

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session 8-4-2014

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday August 4, 2014 at 9AM 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 Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the minutes from July 21, 2014 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

**Payroll:** Commissioners approved Payroll #16 in the amount of \$199,768.70.

**Claims:** Commissioners approved 206 claims in the amount of \$212,127.47.

**Wells County Sheriff:** Sheriff Monte Fisher reported 60 inmates, 8 are DOC and one federal. Sheriff Fisher informed the commissioners that he would like to change his Inmate Health Care Provider to Quality Correctional Care. Quality Correctional Care's CFO, Lisa Scroggins was present to explain their services and answer any questions. Sheriff Fisher explained that mental health is a growing concern at the jail and Quality Correctional Care is the only company that provides the mental health services that he needs and they also provide psychological services to the jail staff and training. The contract amount for Quality Correctional Care is \$76,300. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the contract pending the county attorney's review. Motion carried 3-0.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Ed Herman presented an unofficial Detour from INDOT for State Road 1 for a bridge deck overlay in the spring of 2015. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the detour request from INDOT. Motion carried 3-0. Pat Mossburg came before the board of commissioners requesting permission to put a sign in the right of way on county road 300 West commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the state record setting nine overtime periods in a 1964 regional basketball game between Liberty Center High School and Swayzee High School. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the request. Motion carried 3-0. Ed also informed the commissioners that the grinding project on Meridian Rd between 100 south and 200 south is done and he has completed 26 chip and seal miles. Ed also asked to extend his 10 hour days for two more weeks to August 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Wells County Highway Engineer:** Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert stated that there still has been no response from Thunderbird regarding access to bridge No. 54 for future log jams, county attorney Roy Johnson will follow up on this. Toby updated the commissioners on several projects; structure 1026 will be stated next week, Hoosier structure will be started next Monday even though he still hasn't received any response from Mediacom, and Rick Ramseyer started working last Friday on the drainage issue from the reconstruction of Bridge No. 59. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to ratify the decision to hold off on any repairs that were to be made on Bridge No. 59 from the previous commissioner's meeting and to move forward with the repairs. Motion carried 3-0. Toby presented an application for permit for buried facilities from Citizens Telephone corp. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the request from Citizens Telephone Corp to bury cable at 3030 West 200 North. Motion carried 3-0.

**IT Department:** Roger Richardson informed the board of commissioners that his department is 100% complete on the XP updates and they are just continuing to work on issue as needed.

**Courthouse Repair:** Custodian, Bobbie Studebaker presented a quote from Ziolkowski Construction in the amount of \$2089.00 to repair the leak in the courthouse basement. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to accept the quote from Ziolkowski. Motion carried 3-0.

**Title VI Administrator:** Auditor, Beth Davis explained that a Title VI Administrator needs to be appointed for the county. Some of the duties of the Title VI Administrator would be to make sure our county does not discriminate on contract and bids. A Title VI Administrator needs to be appointed before the Auditor's office can proceed with a required survey to be able to receive Federal Funding. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to appoint Roy Johnson as the Wells County Title VI Administrator. Motion carried 3-0.

**Liberty Center Rescue Truck:** Trenton Markley with the Liberty Center Fire Department recommended that the commissioners approve the bid from Sutphen in the amount of \$437,898. The other company that provided a bid did not bid to the required specs and when they re-bid their bid was higher than the Sutphen bid. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the Sutphen truck in the amount of \$437,898. Motion carried 3-0. Trenton will get the contract to county attorney Roy Johnson to review.

**Proclamation:** County Extension Agent, Roger Sherer presented a Proclamation marking the 100<sup>th</sup> year of Extension Service in Wells County. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the signing of the Proclamation (Misc. 2014-15). Motion carried 3-0.

**Adjourned:** Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:00 am

**Wells County Commissioners**

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President, C. Scott Mossburg

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Vice President, Kevin Woodward

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Blake Gerber

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor