissioners at their July 2nd meeting. Three minor subdivision right-of-ways from Area Plan were presented to the commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the right-of-ways. Motion carried 3-0.

Bi-County Services: Tim Ramsey presented his annual financial report and request for funding for Bi-County Services to the Board of Commissioners. Tim stated that Bi-County is still doing well financially and their biggest challenge is staffing. With the increase in staff wages and a temporary deduction in the number of people being served they are showing an increase in expenses over revenue in the first nine month of this fiscal year. Bi-County is asking for the same contribution as prior years in the amount of \$39,312.00 which is also the same amount that Adams County pays. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the 2019 funding of \$39,312.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Request to use Courthouse Plaza: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the request from the Bluffton Free Street Fair Association to use the Courthouse Plaza from

Sunday, September 16th through Sunday, September 23rd, 2018 for the Bluffton Free Street Fair. 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