

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session June 17, 2019

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday June 17, 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 June 3, 2019 regular session and June 10, 2019 executive session. Motion carried 3-0.

**Payroll And Claims:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #12 in the amount of \$235,709.32 and 147 claims totaling \$268,880.18. Motion carried 3-0.

**Wells County Sheriff:** Sheriff Holliday reported 104 inmates, 9 are DOC and 12 are F6 DOC. The Sheriff also reported that the current air conditioning unit is aging, making parts hard to find. He will gather pricing for a new unit for a discussion at a future meeting.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Josh Cotton stated that round 2 of dustay is complete. Cotton also updated the commissioners on the hand patching, ditch mowing and backhoe projects. Backhoe is done in the north; they will head south this week. Round 2 of mowing ditches started this week. Hand patching is complete in the south townships; they will head north this week.

**Highway Engineer:** Nate Rumschlag updated the commissioners on bridge #112 (CR 500W between 1100 & 1200 N). Work is complete and the bridge is now open. In July, fiber lines are going to be moved and the road conversion can then be started. After the final inspection, weight postings will be done. Nate presented a construction agreement with Primco, Inc. for the rehabilitation of Bridges 300 & 301. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to sign the Primco construction agreement (Misc. 2019-16). Motion carried 3-0. Rumschlag requested Commissioner Approval for a construction contract with Jutte Excavating for Bridge #56. The contract amount is for \$220,790.76; Nate had not yet received the contract. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to allow the contract to be signed when received. Motion carried 3-0. Road conversion petitions have been received from 9 new road sections and have 100% petitions submitted. Reviewing and planning are the next steps. Rumschlag updated on the Wells County Regional Sewer District. The board has submitted a plan to the Indiana Finance Authority – State revolving loan fund program. After the board learns of funding options available, they will likely ask for additional funding from Wells County in the 2020 budgeting cycle. A Right-Of-Way document was presented to the commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the Right-Of-Way document. Motion carried 3-0.

**300 South:** A concerned citizen discussed displeasure over the closing of 300S during the Hoosier Highway project. Nate Rumschlag asked that citizen to come to his office at the Highway and he would explain the closure in more detail. Nate did not have the information he needed at the meeting.

**Greg Werich:** Chief Probation officer, Greg Werich, was on hand to discuss Automated External Defibrillator (AED) devices for the Wells County buildings. His staff had CPR training and AED training is also included in that training. If a person is trained using an AED, they can use it in any building that has

a device available. The AED can be used to keep a visitor or employee alive until Emergency personnel arrive. He also stated that the Wells County Hospital Auxiliary and the Wells County Foundation have grants that would help offset the cost. Each unit would cost \$983.08 without grant funding. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to have Greg Werich and Lynn Blevins investigate purchasing AED's for the Annex and Courthouse. Motion carried 3-0.

**Covered Bridge Certificate:** The Annual Certificate for Covered Bridges was presented to the Commissioners. Wells County has zero covered bridges in our county. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to sign the Annual Certificate for Covered Bridges. Motion carried 3-0.

**Parking Lot Event Permit:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the "Washington/Main Commons Event Permit" for July 13, 2019 from 7:00AM-8:00PM for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Tye King "Ride to Remember" DARE Benefit sponsored by the Freedom Riders Chapter 7. Motion carried 3-0.

**Code of Ordinances:** American Legal Publishing presented a range of \$1,100 - \$1,700 to update the Code of Ordinances. A previous range had been approved by the Commissioners at the May 6, 2019 meeting of \$800 - \$1,300. Additional Ordinances were discovered that needed to be added, hence the pricing update. Tamara Robbins motioned, Kevin Woodward seconded to approve the range presented to update the Code of Ordinances. Motion carried 3-0.

**Courthouse Plaza Update:** Blake Gerber gave an update on the Courthouse Plaza stating that work is on schedule and should be completed by mid-September.

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

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President, Blake Gerber

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Vice President, Kevin Woodward

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Tamara Robbins

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lisa McCormick, Wells County Auditor