

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 1-3-2012

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday January 3, 2012 at 9AM in the Commissioner's Room of the Wells County Carnegie Annex, Bluffton, IN. Those in attendance were Commissioners, Kevin Woodward, Paul Bonham and C. Scott Mossburg. Also in attendance were County Attorney, Trent Patterson and County Auditor, Beth Davis.

Reorganization of Board: County Auditor, Beth Davis opened the meeting asking for nominations for President and Vice-President for 2012 Board of Commissioner's. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to nominate Kevin Woodward as President for the Board of Commissioners for 2012. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Kevin Woodward to nominate Paul Bonham as Vice-President for the Board of Commissioners for 2012. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to nominate Trent Patterson as council for the Board of Commissioner's. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes: Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the minutes from December 19, 2011 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #26 in the amount of \$192,917.30.

Claims: Commissioners approved 259 claims in the amount of \$401,349.05.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 95 inmates, 26 are DOC and 1 Federal. Sheriff Fisher provided three quotes to replace a compressor on the chiller and recommended they go with the low bid of \$11,823 from BTS. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to go with the bid from BTS in the amount of \$11,823. Motion carried 3-0. Sheriff Fisher informed the commissioners he is looking at adding about 8 cameras' to cover blind spots at the jail.

Appointment to Homeland Security District 3 Planning Commission: Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to re-appoint Monte Fisher to the Homeland Security District 3 Planning Commission. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman informed the commissioners that they are still working on taking down ash trees and working on roads.

Appointment of the Highway Supervisor: Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to re-appoint Ed Herman as Wells County Highway Supervisor for 2012. Motion carried 3-0.

Rolling Reassessment Recommendation: County Assessor, Rick Smith reviewed the bids and discovered a difference in the NEXUS bid from the amount he stated at the December 19th meeting. The outcome of the bids are still the same with NEXUS being the low bid at \$477,500 compared to Indiana Assessment Services at \$649,360, therefore Rick's recommendation would be to accept to bid from NEXUS for the 5 year contract. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to accept the County Assessor's recommendation of the contract with NEXUS pending the County Attorney's approval. Motion carried 3-0.

9:15 recessed the Commissioners meeting to go back to the Drainage Board Meeting to make Appointment of board. 9:17 reconvened the Commissioners meeting.

Appointment of Sick Bank Committee: Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to appoint Susie Reinhard, Marlene Hoag, Diana Collins, Deana Price and Lisa Eichler to Wells County Sick Bank Committee. Motion carried 3-0.

Appointment to Emergency Management Director: Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to re-appoint Wayne Grove as the Wells County Emergency Management Director. Motion carried 3-0.

Appointment to Courthouse Custodian: Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Kevin Woodward to re-appoint Bobbie Studebaker as the Courthouse Custodian. Motion carried 3-0.

Appointment to Veteran Service Officer: Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to re-appoint Claude McMillan as the Wells County Veteran Service Officer. Motion carried 3-0.

Appointment to Alcoholic Beverage Board: Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to re-appoint John Whicker to the Alcoholic Beverage Board. Motion carried 3-0.

Appointments to PTABOA Board: Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to re-appoint Larry McChessney and Rex Gentis to serve on the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals. Motion carried 3-0.

Appointment to the Common Construction Wage Committee: Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to re-appoint Kevin Woodward to the Common Construction Wage Committee. Motion carried 3-0.

Regional Sewer District: Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to have Trent Patterson forward the letter he received to the County's Insurance Agent regarding a group on residents called (BEST) stating they have hired an attorney to represent them. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to allow the request for \$110.00 for rent of the meeting room for the Wells County Regional Sewer District for the first 6 months of the year. Motion carried 3-0.

Appointments to EDC Board and Chamber: Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Kevin Woodward to Appoint Paul Bonham to the Economic Development Board and Scott Mossburg to the Chamber of Commerce Board. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners Meeting Time Change: Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to change the 2nd meeting of the month to 9:30am. Motion carried 3-0.

Everence Insurance Service Agreement: Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve and have Kevin sign the Everence Service Agreement, pending Trent's approval. Motion carried 3-0.

Bridge Equipment Bid: Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to advertise on January 19th and January 26th to accept bids for Bridge Equipment. Bids to be opened on February 6, 2012.

Transfer of Vehicle: County Surveyor, Jarrod Hahn asked if he could trade his county truck he is currently driving for the vehicle that the County Engineer was driving. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to allow Surveyor to have the truck that was the County Engineer's and to sell the truck the surveyor is currently driving through SRI's online sales with the funds going back to the Highway Department. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:50 am

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President, Kevin Woodward

Vice President, Paul Bonham

C. Scott Mossburg

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor