

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 5-21-2012

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday May 21, 2012 at 9:30AM 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 May 7, 2012 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #10 in the amount of \$192,309.33.

Claims: Commissioners approved 451 claims in the amount of \$241,650.61

Community Correction Advisory Board: Blake Poindexter, County Correction Director recommended to the commissioners to reappoint Greg Waters to the Advisory board and also to appoint Linda Vanauken as the mental health representative. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to appoint Greg Waters and Linda Vanauken to the Advisory Board. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 78 inmates, 15 are DOC and 1 Federal. The highway department signs seem to be working for the traffic on Marzane Road and trucks are starting to use the detour. Discussed the County Golf Course Ordinance that County attorney and Sheriff Fisher are working on. The ordinance will be presented at the next commissioners meeting.

Wells County Highway Supervisor and County Engineer: Ed Herman recommended that we accept the bituminous bids from Bit Mat and Asphalt Materials. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to accept the Highway Supervisor's recommendation to accept Bit Mat and Asphalt Materials Bids. Motion carried 3-0. Ed reported they started working on the 100 S/200 S Project and ask to use dustay on the project which would add about \$9,000.00 to the project. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the request for dustay. Motion carried 3-0. Discussed the billing on the 900 N Project. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve the county surveyor to pay \$3,600.00 toward the contractors bill on the 900 N Project (Tribolet/Schoeff Drain). Motion carried 3-0. Reported the old surveyor truck sold for \$1,500.00 on the online auction. County Engineer representative, Toby Steffen reported that Bridge 59 asphalt is competed and the guard railing is going up this week and bridge should be open to traffic this Friday.

Insurance Committee: Insurance Committee representative, Rick Smith presented a copy of a letter that they would like to send to vendors interested in quoting for the county's health insurance. The County Attorney advised the committee to make a couple of changes to the letter.

Regional Sewer District: Diana Toth with DLZ reported that at this time they have submitted all the paperwork to the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Division and they would not know until later in the year how much money would be available. At this time, that is what they are waiting on. House bill 1117 has resulted in the resignation for 3 board members and the county attorney stated he is concerned that a delay in appointing a new board could result in deadlines not being met and wondered if doing anything at this time may be premature because a new board may

want to do something different. Trent asked Diana Toth to contact IDEM regarding appointing new board members and if it would be better to appoint them now or wait until the new HB going into effect.

Nepotism Ordinance: The state has mandated that every county has to adopt an ordinance for anti-nepotism. Trent will bring the ordinance to the next commissioners meeting on June 4, 2012.

Adams Street Project: Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to use \$23,000.00 from the CEDIT Capital Develop Fund to cover the final cost for the Adams Street Project.

Wind Farms: Due to the current law suit that was filed by the Wells County Concerned Citizens Group, everything has been halted with the wind farm companies. Since Apex and Wells County has not entered into an agreement yet they are not liable for any expenses, however the law firm the county hired still needs to be paid for their services. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to pay the legal fees to Barnes & Thornburg for the Apex Agreements not to exceed \$41,000.00 from the CEDIT Capital Development Fund. Motion carried 3-0.

Hardware Leasing Estimates: Scott Steffen presented estimates to the commissioners regarding lease option for computer hardware for a 36 month plan and a 48 month plan.

Bridge Funding: Commissioners discussed options they would present to the County Council in regards to bridge funding.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 11:20 am

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President, Kevin Woodward

Vice President, Paul Bonham

C. Scott Mossburg

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor