

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 7-21-2014

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday July 21, 2014 at 9:30AM in the Commissioner's Room of the Wells County Carnegie Annex, Bluffton, IN. Those in attendance were Commissioners, C. Scott Mossburg, Kevin Woodward and Blake Gerber. Also in attendance were County Attorney, Roy Johnson and County Auditor, Beth Davis.

Minutes: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the minutes from July 7, 2014 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #15 in the amount of \$206,491.63.

Claims: Commissioners approved 308 claims in the amount of \$519,409.07.

Rescue Truck Bids: Two bids were received for the new rescue truck that will be housed at Liberty Center. One from Sutphen Corp. in the amount of \$437,898 and one from Fire Services Inc. in the amount of \$386,884. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to refer the bids to the Liberty Center Fire Department for their review and recommendation. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Monte Fisher reported 57 inmates, 6 are DOC. Sheriff Fisher informed the Board of Commissioners that the addition to the building has been completed.

Wells County Highway Engineer: Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert gave the commissioners updates on the bridge and culver projects that are currently going on; still waiting on another quote for culvert #1026, informed the commissioners that he is waiting on starting culvert #455 until after culvert #1026 is completed. Toby stated he is ready to start the work on Bridge #59 to repair the drainage issue for Mr. Blinn. Informed the commissioners that he gave Medicom a start date of August 4, 2014 for the Hoosier Highway Structure and he is still waiting on the last quote for structure #222. Presented a permit request from AT&T to bore under the road on 900 South by Southern Wells Community Schools. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the request from AT&T. Motion carried 3-0.

Zoning Ordinance and Zone Maps Amendment: Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Ordinance No. 2014-03 "Ordinance Amending Wells County Zoning Ordinance and Zone Maps". Motion carried 3-0. This change was for the Felger property to change 2.30 acres from Agriculture-1 Zoned District to Business-3 Zoned District.

Markle Wildcat Days: Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the detour in the town of Markle for Markle Wildcat days on Saturday, August 23, 2014. Motion carried 3-0.

Use of Courthouse Square: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the use of the courthouse square during the Bluffton Free Street Fair. Motion carried 3-0.

Community Rating System Recertification: Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the Community Rating System Recertification and allow the president of the board to sign. Motion carried 3-0.

Tort Claim: The Board of Commissioners was advised that a tort claim was received from James E. Blinn and Alice J. Blinn in reference to the drainage issue on the construction of Bridge #59 over the Salamonie River on County Road 900 South. The commissioners discussed the issue and decided to wait on doing any work at the area until any response is received from the counties insurance company or Mr. Blinn's Attorney. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to stop any action from the Highway Department at this time. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:07 am

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President, C. Scott Mossburg

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Blake Gerber

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor