

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session February 4, 2019

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday February 4, 2019 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 22, 2019 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 \$242,339.64 and 187 claims totaling \$481,289.74. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Holliday reported 104 inmates, 10 are DOC and 11 are F6 DOC.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Josh Cotton informed the commissioners that his department has been very busy with snow. Brush cutting will start again soon. 2 crews will do this when they are not plowing snow.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag presented a construction contract with 3-D Company for the Hoosier Highway and CR 100W/CR 500S curve correction (Misc. 2019-03). The contract total is not to exceed \$559,800.00. Tamara Robbins motioned and Kevin Woodward seconded to sign and accept the contract. Motion carried 3-0. Rumschlag also presented a construction contract with 3-D Company for Bridge 118 (Misc. 2019-04) in the amount of \$257,800.00. Kevin Woodward motioned and Tamara Robbins seconded to sign the contract. Motion carried 3-0. Possible start could be as early as March if the weather cooperates. Five 2019 Community Crossing Matching Grant applications have been submitted. It will take approximately two months for notification. Rumschlag also presented an inspection contract with Butler, Fairman and Seufert (Misc. 2019-05) for Blake Gerber to sign, the contract was approved at the December 17, 2018 regular session.

Area Plan Right of Ways: County Attorney Roy Johnson presented three right of way documents for the commissioner's approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve all Right of Ways. Motion carried 3-0.

Economic Development Annual Report: Economic Development Director Chad Kline presented his 2018 Annual Report. Chad went over the Key Activities including site visit, industrial attraction and education. The report indicated \$58.9 million in New Investment, 128 new jobs and \$5,760,000 in new payroll. The 2019 projects include broadband growth, increase internship opportunities for students and facilitate training programs for employers.

Rescue Run Amendment-An amendment to the Rescue Run Resolution will allow for the Commissioners to pay out the annual contributions to the Bluffton Fire Department, Ossian Fire Department and the Liberty Center Fire Department one time annually, not dependent on the quarterly and annual reporting. The units will still have the reporting obligations. Tamara Robbins motioned and Kevin Woodward seconded to approve Resolution 2019-01. Motion carried 3-0.

AIC-Learned that Kevin Woodward has been appointed the Vice President of the northeast district of the Association of Indiana Counties.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:42AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Lisa McCormick, Wells County Auditor