

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 12-3-2018

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday December 3, 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.

Proclamation: Commissioner Tamara Robbins read a Proclamation, proclaiming Wednesday, December Fifth to be "Rex and Vivian Drennen Day" recognizing the contribution the Drennen family has made in spotlighting the proud agricultural heritage of our county regarding the Pumpkin Kingdom they established in 1999.

Minutes: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the minutes from November 19, 2018 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll And Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #25 in the amount of \$213,764.20 and 194 claims totaling \$537,233.94. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 110 inmates, 11 are DOC and 16 are F6 DOC.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Josh Cotton updated the commissioners on the road conversion projects for 500E and 1150N. 500E is complete until next spring. The backhoe crew is still working on one mile of the 1150N project but the other two miles is complete with stone until next spring. They are currently working on all the gravel roads and this will properly be the last time they can be graded until spring.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag presented the INDOT contracts to the commissioners for all three of the projects approved from the 2018 Community Crossing Matching Grant. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve all three INDOT contracts and have the President of the Board sign them. Motion carried 3-0. INDOT has announced a call for Federal Aid Projects with a construction date of 2024 and Nate has filed an application for three possible projects. The announcement of the awards should be in late winter. The underwater bridge inspection report (1A) has been submitted by USI. BF&S has submitted their draft report for the south corridor project and they will be presenting the project and findings to the County Council Members at their meeting on Tuesday, December 5th, 2018. The 2019 Community Crossing Matching Grant application will be opening on January 7th, 2019 and Nate is working on the project list and application drafts for the grant. Three Right-of-Way documents 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.

2019 Sheriff Salary Contract: The 2019 Sheriff's Salary Contract was presented to the commissioners for their approval. The only changes to the contract was adding the new elected sheriff (Scott Holliday) and increasing the salary by \$1,000.00 from the 2018 salary.

2019 Commissioner Appointments: Auditor Beth Davis informed the commissioners that all of the current appointed employees have either sent an updated resume/application or letter requesting that they be re-appointed for the 2019 calendar year. An advertisement was printed in the News-Banner

and posted on the county website for all of the current board appointments expiring at the end of this year and no new applications were received. Several current board members have replied that they would be willing to serve again at their current appointments. The Board of Commissioners stated they would make their appointments at their next meeting on December 17, 2019.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:32AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor