

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session January 6, 2020

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday January 6, 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.

Re-organization of Board: Auditor Lisa McCormick asked for a nomination for President of the Board of Commissioner for 2020. Motion made by Tammy Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to re-appoint Commissioner Blake Gerber as President of the Board. Motion carried 3-0. Motion was made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Blake Gerber to re-appoint Kevin Woodward as vice-president of the board. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the minutes from December 16, 2019 regular session, December 16, 2019 Executive Session and December 23, 2019 Joint Executive Session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll and Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #26 in the amount of \$234,757.20 and 200 claims totaling \$588,106.07. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Holliday reported 87 inmates, 31 pretrial Superior, 34 pretrial Circuit, 8 F6 DOC and 3 DOC.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Josh Cotton updated the Commissioners via email due to illness. Highway equipment is winter ready. They will continue cutting brush as the weather allows.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag informed the commissioners that the Federal Aid presentation to INDOT will be January 9th. The presentation includes Bridge 54, Bridge 51 and Bridge 105. Community Crossing Matching Grant Application opened today, January 6th, Rumschlag is finalizing the application. 4 right of ways were presented to the commissioners, motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to accept the right of ways. Motion carried 3-0.

Board Appointments: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to re-appoint Blake Gerber to the Economic Developments Board, Tamara Robbins to the EMA Advisory Board, Kevin Woodward to the EMS Board and to appoint Kyle Randall to the Community Corrections Advisory Board as the City of Bluffton's Representative. Motion carried 3-0.

Nepotism Policy: Commissioners signed the Annual Certification of Elected Officials on Compliance with County Contract Disclosure Policy.

2020 Solid Waste Salary Contract: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the 2020 Solid Waste Salary Contract (Misc. 2020-01). Motion carried 3-0.

Capital Asset Ordinance: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve an ordinance establishing a capital asset policy detailing the threshold at which an item is considered a capital asset, Ordinance 2020-01. Motion carried 3-0.

County Engineer: There was a question about an agreement for employment for the County Engineer. The current agreement states that there is a stipend for RSD that is 7% above the annual base salary. The base salary was updated in the most current agreement (Misc. 2019-25), from \$77,000 annually to \$95,000 annually. The question was about the stipend, keep it at the current amount based on the \$77,000 or increase it to the updated agreement amount. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to keep it at the flat rate based on increases in the former agreement (Misc. 2018-13). 2020 RSD stipend is \$5,390, 2021 is \$5,530 and 2022 is \$5,670 annually. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:19AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Lisa McCormick, Wells County Auditor