

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 8-6-2018

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday August 6, 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 July 16, 2018 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll And Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #16 in the amount of \$220,418.91 and 210 claims totaling \$457,047.12. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 98 inmates, 10 are DOC and 20 are F6 DOC. Sheriff Fisher informed the commissioners that the new freezer should be here in about two weeks.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Josh Cotton informed the commissioners that they are continuing to work on the yearly scheduled chip and seal projects. County road 500S road conversion has been completed and they are now working on 500E and 1150N. Five of the nine scheduled culvert pipe projects have been completed. Josh also stated that they are still receiving daily calls on corn planted to the intersections.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag informed the commissioners that he is ready to submit the application for the "Local Trax Grant" which would be used for the construction of the Hoosier Highway Realignment and Southwest Corridor for Wells County. The total project would be \$7,313,780 with a \$1,294,706 local match. Part of the application process requires a financial letter of commitment. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the Financial Letter of commitment showing the local matching funds coming from the County CEDIT fund over the next four years. Motion carried 3-0. The right-of-way easement documents are ready to be mailed out this week for the section of roads identified by the commissioners at a previous meeting. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the mailing of the documents. Motion carried 3-0. Nate has submitted the 2018 Bridge Asset Management Plan to LTAP for their approval and he is planning on completing and sending the Traffic Asset Management Plan to LTAP later this week. The Bridge and Traffic Asset Management Plans are a requirement of the Community Crossing Matching Grant application. Nate presented the USI Contract to the commissioners for their approval; the contract covers the alternatives analysis and survey of the area for the Bridge #106 Federal Aid Project. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the contract with USI Consultant (Misc. 2018-16). Motion carried 3-0. Pioneer Construction has repaired the paint that was not installed per specification on Bridge #193 as well as repairing some of the areas that was damaged due to vehicles striking the bridge. Nate is still working on options to deal with the issues of oversize loads being taken across the bridge and damaging it.

United Way: Pamela Beckford and Chuck King asked the Board of Commissioners if they could contract Elected Officials and Department Heads is set up meetings to reach out to county employees for their campaign drive to raise money for United Way of Wells County. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the request. Motion carried 3-0.

Wheel on Wheels: Bonnie Valind and Betsy Collier presented comparison flow charts on trips provided by Wells on Wheels. The 2nd quarter reimbursement voucher was presented to the Board of Commissioners for their approval. Information for the reports was emailed to the commissioners prior to the meeting. The total billing for the 2nd quarter is \$108,400.00; \$69,840.00 for Federal reimbursement and \$38,560.00 for state reimbursement. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the 2nd quarter voucher and allow the president of the board to sign it. Motion carried 3-0.

Title VI Implementation Plan: County Attorney and Title VI Coordinator Roy Johnson presented a Title VI Implementation Plan to the Board of Commissioners for their review and approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Resolution No. 2018-07 "A Resolution of The Board of Commissioners of the County of Wells Regarding Adoption of Title VI Implementation Plan". Motion carried 3-0.

2019 Holiday Schedule: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the 2019 Holiday Schedule. Motion carried 3-0.

Washington/Main Parking Lot Permit: A parking lot event permit was presented to the Board of Commissioners for their approval. The American Legion 100th Birthday event is scheduled for May 25, 2019 from 8:00AM to 5:00PM. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the event. Motion carried 3-0.

Right of Way Documents: Three subdivision right-of-way documents were presented to Board of Commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the right-of-ways. Motion carried 3-0.

5-Point School: Wells County resident John Maddox wanted to mention that nice article for was done a couple of weeks ago by Eric Olson from News Center 21 on the 5-Point School and Jack Pace from Chester Township in Southern Wells County.

Adjourned: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to adjourn at 9:32AM. Motion carried 3-0.

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor