

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session April 15, 2019

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday April 15, 2019 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, Lisa McCormick.

Minutes: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the minutes from April 1, 2019 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll And Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #7 in the amount of \$228,031.72 and 207 claims totaling \$260,216.60. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Holliday was out of town, no reported jail numbers.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Josh Cotton updated the commissioners on his projects which include hauling township stone to all gravel roads, patching and working on the notes for the backhoe crew. The road crew will start hand patching all roads that will be chip and sealed this summer. The public can start coming into the highway garage today, April 15th, to get signed up for 2019 Dust Control. Sign up ends on Friday, May 3rd, the price per foot is \$1.47.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag informed the commissioners that as of today, April 15th, SR 301 between US 224 and SR 124 has been transferred to Wells County. Invoicing for the first payment of \$1,000,000.00 can be sent to INDOT in July. Community Crossings Matching Grant 2019-01 is out for bid on Thursday April 11th with bid opening May 16th. Bridge 112, Concrete deck has been removed and the steel repair is underway on the North side. Nate Rumschlag presented an agreement with Butler Fairman & Seufert, Inc. for a north corridor study with trails. Wells County Council approved the use of LOIT Special Distribution funds for the study including trails. BF&S has a not to exceed price of \$146,000.00 for the complete study and report. Tamara Robbins motioned, seconded by Kevin Woodward to allow the President to sign the agreement (Misc. 2019-09). Motion carried 3-0.

Right of Way: Three right of way dedications were presented, Tamara Robbins motioned, seconded by Kevin Woodward to accept the right of ways. Motion carried 3-0.

Family Centered Services: Amy George thanked the commissioners for their past support to the Family Centered Services and asked them to continue their support with the same contribution of \$15,000.00. A flyer was distributed that listed 14 FCS programs within the community. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the \$15,000.00 contribution to FCS. Motion carried 3-0.

County Insurance Renewal: Richard Randol and Bret Beer with General Insurance presented a renewal proposal for the County Insurance. The Public Agency Multi Liability section of the policy has increased by \$5,896.00 due to an outstanding civil rights claim. Property Insurance and Crime also increased by \$2,041.00 while the Commercial Auto Insurance of the policy only has decreased by \$2,913.00. The difference from last year's policy to this year's policy was an increase of \$5,024.00. The Workers Compensation premium that was approved in February had a decrease of \$8,115.00, so overall for all

coverage we had a decrease of \$3,091.00. Motion was made by Tamara Robbins seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the renewal in the amount of \$198,093.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Huntington City/Town Public Library: Due to a resignation from the Huntington City/Town Public Library board a vacancy was created. Kevin Woodward motioned, seconded by Tamara Robbins to appoint Theresa Salzano to the Huntington City/Town Public Library board. Motion carried 3-0. Theresa Salzano's term is from April 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021.

Broadband: Blake Gerber acknowledged that the commissioners had met in an executive session to discuss Next Level Connections Broadband program. Tamara Robbins motioned, seconded by Kevin Woodward to allow the President to sign a letter to commit support for Next Level Broadband State grant application. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: 10:10AM, motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to adjourn.

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Lisa McCormick, Wells County Auditor