

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session 4-16-2012

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday April 16, 2012 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 Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the minutes from April 2, 2012 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

**Payroll:** Commissioners approved Payroll #8 in the amount of \$185,266.61.

**Claims:** Commissioners approved 135 claims in the amount of \$214,819.94

**Wells County Sheriff:** Monte Fisher reported 74 inmates, 7 are DOC and 1 federal. Sheriff Fisher presented a 5 year agreement proposal between Advanced Imaging and Wells County Sheriff for equipment, accessories, supplies, service calls, parts and labor on copiers and printers for his department. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve the 5 year agreement with Advanced Imaging as presented. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Woodward stated that he would like Advanced Imaging to do an analysis on the rest of the offices in the County. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to resend the motion from the previous commissioners meeting to approve the purchase of a new copier with Office Concepts until the analysis is completed with Advanced Imaging. Motion carried 3-0. Sheriff Fisher would like to raise the co-pay for inmates to see the nurse. County Attorney will look at preparing an ordinance or resolution to accommodate this request. Sheriff Fisher informed the commissioners that he would be requesting funds from the LOIT Public Safety fund to replace the needed cameras in the jail.

**2012 Primary Election Polling Places:** Commissioners approved the polling locations for the May 8, 2012 Primary Election.

**Markle Water Tower:** Markle Clerk-Treasurer, Shelly Monticue along with several Huntington County representatives asked the County Commissioners to support their new water tower project in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the counties CEDIT funds. The total estimated cost of the project will be \$737,000.00. The county of Huntington has committed to \$100,000.00 and the Town of Markle has committed to \$100,000.00 in TIFF funds and \$50,000.00 in CEDIT funds. A Bank loan has been arranged for up to \$500,000.00 on a 12 year loan term. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to allow for \$50,000.00 from CEDIT funding for the Markle Water Project. Motion carried 3-0.

**Property and Liability Insurance Renewal:** Richard Randol with General Insurance presented an insurance proposal with 2 different options for the counties property and liability insurance. Mr. Randol recommended the county stay with option 1 and change the uninsured/underinsured from \$500,000.00 to \$100,000.00 each accident. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to accept option #1 with an amendment to uninsured /underinsured to \$100,000.00. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Randol provided information he received from Bliss McKnight regarding the Bike Race stating they recommend the sponsors of the event provide a certificate of insurance with the county added the county as an additional insured.

**EMA Salary Reimbursement:** EMA Director, Wayne Grove and Advisory Board Member Blake Poindexter presented the commissioners with information they received from the state that is forcing the counties to appoint a full time Emergency Management Director. In a letter received from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security; which stated to receive Salary Reimbursement the EMA director would have to complete several training and exercise requirements. A part time director would not be able to complete this task. Grove and Poindexter both feel a full time director is not needed at this time and they would like to continue in a part time capacity.

**Community Corrections Grant:** Blake Poindexter presented the Community Corrections grant for 2012. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve the Community Correction Grant for 2012. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADA Compliance:** Dan Avery with NIRCC offered to work on the ADA Compliance study for Wells County to make sure our county is in compliance with the ADA requirements. INDOT has required that every public agency has to self report that they are in compliance with ADA requirements. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to request Dan Avery with NIRCC to do the ADA study for the County and small towns. Motion carried. The point of contact person will be the Auditor's Office.

**Brownfields Assessment Coalition:** Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to allow Commissioner Kevin Woodward to sign the EPA Brownsfield Assessment Coalition Grant. Motion carried 3-0.

**FPC Replacement Server:** Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to allow for the new server for the Auditor's Office in the amount of \$10,603.00. Motion carried 3-0.

**FPC Server Agreement:** Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the service contract with FPC with the amendment that either party may terminated the agreement upon a 90 day written notice. Motion carried 3-0.

**Flood Safety Awareness Week:** Proclamation signed for Flood Safety Awareness Week: April 12-16, 2012.

**Wells County Comprehensive Plan:** Area Plan Director, Michael Lautzenheiser Jr. let the commissioners know he will be sending a letter to the commissioners asking for a representative from the commissioners to be a committee member and each committee member is to appoint subcommittee members. Commissioner Mossburg volunteered to be the commissioner's committee member.

**Flood Risk Open House:** A Open House meeting has been set for May 1, 2012 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm for the public regarding flood risk information.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Ed Herman gave updates on MVH, LR&S and Wheel Tax. Discussed the temporary Construction entrances being left in place from AEP if the property owner wants it to stay. Provided the traffic counts on Bridge #206. Provided updates on Bridge #59, weather permitting the bridge should be open around the middle of May. Stated Bituminous material bids will be presented at the next commissioners meeting on May 7, 2012 at 9:00am. Commissioners told Ed to finish the project on 200. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to have USI apply for the federal aid project grant for bridge #193. Motion carried 3-0. Butler Fairman Seufert was the low bid

for engineering services so a Motion was made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to hire Butler Fairman Seufert on a monthly basis for the remaining of this year. Motion carried 3-0. The yearly fee on the bid was for \$36,212.00 or around \$3,000.00 a month. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to have USI do a preliminary study on the engineering on Bridge #206. Motion carried 3-0.

**CEDIT Agreement:** Commissioner Mossburg addressed some of the issues that were brought up at the previous commissioners meeting. Mossburg quoted information from the Journal regarding Noble County. Mossburg also addressed issues regarding the bridges in Wells County and the funding that will be needed. Mossburg stressed that only elected official should be spending CEDIT Funds. Motion was made by Scott Mossburg to resend the motion from the last commissioners meeting giving \$200,000.00 to the chamber. Although commissioners Bonham and Woodward would not second the motion they both made commits regarding the agreement, Woodward stated he would like to revisit with the Chamber Board regarding the agreement and Bonham stated if we got to the point that we need money we would go to the board and ask them for it. Motion died for a lack of a second.

**Adjourned:** Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 1:25PM

**Wells County Commissioners**

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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