

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 1-17-2012

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday January 17, 2012 at 9:30AM 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.

Minutes: Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the minutes from January 3, 2012 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #1 in the amount of \$183,502.26

Claims: Commissioners approved 193 claims in the amount of \$299,382.84

Wells County Sheriff: Monte Fisher reported 99 inmates, 28 are DOC and 1 Federal. Sheriff Fisher informed the commissioners that he would like to go back to an 8 hour day rather than an 8 ½ hour day within the 28 day pay period that the sheriff's department has. Sheriff Fisher feels this change will work better with his department's budget. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve the sheriff's request to change the hours for his department from 8 ½ hours to 8 hour. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to accept the 2012 salary contract for Wells County Sheriff. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman gave updates on MVH, LR&S and Wheel Tax. Ed provided information he received from INDOT regarding a project they are doing on State Road 116 which will include an Unofficial Detour on Wells CR-750 E between SR-116 and SR-218. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the unofficial detour. Motion carried 3-0. Ed asked the commissioners how they would like to handle the pipe from the Schoeff drain on 900 N. The County Surveyor is asking about using the pipe for another project. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to allow the Surveyor to purchase the pipe for \$5,000.00 providing the pipe comes out in one piece and to wait until spring to begin the project. Motion carried 3-0. Ed also provided quotes from E&B Paving for work to be done on CR 100 South.

Workers Compensation Insurance: Insurance Agent, Richard Randol provided information regarding the county's workers compensation insurance which renews in February 2012. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to continue the workers compensation insurance with Bituminous insurance in the amount of \$57,784.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Council on Aging: Bonnie and Betsy provided comparison sheets showing the amount of trips being made with Wells on Wheels. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to allow Commissioner President, Kevin Woodward to sign the 4th quarter claims to INDOT for \$0.00. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to allow Kevin to sign grant from INDOT to have one of the mini vans replaced that has over 200,000 miles. Motion carried 3-0.

Covered Bridge Certification: Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the certification showing Wells County has -0- covered bridges. Motion carried 3-0.

Annual Statement of County's Receipts and Expenditures: The commissioners acknowledged the annual receipts and expenditures from 2011 and state that these reports have been posted per IC 36-2-2-19.

Ossian Water Extension Project: The Commissioners discussed the amount of funding they could provide to the town of Ossian from the county's CEDIT fund with Ossian Town Council Member, Josh Barkley. The commissioners had already committed to \$16,000 in 2011 which have not yet been disbursed so they are adding an additional \$59,000,00 bring the total to \$75,000.00 Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to provided a total of \$75,000 to the Town of Ossian for their Water Extension Project from the County's CEDIT Funds. Motion carried 3-0.

County Engineer: A brief discussion was done regarding what the county is going to do regarding a County engineer. A work session will be scheduled at a later time.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:37 am

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President, Kevin Woodward

Vice President, Paul Bonham

C. Scott Mossburg

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor