

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session February 19, 2019

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday February 19, 2019 at 9:30AM in the Commissioner's Room of the Wells County Carnegie Annex, Bluffton, IN. Those in attendance were Commissioners, Blake Gerber and Tamara Robbins. Also in attendance were County Attorney, Roy Johnson and County Auditor, Lisa McCormick. Kevin Woodward was absent.

Minutes: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2019 regular session and the February 4, 2019 Executive Session. Motion carried 2-0.

Payroll And Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve Payroll #3 in the amount of \$236,968.89 and 215 claims totaling \$329,104.11. Motion carried 2-0.

Tax Sale Certificate: Attorney Adrian Halverstadt and Town Manager Luann Martin, representing the Town of Ossian, asked the Commissioners to approve a tax sale certificate assignment from the Commissioners to the Town of Ossian for a property in the Blakewood addition. The property, a retention pond, was eligible for tax sale in October but did not sell. The property was then assigned to the Commissioners who can assign the tax certificate to another governmental unit. The town of Ossian has been maintaining the property and wanted to take control of said property. Tamara Robbins motioned, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve of the Tax Lien Assignment Resolution 2019-02 as well as the Assignment of tax sale certificate (Misc. 2019-06). Motion carried 2-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Holliday reported 108 inmates, 6 are DOC and 6 are F6 DOC.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Josh Cotton informed the commissioners that his department has been trimming brush as weather permits. Cotton is working with the Sheriff's department and the three school districts to open communication on road conditions and winter weather events.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag informed the commissioners that Wells County has been awarded \$3,074,778 federal aid for County Home Road and CR 450 East road realignment, fiscal year for construction is 2024. The project would create a new section of road that would extend County Home road at 200S through a field, which would then connect to 450E. ADA annual report, a conference call for the annual meeting of ADA coordinators for Indiana was held February 11, 2019. Wells County's ADA transition plan is available on the county website for public access. Grievance and contact information is also included on the website. The 2019 ADA projects that are being considered are \$6,000 toward upgrading two restrooms in the County Annex building. An additional \$4,000 would be applied toward the plaza project for some improvements for the plaza. Rumschlag also applied for membership with the Indiana ADA & Title VI Coordinator's Association for \$25 annually. The Indiana ADA & Title VI Coordinator's Association has nominated Rumschlag to serve as their legislative representative with their AIC legislative committee members in the latter half of 2019 and 2020. Tamara Robbins motioned to accept the 2019 ADA plan, seconded by Blake Gerber. Motion carried 2-0.

Right of Way: County Attorney Roy Johnson presented a right of way document for the commissioner's approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the right of way. Motion carried 2-0.

Area Plan Rezoning: Suzie Gentis on behalf of Area Plan presented an Ordinance Amending Wells County Zoning Ordinance and Zone Maps, Ordinance 2019-01. The Ordinance changes 12.9 acres in SW/4 of 28-27N-12E from an R-1 zoned district to an S-1 zoned district. The address is 2511 SE SR 116, Bluffton, IN 46714. Tamara Robbins motioned, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the rezoning to S-1. Motion carried 2-0.

Courthouse Project: Bid opening for the Courthouse Plaza project will be March 14 at 2:00 PM. Blake Gerber stated that the entrance on the southeast corner, former license branch entrance, will be the main entrance through the project completion.

Executive Session: Commissioners and County Council will be holding a joint Executive Session on March 5, 2019 at 6:15 to discuss the Highway Garage property.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:50 AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Lisa McCormick, Wells County Auditor