

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session 10-1-2018

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday October 1, 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 September 4, 2018 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

**Payroll And Claims:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #19 in the amount of \$211,432.08, Payroll #20 in the amount of \$212,746.33 and 152 claims totaling \$323,758.03 for 09/17/2018 claims and 193 claims totaling \$498,065.26 for 10-01-2018 claims. Motion carried 3-0.

**Wells County Sheriff:** Sheriff Fisher reported 110 inmates, 8 are DOC and 18 are F6 DOC.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Josh Cotton updated the Board of Commissioners on the current projects the highway department is working on. The fourth and final round of mowing should be completed within the next few weeks, this year they had to do four rounds of mowing rather than three. The backhoe crew is currently working on some issues in the north side of the county; once they are completed they will be moving to the south side of the county to work on those projects. Josh updated the commissioners on the progress for the road conversions projects on county roads 500E and 1150N. The road striping should be finished this week with just a few spots left to complete.

**Highway Engineer:** Nate Rumschlag presented a bridge design contract for Bridge #99 (Hoosier Highway & Ash Road) to the Board of Commissioners for their approval. The contract is between the county and Butler Fairman & Seufert, Inc. in the amount of 54,800.00 to be funded out of the CEDIT Bridge line. The contract will also include the curve correction for the road south of the bridge as well. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the contract with BF&S (Misc. 2018-18). Motion carried 3-0. Nate would like to advertise on October 11, 2018 and October 18, 2018 to receive bids to be opened on November 1, 2018 for Bridge #112. This is a rehab project of the historic select bridge as well as an asphalt pavement project to address the flood damage being done to the gravel road to the north of the structure. The estimated total cost of the project is under \$332,000.00 and will be paid from the CEDIT Bridge Fund. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve Nate's request to advertise. Motion carried 3-0. The Community Crossing Matching Grant application has been sent into INDOT. Twenty right-of-way documents for road conversions were presented to the commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the right-of-way documents. Motion carried 3-0.

**Vacation of Streets and Alley:** Greg Waters, attorney for Douglas & Suzanne Roberts presented an order to vacate two streets and an alley in Kingsland so the owner can sell the property for a new home to be built. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve Ordinance No. 2018-11 "Ordinance Vacating Street". Motion carried 3-0.

**Adjourned:** Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to adjourn at 9:22AM.  
Motion carried 3-0.

**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