

## **Wells County Commissioners**

### **Regular Session March 2, 2020**

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday March 2, 2020 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 February 18, 2020 regular session and from February 27, 2020 Executive Session. Motion carried 3-0.

**Payroll and Claims:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #4 in the amount of \$245,573.00 and 173 claims totaling \$394,608.81. Motion carried 3-0.

**Wells County Sheriff:** Sheriff Holliday reported 90 inmates, 38 pretrial Superior, 19 pretrial Circuit, 16 F6 DOC and 7 DOC.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Josh Cotton informed the commissioners that the brush mower is working south, they will switch to the ditcher next week. The highway department will be grading gravel roads this week. Backhoe work will be completed on 500W for the road conversion. Stone will be hauled in to get 500W stoned for spring rain. The small structure list for 2020 is being compiled.

**Highway Engineer:** Nate Rumschlag informed the commissioners that two projects originally thought to be for 2025 are in fact for 2024. The schedule change will mean that the two projects will be constructed 12 months earlier. The funds will come from the Cumulative Bridge Fund and will start this year. Nate informed the commissioners that some residents in rural portions of the county have removed or requested to remove sidewalks. Removal of sidewalks within the public right-of-way is prohibited. County Attorney, Roy Johnson prepared an Ordinance prohibiting the removal of these sidewalks. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve Ordinance 2020-04 prohibiting the removal or modification of sidewalks located within public rights-of-way in unincorporated areas of Wells County and providing penalties for the violation thereof. Motion carried 3-0. Rumschlag stated that these walks will be corrected and or installed as other projects are done in the area to correct previous violations. ADA funds will be used for these corrections. A request was made to install wayfinding signs on bridges so kayakers on the Wabash River would know what roads they are crossing under. Signage would be provided to the county. It would not be a county owned sign; installation would be completed by qualified contractors when a project is being conducted on the bridge. Bridge #304 is the only county owned bridge that would get signage at this point. The commissioners stated that they would have no problem with the signage. Eight rights-of-way were presented to the commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the eight rights-of-way. Motion carried 3-0.

**CADA Annual Report:** Molly Hoag and Angie Dial presented the 2020 grant request for Citizens Against Drug Abuse (CADA). Funds for the grants are collected through the "Drug Free Community Fund"; a total of \$22,082.53 was collected in 2019 for distribution in 2020. The grants are divided within four categories; Administration, Education/Prevention, Treatment/Intervention, and Judicial. The appropriation request for the grants will be presented to County Council at the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**FireEye Cybersecurity:** Clerk Beth Davis and IT Director Roger Richardson presented a request to the commissioners to implement software, FireEye, for another layer of cybersecurity for the county. FireEye is funded by the 2018 HAVA Election Security Grant Funds and will be installed and supplied to the county at no cost through at least December 2022. If at any point the county would wish to discontinue the service, it would be uninstalled at no additional cost. All current cybersecurity safeguards would stay in place, FireEye would be an additional layer. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the FireEye Cybersecurity Services Agreement (Misc. 2020-04). Motion carried 3-0.

**Adjourned:** Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:35AM

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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