

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session March 4, 2019

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday March 4, 2019 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, Lisa McCormick.

Minutes: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the minutes from February 19, 2019 regular session. Motion carried 2-0-1. Kevin Woodward abstained as he was not at the February 19, 2019 meeting.

Payroll And Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #4 in the amount of \$237,818.64 and 206 claims totaling \$294,149.55. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Holliday was at Sheriff training - no numbers were reported.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Josh Cotton informed the commissioners that his department has been busy with snow in the last month. Brush will be cut while the ground is frozen in preparation for roads that will be converted this summer. It is the yearly Dustay time; information will be distributed within the next 30 days for those that live on gravel roads.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag informed the commissioners that the County Home Road and CR 450 East project is scheduled for an early coordination meeting with INDOT to review the project. Rumschlag also updated on the other projects starting in 2019: Bridge 112 – Jutte Excavating is planning to start this project on April 1st, 5-6 week duration. Hoosier Highway & CR 500 S/CR 110W Curve Correction – 3D Company will be starting the project the week of April 1st, weather permitting. Bridge 118 – 3D Company will schedule the start once completed with Hoosier Highway.

Markle Fire & Rescue: Markle Fire & Rescue submitted a request for funding from the Commissioners for rescue runs as well as funding, either full or partial, for a rescue truck. Kevin Woodward motioned and Tamara Robbins seconded to take the request under advisement. Motion carried 3-0.

Plaza Update: Blake Gerber announced a timeline for the Bluffton NOW Plaza project. The anticipated construction start date is May 1 with partial completion expected to be in time for the Bluffton Street Fair in September. October 15 is the final completion date. Wells County is contributing \$350,000 out of LIT Economic Development funds. Final numbers will be available after the bid opening on March 14th.

RDS Appointment: Tamara Robbins motioned and Kevin Woodward seconded to accept the appointment of Bruce K Stinson to the Regional Sewer District Board, effective February 19, 2019 to December 31, 2020. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:20AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Lisa McCormick, Wells County Auditor