

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session August 5, 2019

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday August 5, 2019 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 July 15, 2019 regular session and July 15, 2019 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 \$231,262.87 and 181 claims totaling \$343,953.37. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Holliday reported 89 inmates, 24 pretrial Circuit, 36 pretrial Superior, 7 are DOC and 10 are F6 DOC.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Josh Cotton reported to the commissioners that they are starting to work on the scheduled chip and seal projects. Backhoe and hand patching for the year are both complete. Three of the nine scheduled small structure projects have been completed. Crews will begin striping for the next few weeks.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag updated the commissioners that he is waiting on a response from INDOT with the contract for the County Home Road/200S Federal Aid project. Construction will start this week on Bridge 303b, road closure and detour routing started today. Nate stated to expect a 60 day road closure. Hoosier Highway curve correction base work is complete and existing roadway has been removed. Soil testing and compaction has been completed. Gravel is being hauled in and placed for the south portion. Some unsuitable soils were identified in an area in a field, Butler, Fairman & Seufert is reviewing the limits and the quantities in the plans and will confirm on additional expenses. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to accept a utility permit application for a connection on 300S near Liberty Center. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward for approval of a Right-of-Way for the proposed bridge project on CR 800S between 1000 & 1100W. Motion carried 3-0.

Wheel on Wheels: Bonnie Valind and Betsy Collier presented comparison flow charts on trips provided by Wells on Wheels. The 2nd quarter reimbursement voucher was presented to the Board of Commissioners for their approval. Information for the reports was emailed to the commissioners prior to the meeting. The total billing for the 2nd quarter is \$111,413.00; \$72,666.00 for Federal reimbursement and \$38,747.00 for state reimbursement. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the 2nd quarter voucher and allow the president of the board to sign it. Motion carried 3-0.

Right of Way Documents: 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.

Cemetery Board Applications: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to take the Cemetery Board applications under advisement until the August 19th meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: A motion was made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to adjourn at 9:40AM. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Commissioners

President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Lisa McCormick, Wells County Auditor