

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session September 3, 2019

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

Payroll And Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #17 in the amount of \$227,680.27 and 180 claims totaling \$683,602.90. Motion carried 3-0.

Nationwide/AIC: Brandon Lockwood, son of a Wells County Highway employee Brent Lockwood, won a Nationwide \$1,000 scholarship through AIC. Ryan Hoff with AIC and Kevin Mitchell with Nationwide presented Brent and Kristi Lockwood with a check for Brandon.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Holliday reported 93 inmates, 40 are pre-trial Superior, 21 are pre-trial Circuit, 8 DOC and 11 F6 DOC.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Josh Cotton informed the commissioners that of the 96 miles of chip and seal, 67 miles have been completed. In 2-3 more weeks they should be completed. 5 out of 9 small structures have been completed. These should be done in the next 4-6 weeks. Mowing of the side ditches will start again in the next few weeks.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag informed the commissioners that the new structure for Bridge 303b has been set; backfill and restoration work is underway. Hoosier Highway curve correction has an anticipated road opening date of later this week, weather is a factor. Existing structure for Bridge 118b was removed August 27th and the new structure is to be delivered this week. Bridges 300 and 301, Mill St and LeFever, will be closed to traffic on September 16th for the rehabilitation. Nate presented a letter to the Commissioners for INDOT updating the 2019 road inventory mileage submittal for Wells County. The letter is requesting that an additional 0.938 miles be added to our inventory for calculation of MVH funds. It seems to have been overlooked in the past. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to sign and approve the letter adding 800 E, between CR 500S and SR 218, back into our road inventory (Misc. 2019-21). Motion carried 3-0.

Vacation of a Public Way: Colin Andrews, attorney for Jeffrey Runion, presented an order to vacate a public way located in the Town of Mount Zion, Wells County, Indiana. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve Ordinance No. 2019-12 "Ordinance Vacating a Public Way". Motion carried 3-0.

Community Corrections Annual Report: Blake Poindexter presented the Annual report for the Community Corrections program covering July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019. This program is transitioning into a January 1 – December 31 cycle. The report consisted of an Agency Organizational chart, Code of Ethics, Strategic Plan, Grant goals/objectives & accomplishments as well as agency summary information. Poindexter stated the Wells County Community Corrections program scored a 91 out of a

possible 100 points on a site audit. 285 adult home detention cases were received and 24 juvenile cases were received through the department during the fiscal year.

Community Corrections Advisory Board: Tamara Robbins referenced IC 11-12-2-3 which outlines the duties of the Community Corrections Advisory board. Robbins addressed a need to change the makeup of the Advisory Board. Under Indiana Code the appointees serve at the pleasure of the County Commissioners. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to terminate the appointments of Greg Waters, Gene Bell and Susan Campbell from the Community Corrections Advisory Board effective immediately. Motion carried 3-0. The Commissioners were thankful for their service on the board, but felt the make-up of the board needed to change to add clarity to its purpose. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to appoint Blake Gerber to fill the term of Greg Waters, Kevin Woodward to fill the term of Susan Campbell and Tamara Robbins to fill the term of Gene Bell. Motion carried 3-0.

Bitco Insurance: A certificate of excellence from Bitco Insurance Company was presented to the Commissioners for employee safety. Bitco is the Wells County Workers Compensation carrier. The excellence period was from February 2018 – February 2019.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:40AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Lisa McCormick, Wells County Auditor