

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session 9-2-2014

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday September 2, 2014 at 9AM in the Commissioner's Room of the Wells County Carnegie Annex, Bluffton, IN. Those in attendance were Commissioners, C. Scott Mossburg and Blake Gerber. Also in attendance were County Attorney, Roy Johnson and County Auditor, Beth Davis. Commissioner, Kevin Woodward was absent.

**Minutes:** Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the minutes from August 18, 2014 regular session. Motion carried 2-0.

**Payroll:** Commissioners approved Payroll #18 in the amount of \$198,562.72.

**Claims:** Commissioners approved 209 claims in the amount of \$608,507.55.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Ed informed the commissioners that both the chip and seal and Hot Mix project on 200 South have been completed. Ed also stated that he is taking quotes for a new heating system for the highway garage and he will present them at the next commissioners meeting.

**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; the Hoosier Highway culvert will be replace once the title is here, they will not wait any longer for Medicom; Toby informed the commissioners that the work has been completed regarding the drainage issue at Bridge No. 59 and the work that was done did what it was supposed to do, Toby also stated that he did an interview with the insurance agent regarding the tort claim that has been filed; the Liberty Culvert No. 1026 is coming around very good; and the Union Structure No. 455 on 300 West will be started next week which will close county road 300 West between 700 North and 800 North from September 8<sup>th</sup> to September 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Blinn was also present at the meeting and disagreed with Toby regarding the work that was done regarding the drainage issue at Bridge No. 59; the commissioners informed Mr. Blinn that they were advised to not discuss the issue with him because of the tort claim that has been filed.

**Wells County Sheriff:** Sheriff Fisher reported 73 inmates, 15 are DOC and one federal. Sheriff Fisher informed the commissioners that he had a compressor go down at the jail and he is getting quotes to present at the next commissioners meeting.

**Hearing to Vacate a Public Way:** Attorney, Roy Johnson representing Lula Belle Reiff presented the Petition to Vacate a Public Way located in Lancaster Township along with the Waiver of Notice and Consent form the property owners that have property that abuts to the property proposed to be vacated to the Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve Ordinance No. 2014-04 "An Ordinance Vacating A Public Way Located In Lancaster Township, Wells County, Indiana". Motion carried 2-0.

**IT Director:** Roger Richardson informed the Board of Commissioners that he has received two quotes to redesign the counties website. The current site is outdated and will continue to be harder to make updates. The low quote was from Claghorn Designs in the amount of \$6400 which can be paid in two installments; one in 2014 and the other in 2015. The redesign idea had also been presented to the department heads at the last department head meeting. The idea was brought up that some of the

departments that have unused budgets left at the end of the year could also help pay for the cost. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve \$3200 for Claghorn Designs for the first installment to start the project. Motion carried 2-0.

**Use of Annex Building:** EMA Director, Wayne Grove asked the Board of Commissioners if the annex building could be used by the Street Fair Idol contestants during the night of the competition. Wayne stated that he would be present during the time the building is open. The commissioners gave their approval.

**Title VI Policy & Implementation:** Title VI Coordinator, Roy Johnson went over the responsibilities of Title VI Coordinator and the recently signed "Wells County Nondiscrimination Statement of Policy" and "Wells County, Indiana Standard U.S. DOT Title VI Assurances" as well as the "Wells County Discrimination Complaint Procedure". Wells County will be posting this information on the county website and also meet with all the county department heads at the next department head meeting in October to keep everyone informed.

**Meeting Time Change:** Because the county surveyor is going to start taking classes that interfere with the current scheduled meeting times, the board of commissioners are changing the starting times for all the scheduled Monday Meetings. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Scott Mossburg for the Board of Commissioners to now meet at 8:00AM the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month and 8:30AM the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month for the rest of this year. Motion carried 2-0.

**2015 Holiday Schedule:** Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the 2015 Holiday Schedule. Motion carried 2-0.

**Adjourned:** Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:59 am

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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