

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session June 1, 2020

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday June 1, 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 May 18, 2020 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll and Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #11 in the amount of \$237,610.63 and 167 claims totaling \$434,911.44. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Holliday reported 63 inmates, 30 pretrial Superior, 12 pretrial Circuit, 9 F6 and 10 DOC. The Sheriff's Department advertised for bids for a 1989 AM General Humvee-H1. Six bids were submitted. The high bid was \$2,850.00. All bidders will be notified, the next bid opening will be at the June 15th Commissioner meeting. The minimum bid for that meeting is \$2,900.00.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Josh Cotton informed the commissioners that he is continuing to work on hand patching, ditch mowing and backhoe notes throughout the county. The first application of Dustay has been applied and the second application will start Monday the 8th.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag presented the Commissioners with bid amounts for the Community Crossing Matching Grant 2020 projects. There were four bids for Bridge 304 Rehabilitation: Primco - \$543,405.85; Pioneer Associates, Inc. - \$604,877.35; HIS Constructors - \$726,678.30; R.A. Myers Construction Co. - \$838,218.36. The engineers estimate was \$691,394.13. Low bid was Primco at \$543,405.85. One bid was submitted for County Bridge 193 from Jutte Excavating for \$97,690.00 which was under the engineers estimate of \$180,898.00. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to authorize Nate Rumschlag to issue letters of notice of intent to award to the low bidders. Motion carried 3-0. Since bidding for the Community Crossing projects came in below budgets, Nate suggested using those additional funds to apply for an addition project during the 2020-02 CCMG application cycle. Bridge 99 is a \$725,000 project and we have \$518,000 in eligible matching funds to work with. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to move ahead with the Bridge 99 application. Motion carried 3-0. INDOT has approved Wells Counties contract with Engineering Resources for Bridge 51. The contract totals with Engineering Resources is a not to exceed fee of \$128,790.00. Funding will come from the Cumulative Bridge fund. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to sign the contract with Engineering Resources (Misc. 2020-09) for Bridge 51. Motion carried 3-0. Two Utility permits were presented to the commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the Utility permit for BSM Utilities - Mediacom and to approve Citizens Telephone contingent on passage by the Drainage Board at the June 15th meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Request to use Courthouse Plaza: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the request from the Bluffton Free Street Fair Association to use the Courthouse Plaza from Sunday, September 20th through Sunday, September 27th, 2020 for the Bluffton Free Street Fair. Motion carried 3-0.

Coronavirus Relief Fund Acceptance Certification: Coronavirus relief funds are available for reimbursement to political subdivisions. Wells County is eligible for \$915,109.00 in reimbursable expenses that were paid out due to COVID. Dates of eligible expenses are from March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020. The Commissioners were presented with a Coronavirus Relief Fund Acceptance Certification to be signed by the President of the Commissioners. This must be submitted to the Indiana Finance Authority to be eligible for those funds. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to allow the President, Blake Gerber to sign the Coronavirus Relief Fund Acceptance Certification. Motion carried 3-0.

Cyber Security Insurance Policy: General Insurance submitted a Cyber Security insurance policy to the Commissioners for their review at the June 1st meeting. The Commissioners took the information under advisement. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the \$500,000 cyber security policy for an annual premium of \$4,286.00, effective June 1, 2020 thorough June 1, 2021. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:37AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Member, Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Lisa McCormick, Wells County Auditor