

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session August 3, 2020

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday August 3, 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 Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the minutes from July 20, 2020 regular session and July 27, 2020 Executive session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll and Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #15 in the amount of \$242,359.14 and 141 claims totaling \$367,626.39. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Holliday reported 66 inmates, 12 pretrial Circuit, 27 pretrial Superior, 6 DOC and 14 F6 DOC. The Sheriff's Department advertised for bids for a 1989 AM General Humvee-H1. One bid was submitted. The high bid is now \$4,000.00. All bidders will be notified, the next bid opening will be at the August 17th Commissioner meeting. The minimum bid for that meeting is \$4,050.00. Sheriff Holliday discussed the possibility of purchasing a whole-body security scanning system. This system would have a purchase price of \$149,000 which is a reimbursable expense through the CARES Act funds. Attorney Roy Johnson stated that that expenditure would fall under the Special Purchasing Statute. It is a one of a kind system and it would not be possible to get two more price quotes to compare. A demonstration of the system will be held on August 13th at the Wells County Sheriff's Department. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the purchase of the Tek 84 scanner if Sheriff Holliday deems it beneficial to the Sheriff's Department. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Josh Cotton was helping his crews with chip and seal, so he was not at the meeting. He reported via email that his department will be all hands-on deck with chip and seal the next six weeks.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag presented an agreement with Security Pros for a camera system for Bridge 193 on the deterrent structure. The contract amount is \$16,448.73 with a recurring monthly fee of \$139.99 for cell system, storage and access fees. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the agreement with Security Pros and allow Nate Rumschlag to sign that agreement. Motion carried 3-0. A Citizens Telephone utility permit was presented to the Commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve a Citizens Telephone utility permit on 900 S. Motion carried 3-0. A right-of-way document was presented to Board of Commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the right-of-way. Motion carried 3-0.

State Road 301 Transfer: The seconded installment of \$1,000,000 for the SR 301 transfer from INODT was received and receipted into the SR 301 Transfer Fund on July 31, 2020.

Library Board Applications: The applications for the Library Board were taken under advisement until the August 17th meeting.

RFQ Proposals: Ameresco and Performance Services submitted RFQ Proposals. The proposals are for the implementation of a guaranteed energy savings and facility improvement program for the Wells County Courthouse and Wells County Sheriff's Department. The Commissioners took them under advisement at the July 20th meeting. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to accept the RFQ proposal from Ameresco. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: A motion was made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to adjourn at 9:27AM. Motion carried 3-0.

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Lisa McCormick, Wells County Auditor