

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session February 3, 2020

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday February 3, 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 January 21, 2020 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll and Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #2 in the amount of \$243,495.11 and 153 claims totaling \$358,232.57. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Holliday reported 85 inmates, 31 pretrial Circuit, 21 pretrial Superior, 5 DOC and 14 F6 DOC. The 2019 Annual Jail report was also presented to the Commissioners. Ameresco gave a presentation at the January 21st meeting discussing the need for new roofing and HVAC for the Jail as well as lowering ceilings and LED lighting at the Courthouse. Ameresco advertises for requests for proposals and coordinates funding and contracting the jobs to be completed. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to allow Ameresco to continue with the request for proposal (RFP) process. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Josh Cotton informed the commissioners that his department has been busy using the brush mower, brush crews are working North and South and are still grading roads. His crews have graded all the stone roads 2-3 times in the last few months. Oil is in the Dura Patcher and is being applied on road crossings as weather permits.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag requested approval of a contract amendment with INDOT for approval of federal funds on Bridge 106 over Rock Creek (CR100N). This contract mirrors the change in the contract agreement with USI signed at the January 21st meeting by the Commissioners. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the Bridge 106 contract with INDOT. Motion carried 3-0. Rumschlag reported that he received a draft report from USI on National Bridge Inspections – Phase 2, he is reviewing the report and making recommendations for corrections and clarifications. The report will be presented at a future meeting. Six right-of-way documents were presented for the commissioner's approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve all Right-of-Ways. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Council on Aging: Bonnie Valind and Betsy Collier reported the Annual 2019 trip figures; total trips for 2019 were 43,584, up from 2018 by 3,572 trips. Kevin Woodward motioned, and Tamara Robbins seconded to allow President Blake Gerber to sign the 2019 4th Quarter reimbursement paperwork for Wells on Wheels public transit program for an amount of \$61,407. Motion carried 3-0. Bonnie Valind also presented an INDOT 5339 Motor Vehicle purchase agreement. It is a grant for vehicle replacement for the Council on Aging. The price of the van is \$39,044.50 and is an 80/20 split, 80 percent paid by the grant funds, 20 percent paid by the Council on Aging. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to allow President Blake Gerber to sign the INDOT 5339 Motor Vehicle purchase agreement. Motion carried 3-0.

Job Performance Review: No action was taken on a job performance review form.

Support of Human Life Resolution: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve Resolution 2020-01, a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Wells in Support of Human Life. Motion carried 3-0.

Community & Family Services Board: Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to appoint Kelly Herman to the Community & Family Services board for a three-year term. Motion carried 3-0.

Washington/Main Commons: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve an event at the Washington/Main Commons for May 9, 2020 for a Shred event from 9-NOON for the Wells County Solid Waste Management District. Motion carried 3-0.

Sign Permit Right-of-Way: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve a petition for approval to locate structures within a county highway right-of-way and approval by County Board of Commissioners (Misc. 2020-03). Motion carried 3-0. The sign will be located at 2382 N Main St, Craigville, IN 46731.

Farm Lease Addendum: An Addendum to the Cash Farm Lease Agreement was presented to the Commissioners for their approval. The original cash farm lease agreement was for a three-year period ending on December 31, 2019. The addendum is on a continued year-to-year basis, unless written termination is given by either party on or before October 1 of either party's intention to cancel or terminate the lease effective as of December 31 of that calendar year. Effective rates for 2020 rent are \$226.00 per acre for 229.54 tillable acres for a total annual rent due of \$51,876.04. The annual rental is payable one-half on or before February 15 and the remaining one-half on or before November 15 of each calendar year of the lease term. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the Addendum to the Cash Farm Lease Agreement. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:44AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Lisa McCormick, Wells County Auditor