

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session May 6, 2019

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday May 6, 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 Kevin Woodward to approve the minutes from April 15, 2019 regular session; April 15, 2019 executive session at 9:15 and the April 15, 2019 executive session at 10:15. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll And Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #8 in the amount of \$234,318.95 and Payroll #9 in the amount of \$225,070.61, and 221 claims totaling \$876,540.95. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Holliday reported 105 inmates, 10 are DOC and 9 are F6 DOC. The Sheriff also discussed purchasing two new boilers and new lights for the helipad.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Josh Cotton updated the commissioners on the hand patching, backhoe and rotary ditch work. Cotton also reported that there are 11 small structures on the list for work this season. The Highway hauled 6 or 7 loads of sand to Vera Cruz and the Recycling Center for sandbags. Three of the high water signs that had been placed around the county in high water areas have been stolen. Received three bids for Bituminous Material Liquid from; Ktec Specialties \$1.65 for AE90, \$1.92 for AE90-S; Asphalt Materials \$1.55 for AE90 and \$1.85 for AE90-S, and Marathon Petroleum \$1.86 for AE90. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to take the three bids under advisement, give them to the Highway Supervisor to review and bring back with his recommendations. Motion carried 3-0.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag informed the Commissioners of a design project completed by students from Purdue Fort Wayne in Civil Engineering. Professor Prometheus Saha, Ph.D. is the Professor of the Civil Engineering class. The study was to analyze the accident data from the County roads to find areas where deer-crashes are most prevalent and to provide a recommended treatment to the areas. The results of this study will be shared with NIRCC. Nate hopes to use the study group for other projects in the future. Rumschlag introduced an Ordinance imposing speed limitations and no passing zones on CR 700 E from SR 124 to US 224, formally known as SR 301. The speed limitations and no passing zones are being left at the current levels. There will be no changes in signage or striping. Kevin Woodward motioned, Tamara Robbins seconded to adopt Ordinance 2019-02. Motion carried 3-0. The Commissioners received two right-of-ways for approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the right-of-ways. Motion carried 3-0. Nate reminded everyone that the deadline is June 3rd for road conversion petitions. Bids were opened by the Commissioners for Bridge 300 and Bridge 301. There were three bids for Bridge 300, the Mill Street project. Primco Construction bid \$84,950.87, HIS Constructors bid \$125,534.96 and Jutte bid \$85,074.00. Kevin Woodward motioned, Tamara Robbins seconded to take Bridge 300 bids under advisement for County Engineer Nate Rumschlag's recommendation. Motion carried 3-0. There were also three bids for Bridge 301, the LaFever street project over 8 Mile. Primco bid \$93,917.66, HIS Constructors bid \$127,502.35 and Jutte bid \$99,254.00. Kevin Woodward motioned, Tamara Robbins seconded to take Bridge 301 bids under

advisement for County Engineer Nate Rumschlag's recommendation. Motion carried 3-0. The projects are to be kept separate but the award will be based on the bidder's lowest combined cost for both projects. Primco had the lowest combined bid at \$178,868.53, Jutte was next with \$184,328.00 and HIS Constructors had a combined total of \$253,037.31.

Ordinance Revision: County Attorney Roy Johnson had drafted an ordinance that would establish a policy for public purchasing for small purchases. State law defines a small purchase of less than \$150,000.00. After a brief discussion, Kevin Woodward suggested the policy be worded in a way that allows the Department head to look into purchases and bring those suggested purchases, which cost less than \$150,000.00, to the Commissioners for final approval. Attorney Johnson will redraft the Ordinance for the May 20, 2019 meeting.

Proclamation: Tamara Robbins motioned, Kevin Woodward seconded to sign a proclamation declaring May 31, 2019 as Susan Reinhard Day. Susan is a long time employee of Wells County. Motion carried 3-0.

Board Appointment: Kevin Woodward motioned, Tamara Robbins seconded to appoint Laura Darlymple to the Sick Bank Board. Darlymple will be replacing Susan Reinhard on that board. Motion carried 3-0.

SR 301 Road Transfer Fund: Wells County Ordinance No. 2019-03 will allow the creation of a fund to receive funds from INDOT for the transfer of SR 301 to Wells County in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 over three years. The State Road 301 Transfer Fund is for the purpose of the accumulation and use of the funds for any lawful purpose at the discretion of the Commissioners in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Tamara Robbins motioned, Kevin Woodward seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2019-03 establishing the State Road 301 Transfer Fund. Motion carried 3-0.

Auditor Credit Card: Kevin Woodward motioned, Tamara Robbins seconded to approve Resolution 2019-05 allowing an increase in the credit card limit for the Wells County Auditor from \$2,500.00 to \$5,000.00. This resolution amends resolution No. 2007-06. Motion carried 3-0.

Tax Sale Addendum: SRI presented the Commissioners with a tax sale services support addendum for signatures. The tax sale is scheduled for October 23, 2019 at 1:00 PM. Kevin Woodward motioned, Tamara Robbins seconded to allow the Commissioners to sign the addendum. Motion carried 3-0.

Code of Ordinances: American Legal Publishing presented a range of \$800.00-\$1,300.00 to update the Code of Ordinances. The update includes Ordinances passed in 2018. The S-5 Supplement is then updated into all of the Wells County Code of Ordinances. Tamara Robbins motioned, Kevin Woodward seconded to approve the range presented to update the Code of Ordinances. Motion carried 3-0.

CRS Recertification: The Area Plan Commission requested the approval of recertification of the CRS program. The recertification of the CRS program helps reduce the flood insurance rate for the county. Tamara Robbins motioned, Kevin Woodward seconded to allow the President to sign the CRS Recertification. Motion carried 3-0.

Association of Indiana Counties: Kevin Woodward was elected Vice President to the Northeast District AIC Board. Woodward expressed his sincere thanks to all.

Adjourned: Tamara Robbins motioned, Kevin Woodward seconded to adjourn at 9:42AM.

Wells County Commissioners

President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Lisa McCormick, Wells County Auditor