

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session January 22, 2013

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 9:30AM 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.

Minutes: Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the minutes from January 7, 2013 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #2 in the amount of \$207,547.06.

Claims: Commissioners approved 294 claims in the amount of \$294,463.88.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 95 inmates, 5 are DOC and one federal. Sheriff Fisher informed the commissioners he would be presenting a sick bank policy for the Sheriff Department and Jail at the next meeting.

Community Corrections Grant: Community Corrections Director, Blake Poindexter presented the Grant Application for 2013-2015. The Grant will be for the same as previous years in the amount of \$179,526.00. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the Community Corrections grant application. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Highway Supervisor, Ed Herman provided an update on the truck fire. The insurance companies report shows the fire as undetermined so they are going to have a second investigator look to see if they find anything. Ed was contacted by Rockford Stone Quarry asking if they could provide a bid for the stone bids that was previously opened at the November 19, 2012 meeting. County Attorney, Roy Johnson stated that after the bids were opened then they become public record, he will look into the statue and report back at the next meeting.

Wells County Highway Engineer: Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert informed the Commissioners the log jam on 100 West took care of itself but now there is a new log jam on 600 west, he will provide a quote at the next meeting. Discussed the Western Avenue project and a motion was made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to offer the City of Bluffton to pay half the engineering cost of the Western Avenue Project. Motion carried 3-0. Toby will provide a list of the top 10 intersections to begin working on for the Wells County ADA Transaction Plain.

IT Department: Director, Roger Richardson provided information about a new backup system for the county which will provide both backup service and Log Mein service at a lesser price than is currently being used. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to terminate the current contract with FPC and go with the new company "Carbonite". Motion carried 3-0. Roger informed the commissioners that after the Perry Corporation Printer contract is finished he will like to do a 6 month trail with Advanced Imaging. Roger will get a contact from Advanced Imaging to the County Attorney to review. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve Resolution No. 2013-1 " A Resolution Authorizing the Wells County IT Department to Obtain and Use a Credit Card". Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Economic Development: Tim Ehlerding provided updates to the commissioners on current activity going on in Wells County. Currently there are three companies that are talking about expanding. Commissioner Woodward announced that he would like to step down from the representative to the Economic Development Board and have Commissioner Gerber fill the appointment. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Kevin Woodward to appoint Blake Gerber to the Economic Development Board. Motion carried 2-0-1.

Workers Compensation Insurance: Richard Randol provided insurance renewal information to the commissioners for the counties workers compensation insurance, there is an increase of 10.84%. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to accept the Workers Compensation quote from Bituminous Insurance in the amount of \$64,046.00. Motion carried 3-0.

All State Insurance Representative: Dave Graham gave the commissioners an update on his Benefit program that he has presented to county employees.

Annual Gross Wage Report: The commissioners acknowledged the annual report of names and compensation paid to county employees for 2012.

Huntington City-Township Public Library Board Appointment: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to appoint Fred Scheiber as a joint appointment to the Huntington City-Township Public Library Board and to have president, Scott Mossburg to sign the certificate. Motion carried 3-0.

Thomas Bailey and Daniel Felger Letter: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the letter referencing the right of way on County Road 100 East for ingress and egress purposes (Misc. 2013-01). Motion carried 3-0.

Regional Sewer District: District president, Lee VonGunten came before the commissioners stating after the response he received back from Todd Austin with State Board of Account, he felt like the district would not be responsible to pay back the county for the expenses that have already been paid by the County. Commissioner Mossburg stated he would go with whatever the State Board of Accounts Auditor's determined during their upcoming annual audit. The commissioners will terminate their current contract with DLZ leaving it up to the Regional Sewer District to enter into their own contract as they wish. County Attorney, Roy Johnson will prepare an agreement between the County Commissioners and the Regional Sewer District on the \$5,000.00 that has been budgeted for the 2013 Budget year.

Wind Farm: John Mattox with the Wells County Concerned Citizens expressed his concerns regarding the Apex Wind Farms.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 12:09PM

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C. Scott Mossburg

Kevin S. Woodward

Blake Gerber

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor