

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 5-7-2012

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday May 7, 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 16, 2012 regular session and April 25, 2012 special session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #9 in the amount of \$195,333.85.

Claims: Commissioners approved 222 claims in the amount of \$421,715.68

Regional Sewer District Board of Trustees: Commissioner President, Kevin Woodward announced he has received resignations from the Regional Sewer District appointed trustees; Glen Ryan, Rick Yoder and Kent Sprunger effective immediately. The resignations are coming from the recently passed legislation HB1117 stating that an appointed trustee may not be served by a municipal sewer system. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to accept the resignations of Glen Ryan, Rick Yoder and Kent Sprunger effective immediately. Motion carried 3-0.

Bituminous Material Bids: Bids were received from Bit Mat Materials, Asphalt Material Inc. and Terry Asphalt Materials. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to refer the bids to Highway Supervisor, Ed Herman for his review and recommendation. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 72 inmates, 11 are DOC and 1 Federal. Sheriff informed the commissioners that he has been accepted for the pilot program to house DOC inmates for the end of their sentences. Sheriff would like to raise the nurse visit co-pay from \$5.00 to \$15.00. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the co-pay increase from \$5.00 to \$15.00 and to have county attorney, Trent Patterson amend the ordinance to reflex the change. Motion carried 3-0. Discussed the Workers Compensation handbook update, commissioners asked Sheriff Fisher to provide some more information for the next meeting. Sheriff Fisher provided quotes for 16 new cameras that need to be added to the jail to meet federal requirements. The funds should be available through the LOIT Public Safety fund. The commissioners supported the sheriff request to go with the lowest bid from Integrity Comm. & Electronics Inc. in the amount of \$41,580.00. The sheriff will present this request to the county council.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman gave updates on MVH, LR&S and Wheel Tax. Ed informed the commissioners the bituminous bids were up .14 cent from last year and he will be about \$225,000.00 short in his fund. Ed will request an additional from LR&S to cover this. The project on 100S/200S will start on May 21st and the contractor will be working 10 hours days so Ed requested his department to start on their four 10 hour days on May 21st also. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg for the highway department to start four 10 hour days starting May 21st, 2012 through August 2nd, 2012. Motion carried 3-0.

County Engineer: Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve the Contract with Butler, Fairman and Seufert for engineering services for Wells County (Misc 2012-7). Motion carried 3-0. Toby Steffen gave the commissioners a project status field report on Bridge #59, the new completion date has been changed to June 29, 2012. Discussed putting a driveway for the cemetery in Keystone, Trent Patterson will contact the township trustee.

Bridge #206 Design Proposal: Ben Beer with USI Consultants provided an agreement for engineering services on Bridge #206. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to accept the agreement with USI for the design of Bridge #206 on Marzane Road over eight mile creek in the amount of \$42,300.00 (Misc 2012-8). Motion carried 3-0. Federal Aid Application has been prepared by USI for the rehabilitation of Bridge #193. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to have Ben Beer with USI send in the Federal Aid Application and to have Commissioner President, Kevin Woodward sign the application. Motion carried 3-0.

Circuit Court Computer Upgrade: Judge Kent Kiracofe asked commissioners to help fund some updates needed on computers for his office. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve the request from Circuit Court not to exceed \$1500.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Council of Aging: Bonnie Valind & Betsy Collier presented flow charts of trips made by WOW, they are averaging over 300 trips per month. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to have President, Kevin Woodward sign the 1st Quarter expense report in the amount of \$110,746.00. Motion carried 3-0.

FPC Hardware Leasing: Scott Steffen with FPC provided estimated pricing for 36 month and 48 month leasing on hardware. The estimates were used on a total figure of 91 units but the total amount would be more around 150 units. Commissioners asked Scott to come back with a more complete pricing including all the units in the county.

Regional Sewer District: Lee VonGunten came before the board to discuss changes to be made with the Board of Trustees for the Regional Sewer District do to HB1117. The Commissioners stated they would have county attorney, Trent Patterson review the bill and make a check list of the procedures they need to follow do to the new house bill. Mr. VonGunten asked for the commissioners to provide both funding and expertise to the new board that is appointed. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to have Trent review House Bill 1117 to give the commissioners guidance on the next steps they need to take do to HB1117. Motion carried 3-0.

Community Rating System: Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to have Kevin sign a letter addressed to Ms. Cynthia McKenzie for the intention of Wells County to participant in the NFIP's Community Rating System. Motion carried 3-0.

Board of Health Federal Accreditation Grant: Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve Ordinance No. 2012-3 (An Ordinance Creating a Board of Health Federal Accreditation Grant Fund). Motion carried 3-0.

Code of Ordinance Updates: Supplemental Service Agreement was presented to update the code of ordinance book that American Legal Publishing Corporation done for the county in 2010. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to follow the advice of the county attorney and update the book our self rather than paying the vendor to do it. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Mossburg reported that Haz-Mat day was a success with a total of 315 vehicles going through. Thanks to Lisa McCormick, Wayne Grove, the Sheriff's Office and all the others that helped.

FEMA Flood Insurance Meeting that was held on May 1st was well attended and very informative.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 11:12 am

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President, Kevin Woodward

Vice President, Paul Bonham

C. Scott Mossburg

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor