

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session July 15, 2019

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday July 15, 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 Auditor, Lisa McCormick.

**Minutes:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the minutes from July 1, 2019 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

**Payroll And Claims:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #14 in the amount of \$227,460.51 and 251 claims totaling \$795,139.77. Motion carried 3-0.

**Wells County Sheriff:** Sheriff Holliday reported 93 inmates, 11 are DOC and 12 are F6 DOC. Sheriff Holliday updated the commissioners on roofing and HVAC upcoming repairs.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Josh Cotton informed the commissioners that round 2 of ditch mowing is complete. The backhoe crew is working south. Due to the rain projects are running a bit behind schedule. The hand patching crew is north hitting everything to be sealed this year. Chip and seal will begin the week of July 29<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

**Highway Engineer:** Nate Rumschlag presented the commissioners with a professional services contract from Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc. for the County Home Road/CR 450 East federal aid project. The contract totals \$383,778.00 and is reimbursable at an 80/20 match. A Motion was made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the LPA consulting contract with Butler, Fairman & Seufert (Misc. 2019-18). Hoosier Highway curve correction is slated to start the week of July 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is anticipated that the project will take 45 days until completion. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve a right of way presented by Rumschlag. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve 3 rights of ways presented by Roy Johnson. Motion carried 3-0.

**Markle Fire Department:** Mike Grant from the Markle Fire Department was requesting funding from the commissioners for a rescue truck and/or rescue runs in the 2020 budget. The commissioners inquired if Huntington County offered any funding for rescue trucks or rescue runs. Markle fire department services Huntington and Wells County. Huntington County does not offer any funding for either a rescue truck or rescue runs. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to fund \$2,000.00 toward rescue runs in the 2020 Commissioner budget. Motion carried 3-0.

**Statement of Salaries and Wages:** The commissioners were presented Form 144, statement of salaries and wages for all Wells County departments for the 2020 budget cycle.

**Adjourned:** Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:57 AM

**Wells County Commissioners**

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President, Blake Gerber

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Vice President, Kevin Woodward

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Tamara Robbins

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lisa McCormick, Wells County Auditor