

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session 10-15-2018

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday October 15, 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 Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2018 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

**Payroll And Claims:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #21 in the amount of \$214,825.04 and 217 claims totaling \$260,563.21. Motion carried 3-0.

**Wells County Sheriff:** Sheriff Fisher reported 111 inmates, 11 are DOC and 18 are F6 DOC.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Josh Cotton informed the commissioners that the backhoe crew is finishing the north notes today and they will be ready to start the south notes tomorrow. Josh updated the commissioners on the road conversion projects for CR 500E and 1150N. Currently the highway department is working on hand patching and maintenance to gravel roads.

**Highway Engineer:** Nate Rumschlag presented the ROW Acquisition agreement for the Hoosier Highway and CR 500S Curve Correction to the Board of Commissioners for their approval. The agreement has been signed by Ralph and Phyllis Towns to accept the offer of \$41,838.00. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the "Uniform Property or Easement Acquisition Offer" (Misc. 2018-19). Motion carried 3-0. The advertisement to accept bids for Bridge #112 has been advertised for bid opening on November 1<sup>st</sup> in the meeting room of the Annex. Federal Aid call for 2024 has been announced and Nate would like to apply for the Grant to repair Bridge #304 (White Bridge). Nate presented an agreement for USI Consultants to do a preliminary engineering assessment report with the estimated costs for the Federal Aid Application. The total cost for the report would not exceed \$5,000.00. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the Proposal Agreement between Wells County and USI Consultants (Misc. 2018-20). Motion carried 3-0. BF&S south corridor planning project report should be available in November. Nate also informed the commissioners if the Local Trax Application is not accepted for the Hoosier Highway Realignment project then he would be resubmitted it as the number one priority for the Federal Aid Grant. One Right-Of-Way subdivision document was also presented to the commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the ROW Document. Motion carried 3-0.

**IT Director Updates:** Roger Richardson informed the commissioners that he has hired a new assistant to fill the vacancy he had in his office; the new employee is scheduled to start in a couple of weeks. Currently Roger is replacing all the hardware in the Clerk's office and the courts for the new Odyssey court system. Roger has also been working on a network upgrade, getting everything ready for the upcoming election and a new phone system.

**Council on Aging:** Bonnie Valind and Betsy Collier provided up to date annual comparison reports for "Wells on Wheels". The third quarter claims voucher totaling \$102,958.00 and the 2019 transportation grant agreement that was previously emailed to the county attorney and commissioners for review was

presented to the commissioners for signatures. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter claims voucher for reimbursement of \$102,958.00. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the 2019 INDOT Transportation grant agreement. Motion carried 3-0. Bonnie and Betsy also presented a plaque showing they were recognized for “Outstanding Public Transportation Service in Rural Public Transportation”. The plaque was presented to them at the National Conference in Colorado. Bonnie said it was a great honor to receive this level of recognition considering the fact that there are thousands of transit services nationwide. A letter was also received for INDOT congratulating Wheel of Wheels for the award.

**BASIC Flex Plan:** Payroll deputy Lisa McCormick presented the 2019 Flexible spending agreement to the commissioner for their approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the agreement. Motion carried 3-0.

**Health Wellness Agreement:** The Wellness agreement was presented to the commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the Wellness agreement. Motion carried 3-0. The Wellness checks have been scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup> and November 16<sup>th</sup> at the 4-H Building.

**United Way Denim Week:** United Way has once again send out letters to local businesses to see if they would like to participate in two “Denim for a Difference” weeks. Employees are given the opportunity to participate by paying money each day to wear jeans to work during the weeks of October 22-26 and November 12-16. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the request from United Way and have employees pay a minimum of \$2.00 a day to participate. Motion carried 3-0.

**Adjourned:** Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:57AM

**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