

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 5-19-2014

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday May 19, 2014 at 9:30AM 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 May 5, 2014 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #10 in the amount of \$201,349.10.

Claims: Commissioners approved 463 claims in the amount of \$373,377.50.

Bituminous Material Liquid Bids: Opened two bids that were received from KT Specialty and Asphalt Materials.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 76 inmates, 16 are DOC and no federal prisoner at this time. Sheriff Fisher informed the commissioners that the tile repair for the shed addition was \$2,280.33.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: The Board of Commissioners read the two Bituminous bids aloud and a motion was made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to refer the bids to Ed Herman for his review and recommendations. Motion carried 3-0. Ed informed the commissioners that an INDOT tracking meeting regarding Bridge #193 will be held on Thursday, May 22nd at 11:35AM.

Wells County Highway Engineer: Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert presented a change order for Bridge #204 along with an affidavit of completion. The total invoice including the change order is for \$158,553.53. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the change order in the amount of \$543.53. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to allow the president of the board to sign the affidavit for completion of Bridge #204. Motion carried 3-0. Toby informed the commissioners that structure #911 on Hoosier Highway has been completed. Toby provided a quote from Mack Industries in the amount of \$45,046.00 for a 4 sided box culvert to replace structure #455 in Union Township which is considered a high priority structure repair. Toby also informed the commissioners that they would not be able to get the culvert until July or August. The Board of Commissioners stated they would like to have this project done sooner if possible and ask Toby if he could check to see if that would be possible. Toby asked if he could have permission to proceed if he was able to get something sooner without having to wait until the next commissioners meeting. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to allow the President of the Board to make an emergency decision if Toby finds another vendor to do it quicker. Motion carried 3-0. Toby stated that he is still working on a solution regarding Mr. Blinn's property that was affected by the reconstruction of Bridge #59.

Economic Development Director: Tim Ehlerding informed the Board of Commissioners that Linder Oil in Ossian is expanding and will need rail access from Norfolk Southern for the expansion. Tim asked the commissioners for \$35,000.00 from the CEDIT revenues to help fund the project which would include purchasing 1.5 acres along the north border of the company and adding 116 foot for rail car storage.

The town of Ossian is also putting in \$2,000.00 from their CEDIT revenue toward the project. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve up to \$35,000.00 from the Counties CEDIT funds to move the project forward. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Transit: Bonnie Valind and Betsy Collier with Wells on Wheels presented the First Quarter flow charts and reports for Public Transit showing growth again this year. The first quarter operating expenses totaled \$107,166.00. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to allow the president of the board to sign the INDOT first quarter Contract Invoice for reimbursement in the amount of \$79,353.00. Motion carried 3-0. Bonnie informed the commissioners that she is getting ready to present the 2015 Grant request and asked if Wells on Wheels would continue to receive support from the county in the amount of \$53,000.00 for 2015. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the request of \$53,000.00 and continue to support Wells on Wheels for 2015. Motion carried 3-0.

Extension Office New Copier: Roger Sherer informed the commissioners that his department is updated their copier and he would like to lease a new copier from Perry Corp. The Lease would be for a five year contract in the amount of \$4,211.25 per year. The commissioners asked Roger to get the contract to the County attorney so he could review it.

Building Repairs: Custodian, Bobbie Studebaker came before the commissioners with several repairs that need to be done at the courthouse and annex buildings. The cement in front of the handicap entrance at the courthouse needs to be fixed; water continues to get into the building when it rains. The commissioners asked Bobbie to get quotes from contractors to fix the problem. There continues to be two different leaks that cannot be identified, one at the Annex building women's bathroom and one in the probation department on the fourth floor of the courthouse. The commissioners ask Bobbie to remove the material around the leaks and wait until it rains to see if they can identify where the leak is coming from. Bobbie provided quotes to update the lights in the stairwell at the courthouse. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the quote from S&B Electric per Bobbie's recommendation in the amount of \$1,994.49. Motion carried 3-0.

Tax Sale Support Addendum: Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the Tax Sale Support Services Addendum (Misc. 2014-11). Motion carried 3-0.

Solid Waste Salary contract: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the 2014 Salary Contract between Wells County Solid Waste District and Wells County Government. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:50am

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President, C. Scott Mossburg

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Blake Gerber

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor