

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session 4-4-2011

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday April 4, 2011 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.

**Minutes:** Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve the minutes from March 21, 2011 meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

**Payroll:** Commissioners approved Payroll #7 in the amount of \$184,324.42

**Claims:** Commissioners approved 153 claims in the amount of \$185,246.36

**Bids for Tandem Dump Truck:** Trent Patterson opened the 2 bids that were received for the Tandem Dump Truck. Paul Bonham read the 1<sup>st</sup> bid from Fort Wayne Truck Center Inc. in the amount of \$139,819.00 and Scott Mossburg read the 2<sup>nd</sup> bid from Selking of Fort Wayne in the amount of \$140,100.00. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to have Ed Herman, Highway Supervisor review the bids and made his recommendation at the next meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

**Wells County Sheriff:** Monte Fisher reported 76 inmates, 26 are DOC. Application to house federal inmates is being sent and the first inspection of the facility has already taken place.

Sheriff Fisher is having Trent Patterson prepare an ordinance regarding registration fees for Sex Offenders.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Ed Herman gave updates on stone, sand & salt usage. The Tree Project for Bridge 59 has been completed.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Larry Owen updated the commissioners on Bridge 59, still looking at a May letting with construction to begin in June.

Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the permit from United REMC to install an overhead power line on Co Rd 450S. Motion carried 3-0. The Commissioners would like Trent Patterson to look into having a hold harmless agreement put into place for right of way work done by utility companies.

**Re-Establishment of Property Lines:** Larry Owen updated the commissioners on his finding regarding changing of township lines. Michael Lautzenheiser Jr. explained a survey could be done to determine how much of each property is in each township. Scott Mossburg stated it would cost the county more to make the change than it would be worth since we are only talking about a few dollars difference, he thought it would be best to leave it the way it is. Kevin Woodward also noted he would not be inclined to make any changes at this time. Kevin and Scott both felt the property owner should be the one to make the changes if they choose to.

**Courthouse Tree:** The Commissioners have decided to replace the courthouse tree with another tree. Anyone wanting to donate a tree should contact Commissioner Paul Bonham. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to have Paul draft a letter to the American Legion to approve a space by the flagpole for their cannon if they so choose. Motion carried 3-0.

**Crane for Ziolkowski Tusk Project:** Trent Patterson recommended the commissioners contact Ziolkowski Construction and ask them to take precaution to not damage cement when the crane is placed on the courthouse square and the county would hold them responsible if they fell to do so.

**Regional Sewer District:** Decided to book the small room at the Library for their meetings on the third Monday of each month.

**Employee Handbook:** Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve several changes made to the employee handbook and to send the handbook to employees by email when possible. Motion carried 3-0.

**Employee Sick Bank:** Scott Mossburg will contact the Sick Bank Committee to make changes to the policy they had presented.

**Reports:** Signed Monthly Report for county offices

**Adjourned:** Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:20 am

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President, Kevin Woodward

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Vice President, Paul Bonham

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C. Scott Mossburg

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor