

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 5-5-2014

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday May 5, 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 April 21, 2014 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #9 in the amount of \$205,092.54.

Claims: Commissioners approved 201 claims in the amount of \$191,630.65.

GIS Sharing Agreement: Michael Lautzenheiser Jr. presented GIS Sharing Agreements with the Town of Ossian and Bluffton-Harrison School District who share information that is on the counties GIS system. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the agreements and allow the president of the board to sign the agreements. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Monte Fisher reported 76 inmates, 15 are DOC and one federal.

State Road 1 South Main Street: Commissioner's Mossburg and Gerber recently attended a meeting with INDOT regarding the State Road 1 South Main Street project and wanted to present the information at their commissioners meeting. Also present at the meeting were concerned Business owners. Business owner, Bill Gentis with Bluffton Tire is very concerned about losing one of his driveways and the commissioners would like to have County Road 200 South included in the project. Although the board of commissioners believe there is no way to stop the project they would like to see some changes made to the design that would include INDOT working with business owners on their needs and include County Road 200 South to their design. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Kevin Woodward to draft a letter to be sent to Todd Johnson at INDOT asking them to change the design on the project. Motion carried 3-0.

Small Bridge Inspection: Leo Rumschlag presented his final report on the small stream structure inspection that he has been working on for the past 6 months. There were a total of 504 small structures inspected with a total of 52 to be replaced within the next 10 years according to Mr. Rumschlag's report. The Board of Commissioners thanks Leo Rumschlag for all his work and stated they would review the report and work with the county engineer and Highway supervisor on the needed repairs or replacements.

Wells County Highway Engineer: Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert recommended that structure #455 in Union Township be replace as soon as possible. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to replace structure #455. Motion carried 3-0. Toby informed the board of commissioners that Ed Herman would be replacing signage at four locations do to the recommendation from the small stream structure inspection that was done by Leo Rumschlag. Toby reported that Bridge #204 has been completed by Primco and work will soon be started on Structure #911 on Hoosier Highway and Structure #92 on 400 South. Toby is recommending that structure #1026

in Liberty Township be replaced with new geosynthetic reinforced-material, a new type of material that has been used in Ohio which could save the county around \$20,000.00. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to have Toby Steffen do the design work to replace structure #1026 with the new geosynthetic reinforced-material. Motion carried 3-0

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman informed the commissioners that he would be picking up one of the new tractors today and the other tractor should be available in June. Ed also informed the commissioners that there was a total of 170 residents sign up for Dust Control. Ed provided information and some pictures of roads that have been damaged from large equipment traveling on them and also stated that when the roads were damaged no one informed the highway department about the damage. Ed would like to know how he should pursue with invoicing for the repairs. The commissioners stated that residents should be hold accountable for damages they do to roads and they should also inform the highway department when the damage is done. Ed stated another issue he is having is farmers farming too far into the ditches which is affecting the drainage on the roads. Ed will provide a list of roads that are affected and have the commissioner's talk with the farmers.

IT Director: Roger Richardson reported that his department has just been working on repairs.

911 Texting: 911 Director, Adam McCartney informed the commissioners that the 911 system is now able to send out 911 text messages to callers and they will soon be able to received 911 text messages.

Hoosier START Deferred Compensation Plan: Retirement Plan Counselor, Todd Williams came before the commissioners to explain the Hoosier START Deferred Compensation Plan. To participate in the plan the county would need to adopt the plan through a resolution. The Board of Commissioners asked the County Attorney to review the plan and report back to them.

Data Pit Stop Agreement: Signed the Data Pit Stop agreement after the County Attorneys review and approval (Misc. 2014-10).

SRI Tax Sale Support Services Addendum: Auditor, Beth Davis presented the annual SRI Tax Sale Support Services Addendum (Misc. 2014-11). Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the addendum pending the county attorney's review. Motion carried 3-0.

HazMat Day: Commissioner Scott Mossburg stated 356 vehicles went through on HazMat day that was held on Saturday, May 3, 2014.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:55 am

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President, C. Scott Mossburg

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Blake Gerber

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor