

**Wells County Commissioners**

**Special Session 4-25-2012**

The Wells County Commissioners met in special session on Wednesday April 25, 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.

**Bridge Inspection for Bridge #206:** Phil and Ben Beer with USI Consultants Inc. presented their findings regarding Bridge #206 (Marzane Road over Eight Mile Creek). Per the bridge inspection and load rating analysis the county was informed they need to post the bridge for a 9 Ton load limit.

The recommendation was made to replace the bridge. The time frame to start the project would be 90 to 120 days and construction should be completed in about 60 days. The total cost of the project would be estimated at \$450,000.00.

Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to have USI Consultants Inc. propose the design for Bridge #206. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve Ordinance No. 2012-02 "An Ordinance Restricting the Weight Limits of Vehicles Crossing Bridge #206 Over Eight-Mile Creek, Located in Wells County, Indiana, on Marzane Road Between County Road 1100 North and County Road 1200 N Near Zanesville, Indiana". Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Fisher and Highway Supervisor, Ed Herman were both present at the meeting and the Commissioners asked Sheriff Fisher to police the situation and asked Ed Herman to attached flags and/or lights to the weight limit signs.

Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to have county attorney, Trent Patterson draft a letter to the town of Zanesville to see if they could relax its ordinance preventing trucks from using 300W through Zanesville until the new bridge is completed. Motion carried 3-0.

The commissioners will approach the County Council to discuss funding for the project.

**Adjourned:** Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:57 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