

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session August 19, 2019

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 19, 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 August 5, 2019 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

**Payroll And Claims:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #16 in the amount of \$227,841.78 and 227 claims totaling \$693,209.23. Motion carried 3-0.

**Wells County Sheriff:** Sheriff Holliday reported 90 inmates, 37 Superior 22 Circuit pre-trial, 5 are DOC and 11 are F6 DOC. Holliday reported 2 boilers are being replaced this year, which is ahead of the anticipated schedule.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Josh Cotton reported that 96 miles of chip and seal are scheduled for this year, 40 miles have been completed. 5 of 9 small structures have been installed. Contractors are behind schedule; therefore striping on the hot mix roads has been delayed.

**Highway Engineer:** Nate Rumschlag had an INDOT-LPA contract for signatures, with this contract INDOT is awarding Wells County up to an additional \$307,022.40 for preliminary engineering and right-of-way appraising. This is for the County Home Road/CR 200S Federal Aid Project. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to sign the LPA contract (Misc 2019-19). Motion carried 3-0. Bridge 303b was removed last week and the new structure is scheduled for placement this week. Work on Bridge 6b will begin after Bridge 303b completion. Asphalt placement was completed last week for the Hoosier Highway curve correction, striping, signage, guardrail repair, seeding/topsoil will be complete before the road is open to traffic. There was a discussion on speed limitations on this section of road. Blake Gerber would like to drive the road before a decision is made. Nate also requested approval for 3 unofficial detours. SR 124 between 500W and 400 W closure, detour south on 500W to 100S around to 300W; SR 1 closure will start August 26<sup>th</sup> with the unofficial detour east on CR 1000N to CR 450E to Allen County. SR 116 at CR 150N closure, unofficial detour will be CR 200N to SR 1 down to Dustman road for local traffic. Not all dates are set for these projects; the unofficial detours are for local traffic. Kevin Woodward motioned, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve all unofficial detours. Motion carried 3-0. Rumschlag presented AEP Utility permits for Commissioner approval, SE Center St. into Vera Cruz, SW Church Rd. and CR 800E. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the utility permits. Motion carried 3-0. Two Right-Of-Way documents were presented to the commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the Right-Of-Way documents. Motion carried 3-0.

**Rezoning:** Mike Lautzeneiser Jr presented a rezoning request for a property on 1050N just North of Ossian from R1 (residential) to AR (agricultural/residential). This would allow the property holder to construct a home on the property in the future. The request had already been given a do pass by the Area Plan Commission. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the rezoning request Ordinance 2019-10. Motion carried 3-0.

**BZA Resignation:** Mike Lautzenheiser Jr presented the Commissioners with a resignation from Ryan Cristmore from the Board of Zoning Appeals. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to accept the resignation under duress. Motion carried 3-0.

**Snider Drive:** Chad Kline presented a memorandum of agreement for Snider Drive with 20/20 Custom Molded Plastics, LLC; planned completion date is October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Commissioners had previously committed to paying \$150,000 for a portion of the Snider Drive project. The agreement has a payment schedule, first payment due upon receipt of invoice, second payment due 30 days after. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to accept and sign the memorandum of agreement (Misc. 2019-20). Motion carried 3-0.

**Code of Ordinances:** American Publishing completed updates to the Wells County Code of Ordinances. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Ordinance 2019-11 enacting and adopting a supplement to the code of ordinances for Wells County, Indiana. Motion carried 3-0.

**2020 Holiday Schedule:** The 2020 Holiday schedule was presented to the Commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the 2020 Holiday schedule. Motion carried 3-0.

**Cemetery Board Appointment:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to appoint Dennis Lobsiger to the Bluffton Cemetery Board to complete the term through 12/31/2019 created by the resignation of Scott Shoup. Motion carried 3-0.

**Cancellation of 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting in September:** Since the streets are shut down around the Annex Building for the Bluffton Street Fair September 15-21, 2019 a motion was made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to cancel the September 16, 2019 regular meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

**Adjourned:** Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:03AM

**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