

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 3-4-2013

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday March 4, 2013 at 9AM 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 Scott Mossburg to approve the minutes from February 19, 2013 regular session. Motion carried 2-0. Kevin Woodward Abstained.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #5 in the amount of \$195,601.45.

Claims: Commissioners approved 200 claims in the amount of \$291,182.84.

Proclamation for Flood Safety Awareness Week: Wells County Surveyor, Jarrod Hahn came before the commissioners with a proclamation to name March 18-22, 2013 Flood Safety Awareness Week. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to proclaim March 18-22, 2013 Flood Safety Awareness Week (Misc. 2013-07). Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Monte Fisher reported 103 inmates, 7 are DOC and one federal. Sheriff Fisher provided a quote to upgrade the Time Clock at the jail. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the quote from TimeClock Plus in the amount of \$421.00. Motion carried 3-0. Sheriff Fisher provided two quotes for repair to the Air Handling Unit at the jail, one from BTS and one from Felger Hart. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the quote from BTS in the amount of \$2,104.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman informed the commissioners that he needs their Bridge Inspection score sheets as soon as possible. On March 12, 2013 another truck fire inspection will take place to try and determine the cause of fire to the new Highway Truck.

Wells County Highway Engineer: Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert provided two quotes for the log jam on 600 W. The quote from Ramseyer Excavating would drag logs from river and return in the spring to burn and bury them. The quote from John Stahly would remove logs from river and haul away debris. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the quote from Ramseyer Excavating in the amount of \$3,850.00. Motion carried 3-0. Toby gave the commissioners his recommendations by year on which bridges and culverts he would like to replace or repair.

IT Department: IT Director, Roger Richardson and Assistant Director, David Teeple informed the commissioners that they have moved to the new backup service and cancelled the old service with FPC. Roger is working with the county attorney and Advanced Imaging regarding the new printer service agreement.

EMA Director: Wayne Grove came before the commissioners requesting an additional charge to the Adams Wells Internet bill in the amount of \$34.95 each month. The will be for the Weather Camera on the City of Bluffton's Tower. The camera will be used for weather surveillance for police and fire.

Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to allow the additional fee to the Adams Wells Internet bill. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners Certificate Sale: SRI Representative, Joe Edwards and County Treasurer, Shar Mechling came before the commissioners with information about the 8 remaining property's that did not sale from the 2012 Tax Sale. SRI would like to assist the county with an online certificate sale to take place in May 2013. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to accept the SRI Agreement pending the county attorney's approval and setting the minimum bid at \$100.00 for each property. Motion carried 3-0.

Citizens Against Drug Abuse: Greg Werich, came before the commissioners with the recommendations from the CADA committee for expenditure in 2013. The expenditure request is broke down into four areas; Treatment, Education/Prevention, Judicial and Administration for a total amount of \$10,650.00. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the expenditure request from CADA. Motion carried 3-0.

Area Plan Commission Ordinance Amendment: Area Plan Director, Michael Lautzenheiser Jr. has separated the 4 amendment recommendations to the Zoning and Floodplain Management Ordinance into two separate ordinance changes. The first two amendments were for changes to the WECS. And the second two amendments referred to CAFO. The second two CAFO recommendations were approved at the February 19, 2013 commissioners meeting. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Ordinance No. 2013-01 approving the recommendation from the Area Plan Commission for Amendment 3 changing the public use area to include structures listed on the national or state historic registers that are used for public gatherings, and Amendment 4 changing violation fees. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to allow Commissioner Mossburg to sign as president. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to table the first two amendment changes referring to the wind turbines until further research can be done and all agreements have been signed. Motion carried 3-0. If the Commissioners to not act on the recommended changes within 90 days then the recommended changes would go into effect.

Wells County Concerned Citizens: Bill Morris and John Maddox along with attorney, Pat Hess came before the commissioners again asking them to approve the recommendations from the Area Plan commission to change the setbacks on wind turbines to 1800 feet and change the shadow flicker to forth-five hours per year. Other residents that addressed the commissioners with their concerns regarding the wind farms were: Terry Elszoth, Leslie Gaskill and Chuck Brooks.

Delinquent Taxes: Wells County Councilmen, Michael Mossburg and Phillip Stoller came before the commissioners to inform them that one of their appointments to the Area Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals has delinquent property taxes that were due and also has had a history of delinquent taxes over the past several years.

Electronic Data Request: Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to allow county attorney, Roy Johnson to look into a resolution setting guild lines into allowing residents to request electronic data. Motion carried 3-0.

Solid Waste Salary Contract: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the 2013 Salary Contract for Solid Waste. Motion carried 3-0.

Courthouse Plaza Usage: Discussed if an agreement needs to be entered into for organized meetings held on the courthouse square. Commissioners with discuss this issue at a future meeting. Larry Studebaker was at the commissioners meeting and spoke against having an agreement.

Bargain Hut Agreement: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to have Roy Johnson prepare an agreement for the Bargain Hut building between the commissioners and Wells Community Health Services Foundation. Motion carried 3-0.

Direct Deposit on Payroll: Commissioners approved the county the go totally on direct deposit for payroll when the auditor and treasurer go live with the new payroll software.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 11:17 am

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President, C. Scott Mossburg

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Blake Gerber

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor