

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 1-7-2013

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday January 7, 2013 at 9AM in the Commissioner's Room of the Wells County Carnegie Annex, Bluffton, IN. Those in attendance were Commissioners, Kevin Woodward, Blake Gerber and C. Scott Mossburg. Also in attendance were County Attorney, Roy Johnson and County Auditor, Beth Davis.

Reorganization of Board: County Auditor, Beth Davis opened the meeting asking for nominations for President and Vice-President for 2013 Board of Commissioner's. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to nominate Scott Mossburg as President for the Board of Commissioners for 2013. Motion carried 2-0-1. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Blake Gerber to nominate Kevin Woodward as Vice-President for the Board of Commissioners for 2013. Motion carried 2-0-1.

Minutes: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the minutes from December 17, 2012 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #26 in the amount of \$194,838.28 and Payroll #1 in the amount of \$195,021.71.

Claims: Commissioners approved 185 claims in the amount of \$242,451.74.

2013 Appointments: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to appoint Roy Johnson for the County Attorney. Motion carried 3-0; Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to re-appoint Butler Fairman Seufert as the County Engineer. Motion carried 3-0; Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to re-appoint Ed Herman as the County Highway Supervisor. Motion carried 3-0; Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to re-appoint Bobbie Studebaker as the Custodian. Motion carried 3-0; Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to re-appoint Roger Richardson as the County IT Director. Motion carried 3-0; Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to re-appoint Claude McMillian as the County Veteran's Officer. Motion carried 3-0; Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to re-appoint Wayne Grove at the County Emergency Management Director. Motion carried 3-0; Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to re-appoint Lisa Eichler, Susie Reinhard, Deana Price, Marlene Hoag and Diana Collins to the Courthouse Sick Bank Committee. Motion carried 3-0; Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to re-appoint Rex Gentis and Larry McChessney to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals. Motion carried 3-0; Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to re-appoint Monte Fisher to the District Three Planning Commission. Motion carried 3-0; Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to re-appoint Lee VonGunten to the Wells County Regional Sewer District. Motion carried 3-0; Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to re-appoint Sally Miller to the Community & Family Services Executive Board. Motion carried 3-0; Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to re-appoint John Whicker to the Local Alcoholic Beverage Board. Motion carried 3-0; Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Kevin Woodward to appoint Kevin Woodward to the Wells County Economic Development Board. Motion carried 2-0-1; Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Scott Mossburg to appoint Blake Gerber to the Wells County Chamber of Commerce Board. Motion carried 2-0-1; Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to appoint Scott Mossburg to the Common Construction Wage Committee. Motion carried 2-0-1.

Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Blake Gerber to appoint Kevin Woodward to the Wells County EMS Board. Motion carried 2-0-1; Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to appoint Scott Mossburg to the Wells County Steering Committee. Motion carried 2-0-1. The Commissioners still have one appoint to fill for the Wells County Regional Sewer District.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 92 inmates, 6 are DOC and 1 Federal. Sheriff Fisher provided quotes to replace the 5 stage Boiler Controller at the Jail. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to accept the quote from Felger Hart, Inc. in the amount of \$1,185.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman provided updates on MVH, LR&S and Wheel Tax. Ed informed the commissioners that he had received the funds for the Rail Road Crossing Grant. Ed informed the commissioners that an insurance adjuster and a representative from the Truck Company have both been down the look at the New Truck that had caught on fire; no more information is available at this time for the cause of the fire or the estimated damage amount.

Wells County Engineer: Toby Steffen with Butler Fairman Seufert stated he would provide an addendum to the current contract since the commissioners appoint his firm again for the year 2013. Toby stated he would provide a list to the commissioners of the recommendations he has for the structures in Wells County. Toby discussed the Adams Street Detour that will be taking place explaining that it could be a problem because of several construction sites within the same area.

IT Department: Roger Richardson and David Teeple informed the commissioners of the projects they have been working on during their first few weeks. They have replaced a couple of computers and have been doing several updates.

Emergency Management Performance Grant: EMA Director, Wayne Grove presented an amendment to the 2011 Emergency Management Performance Grant which would increase the amount of reimbursement to the county in the amount of \$2,168. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve Amendment No. 1 for the 2011 Emergency Management Performance Grant paid in 2012 increasing the amount of reimbursement. Motion carried 3-0.

Satellite Manure Lagoon: Area Plan Director, Michael Lautzenheiser Jr., drafted a letter for the commissioners to sign and send to IDEM showing they are in opposition of approving Bruce Leas's petition to develop a satellite manure lagoon at the corner of 600W and 1100S. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to send the letter to IDEM showing the Board of Commissioners is in opposition of IDEM issuing a permit. Motion carried 3-0.

Covered Bridge Certification: Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Scott Mossburg to sign the annual Covered Bridge Certification showing that Wells County has zero (0) covered bridges. Motion carried 3-0.

Regional Sewer District: Commissioner Mossburg stated he had talked with Todd Austin with the State Board of Accounts regarding the information that Lee VonGunten provided at the last commissioners meeting regarding the Sewer District paying back the County for money that has already been spent. Mr. Austin suggested Wells County Regional Sewer District handle all their own claims as their own entity. Commissioner Mossburg suggested that any funds the county had budgeted for the Sewer District be transferred to the district upon a claim from the district. The County has budgeted an

amount of \$5,000.00 for the 2013 budget year. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to roll the \$5,000.00 to the Regional Sewer District upon their claim so the District can fund themselves. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:11 am

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President, C. Scott Mossburg

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Blake Gerber

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor