

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session May 6, 2013

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 6, 2013 at 9:00AM 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.

Commissioner Mossburg started the meeting with a moment of silence for former commissioner Paul Bonham who passed away on May 3, 2013

Minutes: Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the minutes from April 25, 2013 Special Session. Motion carried 2-0-1, Commissioner Woodward abstained. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the minutes from April 15, 2013 Regular Session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #9 in the amount of \$201,600.32.

Claims: Commissioners approved 187 claims in the amount of \$671,961.94.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 93 inmates, 14 are DOC and one federal. Sheriff Fisher informed the commissioners the IT Department was able to order an Internal Hard Drive to handle the needed memory for the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$1,493.57.00. The initial quote to increase the needed memory was for \$13,296.00.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Highway Supervisor, Ed Herman received a new quote from DLZ for the preliminary engineering for bridge #193 in the amount of \$186,200.00. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve DLZ to do the preliminary engineering for Bridge #193 not to exceed the amount of \$186,200.00. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the contract from USI Consultants in the amount of \$189,508.84 for bridge inspections. Motion carried 3-0. Ed informed the commissioners he has received the quotes for the truck chassis and he will bring them to the next meeting. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve 10 hour work days starting after Memorial Day for the Highway Department employees. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Highway Engineer: Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert informed the commissioners that he is working with INDOT on what kind of a study they want to be done to be able to leave stop signs at the railroad crossings rather than yield signs.

911 Dispatch System: Bob Plummer provided bids information regarding a new 911 dispatch system. Wells County was included in a consortium with nine counties to bid a new system. Allen County was chosen as the lead agency to handle the bid process. The low bid for the equipment was from Frontier/INdigital in the amount of \$121,056.52 with an annual maintenance of \$16,808.55. Mr. Plummer is requesting that funds be appropriated to purchase the equipment. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to support Bob Plummer's request to appropriate the funds to purchase the new equipment. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by

Blake Gerber to allow President, Scott Mossburg to sign the Contract pending the review and approval from the county attorney. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells on Wheels: Bonnie and Betsy provided flow charts showing increases in the amount of trips that are being taken. Bonnie presented the quarterly report for Wells on Wheels in the amount of \$106,004.00. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the quarterly report and allow the president, Scott Mossburg to sign. Motion carried 3-0. Bonnie asked the commissioners if they would support Wells on Wheels again for the 2014 budget. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the request from Wells on Wheels in the amount of \$53,000.00 in the commissioner's 2014 budget.

Community Corrections Grant Renewal: Community Corrections Director, Blake Poindexter presented the 2013-2015 Grant renewal. The grant is in the same amount as previous years. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the Community Corrections grant in the amount of \$359,200.00 or \$179,600.00 per year. Motion carried 3-0. There was discussion between Blake Poindexter and the commissioners regarding new legislation in the judicial system and how it will affect Wells County.

Findings of Fact and Ruling: Alan Lance filed a petition regarding the ruling from the Area Plan Commission on his request to change the land he owns at 5798 N 200 W from presently zoned A-1 to I-2. Mr. and Mrs. Lance wanted to rezone the parcels to I-2 to facilitate their business working with airplane parts. The Lance's informed the commissioners they had both had recent health issues that delayed them from cleaning up the property but they are ready to start working on it again. Kent and Viola Wolf presented a letter signed by several neighbors requesting the property to not be re-zoned. The commissioners suggested that the Lance's continue to clean up the property and work with Michael Lautzenheiser Jr. on filing a new request including a combination of both I-1 and I-2. Michael Lautzenheiser Jr. was present representing the plan commission and requested the commissioners to support the decision of the plan commission and do not pass the request to re-zone. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to accept the APC recommendations and deny the request to re-zone (Ordinance No. 2013-02). Motion carried 3-0.

Conflict of Interest: Commissioner Mossburg addressed the issues concerning conflict of interest since it has been brought up by several residents within the community along with a councilman. Commissioner Mossburg is on the committee that is working on the agreements between the county and Apex. Commissioner Mossburg had county attorney, Roy Johnson read the IC Code that addresses Conflict of Interest (IC 35-44.1-1-4). After reading the code attorney Roy Johnson felt that in commissioner Mossburg's situation there was no issues with conflict of interest.

Surveyor's Schedule of Fees: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the fee schedule from the Surveyor. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney, Roy Johnson will prepare the needed ordinance and advertisement in have the fees go into effect.

Bargain Hut Lease: Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the Lease for the Bargain Hut. Motion carried 3-0. Three estimates were received to replace the roof on the Bargain Hut building; this will be put on a future meeting.

Maximus Agreement: The Maximus agreement was given to county attorney, Roy Johnson to review. The agreement will be on the next commissioners meeting.

EMA Advisory Board: Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to appoint Commissioner Mossburg to the EMA Advisory Board. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 11:52AM

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C. Scott Mossburg

Kevin S. Woodward

Blake Gerber

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor