

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session March 18, 2019

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday March 18, 2019 at 9:30AM 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 March 4, 2019 regular session and March 5, 2019 Joint Executive Session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll And Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #5 in the amount of \$229,200.68 and 167 claims totaling \$146,548.64. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Holliday reported 117 inmates, 7 are DOC and 12 are F6 DOC.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Josh Cotton informed the commissioners that his department has removed all the winter equipment from the trucks. They have started grading all gravel roads. Roads will be graded 2-3 times before adding stone. Work will be starting on the roads that are being converted this summer. Post cards will go out mid-April for Dustay applications.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag informed the commissioners that he has proposals from Yarger Engineering and USI Consultants regarding a Road Study for Rock Creek Stone Quarry. The study would examine the impact of the quarry and future development on the nearby roads. The study was initiated by quarry representatives and will be reimbursed to the county by the quarry. The proposals were tabled until an agreement with the quarry is signed for reimbursement. Rumschlag is pursuing federal funding for two projects for rehabilitation, Bridge 200 & Bridge 54. He would like to have a formal analysis done to compare the two projects and possible changes. A proposal agreement from USI for \$10,000 for the analysis for both structures was presented to the Commissioners for a signature. Tamara Robbins motioned, seconded by Kevin Woodward for Blake Gerber to sign the USI proposal agreement (Misc. 2019-07) Motion carried 3-0. Nate Rumschlag also presented an application for permit to locate buried or overhead utility facilities within county right of way with Craigville Telephone Company. Tamara Robbins motioned, seconded by Kevin Woodward to accept the Utility Permits - see recorded Utility Location Permit for Craigville Telephone--20190785 MISC. Motion carried 3-0. Nate Rumschlag mentioned the Regional Sewer District would like to have a website presence within the Wells County portal. Tamara Robbins motioned, Kevin Woodward seconded to allow the IT Department to create a page within the Wells County portal for the Regional Sewer District. Motion carried 3-0.

Flood Safety Awareness: County Surveyor Jarrod Hahn presented a proclamation to the Board of Commissioners to proclaim March 18-24, 2019 as "Flood Safety Awareness Week". Jarrod stated a few facts regarding floods; more than 50% of flood related deaths are due to someone driving or walking into floodwaters, 6 inches of fast-moving flood water can knock an adult off his or her feet and sweep them away, follow evacuation orders and heed warning signs. Jarrod stressed that you follow the staying "Turn Around Don't Drown". Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to proclaim March 18-24, 2019 as Flood Safety Awareness Week. Motion carried 3-0.

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 Kevin Woodward to approve the right of way. Motion carried 3-0.

2019-2020 CC Grant Application: Blake Poindexter presented the 2019-2020 Community Corrections Grant Application. Poindexter stated there was no increase in the Grant from the previous application. The Community Corrections Advisory Board has reviewed the application and has approved the grant. Tamara Robbins motioned, seconded by Kevin Woodward to sign a letter to approve the Advisory Board recommendations of the grant application. Motion carried 3-0.

Resolution for the Approval of the Conveyance of Real Property to Wells County Revitalization, Inc.: County Attorney Roy Johnson presented for consideration by the Commissioners a resolution pertaining to the conveyance of the former Hideaway Restaurant property located at 122 West Market Street in Bluffton, which is presently owned by the City of Bluffton, to Wells County Revitalization, Inc. ("Revitalization") in connection with the Courthouse Plaza project. The City of Bluffton cannot sell or transfer real estate for no compensation to a nonprofit corporation created for agricultural, educational, or recreational purposes, but the County can. The City is requesting the County accept a transfer of this real estate from the City, and then in turn convey it for no consideration to Revitalization. A transfer or exchange of property may be made with a governmental entity upon terms and conditions agreed upon by the entities as evidenced by adoption of a substantially identical resolution by each entity. Such a transfer may be made for any amount of real property, cash, or other personal property, as agreed upon by the entities. The City Attorney and the County Attorney have prepared substantially identical resolutions by each entity. Tamara Robbins motioned, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Resolution 2019-03 and a Warranty Deed from the County to Wells County Revitalization, Inc. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:55 AM.

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Lisa McCormick, Wells County Auditor