

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 6-18-2018

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday June 18, 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 June 4, 2018 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll And Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #13 in the amount of \$215,963.37 and 172 claims totaling \$479,299.91. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 82 inmates, 7 are DOC and 21 are F6 DOC.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Josh Cotton updated the commissioners on the hand patching, ditch mowing and backhoe projects. The top coat of stone is scheduled to be added to 1150N and once that is completed they will move onto county road 500E road conversion. The nine large culvert pipes have started to come in and they are scheduled to start on the culvert project in mid-July. The chip and sealing process for the roads scheduled to be done this year will start the week of July 9th.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag updated the commissioners on bridge #142 (Zanesville Bridge). The new surface over the deck is schedule to be applied on June 26th and they are still planning on the bridge being opened by July 4th. Nate is still waiting on the official report from the Fire Marshall on Bridge #66 (5-points bridge). A list of certified appraisers was sent to the commissioners to choose from for the Hoosier Highway & CR 500S Community Crossing matching grant project. The commissioners will need to select as least two appraisers to appraise the real estate needed for the road project. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to choose between Al Pfister, Joe Wetrick, and Neal Worden to do the appraisals. Motion carried 3-0. A schedule has been sent to Janssen & Spaans on small structure locations to be inspected. The inspections are scheduled to be done this fall. Nate presented a contract from USI Consultants to prepare bid specifications for multi-bridge maintenance contracts to be developed in 2019-2021. The contract is not to exceed \$20,000.00 and will be paid from the maintenance contracts line in the new Cum Bridge Fund. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the agreement with USI (Misc. 2018-12). Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Historical Society: The Board of Commissioners received a letter from the President of the Wells County Historical Society asking for their annual funding request of \$10,000.00 for the 2019 budget year. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the request from the Historical Society. Motion carried 3-0.

Regional Sewer District: Commissioner Blake Gerber asked Commissioner's Tamara Robbins and Kevin Woodward if they wanted him to go before the County Council to ask for the \$30,000.00 of local match money for the State 50/50 local matching grant for the Wells County Regional Sewer District or did they want to use their CEDIT Fund budget for the local match amount. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approved the \$30,000.00 from the CEDIT Fund for the local match amount for the Regional Sewer District. Motion carried 3-0.

Cannon: The Cannon that is currently on the Courthouse Plaza is scheduled to be moved to the Wells County Historical Society on Tuesday June 19th, 2018.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:15AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor