

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session 7-2-2018

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

**Payroll And Claims:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #14 in the amount of \$222,016.95 and 242 claims totaling \$645,190.44. Motion carried 3-0.

**Wells County Sheriff:** Sheriff Fisher reported 92 inmates, 8 are DOC and 19 are F6 DOC.

**Community Corrections Board Appointment:** Director Blake Poindexter presented the name of Lemuel Vega for the open board appointment of a past defender. State statute requires a past defender to set on the Community Correction Advisory Board. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to appoint Lemuel Vega to the Community Corrections Advisory Board. Motion carried 3-0.

**Highway Engineer:** Nate Rumschlag informed the commissioners that a new epoxy overlay was applied to the Zanesville Bridge #142 this past Friday. Some remaining work is schedule today and tomorrow and they are planning on opening the bridge to traffic for July 4<sup>th</sup>. Nate is still waiting on the State Fire Marshall's final report for Bridge #66. Nate presented a spreadsheet of all the Road Conversion petitions that were received through the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. The spreadsheet is sorted by petition rate, highway priority and the number of petitions and homes on each section. Petitions were received by 61 separate road sections totaling 65.7 miles of the approximately 205 miles of gravel roads. The commissioners asked Nate to go ahead and start working on the right-of-ways. Nate asked the commissioners to approve two more appraisers from the list that was presented at the last meeting to do the right-of-ways on the Hoosier Highway project. Two of the three that was picked had declined to do the appraisals. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve appraisers Lowell Griffin and Rita Gabriel. Motion carried 3-0. Nate presented a Utility Permit from Adams Wells Internet for the Vera Cruz area to the Board of Commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the permit. Motion carried 3-0. Four right-of-ways 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. The commissioners discussed the issue of some farmers that are farming within the right-of-ways in the county. Currently Wells County does not have an ordinance regarding farming in the right-of-ways. Nate stated that he would like to talk to Farm Bureau regarding this issue. The commissioners also discussed farmers cutting down the corn at intersections.

**Three Year CEDIT Plan:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Resolution No. 2018-06 " Economic Development Income Tax Capital Improvement Plan of Wells County" for years 2019, 2020, 2021. Motion carried 3-0.

**Highway Engineer Contract:** An updated contract was presented for the Wells County Highway Engineer. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the updated "Agreement For Employment Of County Engineer" Misc. 2018-13. Motion carried 3-0.

**Picture of Bridge #66:** John Maddox presented a framed picture of the Historical Bridge #66 to the Board of Commissioners. The picture was taken by Jack Pace.

**Adjourned:** Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:34AM

**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