

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 11-3-2014

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday November 3, 2014 at 8AM 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 October 20, 2014 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #22 in the amount of \$199,695.27.

Claims: Commissioners approved 150 claims in the amount of \$317,881.19.

New Hours For Probation Department: Greg Werich, Chief Probation Officer and Judge Kent Kiracofe came before the Board of Commissioners to ask permission to extend their office hours on Tuesday evenings to 6:30PM starting in January 2015. The new extended hours will help with scheduling for the new intensive supervision program that starts in 2015. With the extended hours there will be a need for courthouse security and the cost for the security officers will be paid from the Probation department's user fee fund. Teen court that is currently held on a Monday night will be changed to Tuesday night starting in 2015 so the courthouse can be opened for both programs on the same night. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the request from the probation office for the extended hours. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 76 inmates, 22 are DOC and one federal.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman informed the commissioners that the road markings have been completed and they are working on the last three townships for roadside mowing.

Wells County Highway Engineer: Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert informed the commissioners that the guardrail for structure #1026 will not be in until next week. Toby presented a design exception request for Bridge #193. The design exception is to change the curb offsets for a clear roadway width of 23'-9" to 23'-0". Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the Level One Design Exception Request. Motion carried 3-0. Toby also informed the commissioners that the public hearing was held last week regarding Bridge #193 one property owner attended and there were no problems with her concern.

Council of Aging: Betsy Collier presented statistical reports still showing increases in services that WOW is providing. Bonnie Valind presented the third quarter reimbursement report totaling \$84,124.00 along with the 2015 INDOT Contract. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the third quarter invoices for reimbursement in the amount of \$84,124.00. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the 2015 INDOT Contract and allow the president of the board to sign. Motion carried 3-0.

IT Director: Roger Richardson informed the commissioners that they have been working on the webpage design for the new Wells County web page.

Huntington City/Township Library Board: The previous appointed board member, Mari Stoffel has resigned from the Library Board. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to appoint Terry Miller to the Huntington City Township Public Library Board. Motion carried 3-0.

Health Insurance Renewal: Benefit Specialist Jennifer Heckman presented the renewal for the counties health insurance to the Board of Commissioners. Jennifer took the renewal out to market and received quotes back from our current carrier Anthem Blue Cross as well as UnitedHealthcare and Physicians Health Plan but the best option would be to stay with Anthem. The initial renewal amount with Anthem was going to be a 16% increase but Anthem agreed to a rate hold for 2015. Our current plan with Principal has an increase with the Voluntary Dental of 6% and the Life/AD&D has an increase of 4%, there is no increase for the Voluntary Vision. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the renewals with both Anthem Blue Cross and Principal. Motion carried 3-0.

Flexible Spending Plan: Jennifer Heckman also presented a new company to handle the employee's flexible spending accounts. Personnel deputy, Lisa McCormick explained to the board of commissioners that she has had a lot of problems with our current vendor "Employee's Administrative Services of Indiana" getting back with her so she did not mail the renewal in from the last commissioner's meeting and asked Jennifer Heckman to check on other companies. Jennifer presented a plan from a company called Basic. Basic's plan has less administrative fees and also offers online services. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to void the contract agreement with Employer's Administrative Services of Indiana. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the Flexible Spending Plan with Basic. Motion carried 3-0.

Economic Development Director: Tim Ehlerding presented the Wells County Economic Development Business Summary Report for the month of September highlighting on the announcement of Haldrup coming to Wells County. Tim presented an Economic Impact Analysis showing the amount of time it would take to pay back the investment that the county is making regarding the land purchase for the Haldrup Company since the question was asked at the last commissioners meeting. Tim's Analysis is showing the county would recover the \$36,000 by 2018. Tim also stated that he is working on a countywide incentive package agreement for the future.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:22AM.

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President, C. Scott Mossburg

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Blake Gerber

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor