

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 2-3-2014

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday February 3, 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 Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the minutes from January 21, 2014 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #3 in the amount of \$200,478.85.

Claims: Commissioners approved 200 claims in the amount of \$357,489.27.

Bridge Material Bids: Opened four bids that were received for Bridge Materials. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to refer the bids to the County Highway Supervisor and the County Engineer (Toby Steffen) for their review and recommendation. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 85 inmates, 15 are DOC and one federal. Sheriff Fisher gave a copy of the annual jail report to the Commissioners. Sheriff Fisher also informed the commissioners that a repairman has been at the jail all week working on an air handler so this could end up being a large claim amount.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman updated the commissioners on cost for his department relating to the winter weather. Ed stated that he has already used nearly a quarter of his fuel budget and his employees have worked 628 hours of overtime for the first three payrolls of the year so far.

Wells County Highway Engineer: Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert informed the commissioners that he received information from Independent Pipe that they have a structure they are getting rid of and would sell the pipe at a price of \$594.00 per linear foot. Toby stated the pipe could be used for two different locations on the Hoosier Highway; Structure No. 911 and also the structure just south of 200 South for a total of 90 feet. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the purchase of the pipe from Independent Pipe in the amount of \$53,460.00. Motion carried 3-0.

IT Department: IT Director, Roger Richardson reported that the IT Department is now on the list from the Sheriff on notifications regarding emergencies. The word is now getting out about snow emergencies and closing both on the County Website and Facebook. The IT Department is currently looking at new antivirus protection for county computers.

Courthouse Door Entrance: Commissioner Mossburg stated the handicap entrance to the courthouse has been closed because of raised cement in front of the door. The commissioners will look at the area after the meeting.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:25AM

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President, C. Scott Mossburg

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Blake Gerber

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor