

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session November 4, 2019

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday November 4, 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 October 21, 2019 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll And Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #22 in the amount of \$226,700.20 and 172 claims totaling \$512,830.95. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Holliday reported 85 inmates, 35 are pretrial Superior, 16 are pretrial Circuit, 14 are DOC and 2 are F6 DOC.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Josh Cotton updated the commissioners on the Backhoe notes, road conversions projects and hand patching. They are currently finishing up on the final round of side ditch mowing and are continuing to do maintenance on gravel roads.

Highway Engineer: Nate Rumschlag informed the Commissioners the 2025 Federal Aid call from INDOT opened today and applications are due by December 13th at 5PM. Three separate letters of financial commitment were presented to the commissioners for signatures. Bridge 54 (CR 600W over Salamonie River) rehabilitation letter of financial commitment, funding would come from Cumulative Bridge funds, LIT and relinquishment funds. Total project funding is \$4,034,000 with the local funds totaling \$806,800. Bridge 51 (CR 300W over Scuffle Creek) replacement letter of financial commitment, funding would come from the Cumulative Bridge fund, LIT and relinquishment funds. Total project funding is \$1,335,000 with the local funds totaling \$267,000. Bridge 105 (CR 200N over Rock Creek) replacement letter of financial commitment, funding to come from Cumulative Bridge fund, LIT and relinquishment funds. Total project funding is \$1,643,750 with the local funds totaling \$328,750. Preliminary engineering would start in 2020 for bridge 105, 2021 for bridges 54 and 51. All projects have a construction start date of 2025. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve and sign the three letters of financial commitment. Motion carried 3-0. USI was performing a detailed inspection and had Bridge 193 closed until approximately 2PM today. Rumschlag hopes to request 2020-01 CCMG funds for the repair work on this bridge. The call for 2020-01 Community Crossing Matching grant funds opens January 6th with application due by January 31, 2020. 24 Right-of-Ways were present to the commissioners for their approval. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the Right-of-Ways. Motion carried 3-0.

2020 Meeting Dates: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the 2020 Board of Commissioners meeting dates. Motion carried 3-0.

Courthouse Christmas Tree Lighting: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the request from the Chamber of Commerce to have the annual County Courthouse tree lighting ceremony on Friday, November 29, 2019 from 5:30-6:30PM on the Courthouse Plaza. Motion carried 3-0.

2020 Sheriff Salary Contract: The 2020 Sheriff's Salary Contract was presented to the commissioners for their approval. The only change to the contract was increasing the salary by \$1,000.00 from the 2019 salary. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the 2020 sheriff salary contract. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:17AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Lisa McCormick, Wells County Auditor