

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session January 19, 2021

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday January 19, 2021 at 9:30AM in the Parlor Meeting Room at the Wells County Public Library, Bluffton, IN. Those in attendance were Commissioners, Blake Gerber and Kevin Woodward, Tamara Robbins was present virtually. 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 January 4, 2021 regular session and the January 4, 2021 Executive session. Motion carried 3-0.

**Payroll and Claims:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #1 in the amount of \$255,298.56 and 170 claims totaling \$460,730.63. Motion carried 3-0.

**Wells County Sheriff:** Sheriff Holliday reported 77 inmates, 25 pretrial Superior, 21 pretrial Circuit, 17 DOC and 15 F6 DOC.

**Highway Engineer:** Nate Rumschlag presented a letter of financial commitment for the commissioners' signatures. The letter of commitment is for the 2021-1 Community Crossings matching grant. Both projects are for Bridge 99. The North application for Bridge 99 would require \$195,969.22 in county matching funds, the South application for Bridge 99 would require \$59,494.57 in county matching funds. All matching funding would come from LIT Bridge funds. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the CCMG 2021-1 letter of financial commitment. Motion carried 3-0. NOFA Applications were done digitally, Rumschlag thought they went well. Over \$400 million in applications were received with \$90-95 million of available funding. He expects to hear the funding announcements by the first of March.

**Annual Nepotism Policy:** Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to sign the Annual Certification Regarding Disclosure of County Contracts with the Business Interests of Relatives. Motion carried 3-0.

**Statement of Wages and Compensation:** Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to acknowledged that they received and reviewed the annual 100R report and the Summary of Receipts and Expenditures for 2020. Motion carried 3-0.

**Tax Sale Certificate:** A tax sale certificate to the Town of Ossian was presented to the Commissioners. This certificate identifies a parcel that failed to sell for the minimum bid at the tax sale in October 2020. Tax sale certificate #902000057 for property #90-02-15-200-017.000-009. The Commissioners may assign tax sale certificates held in the name of the county executive to any political subdivision. The Town of Ossian will now be responsible to carry out procedures for acquiring a tax sale deed. A 120-day redemption period will start when the Town of Ossian receives the Certificate. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve, and allow the President, Blake Gerber, to sign the Tax Sale Certificate to the Town of Ossian. Motion carried 3-0.

**Appreciation-**Kevin Woodward and Blake Gerber expressed appreciation for Tamara Robbins and her service with them on the Board of Commissioners. Tamara also expressed sincere appreciation to the

other board members and the citizens of Wells County for allowing her to serve. She will be missed, and she will miss the people and position as well. This is the last meeting she will be in attendance.

**Adjourned:** Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:50AM. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward. Motion carried 3-0.

**Wells County Commissioners**

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President, Blake Gerber

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Vice President, Kevin Woodward

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Member

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