

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 6-4-2012

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday June 4, 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 May 21, 2012 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #11 in the amount of \$190,652.63.

Claims: Commissioners approved 190 claims in the amount of \$629,157.43

Wells County Sheriff: Monte Fisher reported 85 inmates, 15 are DOC and 1 Federal. Discussed the Golf Cart Ordinance that county attorney is working on, Sheriff Fisher would like the state statue to read that lights should be on at all times. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to have county attorney send letter to our state senator to amend the statue to allow counties to recommend that lights be on at all times for golf carts while they are traveling on county roads. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman gave updates on the hot mix projects for 100S and 200S. Received quotes for the Highway garage roof with Fort Wayne Roofing being the low bidder. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to use Fort Wayne Roofing to repair the roof on the highway garage in the amount of \$60,700. Motion carried 3-0. Ed stated he had sent requests for a quote on a new tandem truck and only received one quote back from Selking International. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to accept the quote from Selking International in the amount of \$148,890.00 for the new tandem truck. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Engineer: Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman & Seufert inform the commissioners that a site meeting will be done on the intersection of State Road 116 and 200 N. Discussed the replacement of culvert 147 on 800N just east of State Road 1 which will be a total cost of \$60,000.00. Reported the results from the site investigation for the intersection at 300S east of Vera Cruz and reported that it did not warrant a four stop sign.

Economic Development Project Fund Invoice: The Commissioners discussed the first invoice that was received for \$100,000.00 into the economic development project fund. Commissioner Mossburg stated the highway has limited funds for road and bridges and in the past the commissioners has used CEDIT funds to fund the projects for roads and bridges. Mossburg stated he does not feel that the county needs to add additional taxes to taxpayers when the funds are available in CEDIT and he also feels that any tax payer money should only be spent by elected officials. Wells County Citizen, Mark Miller stated he felt the \$200,000.00 to the Economic Development would still leave enough money for the county's roads and bridges and that an elected official's signature is required to spend any money out of the economic development project fund. Chamber President, Brent Hiday said we should work together and the \$200,000.00 was proposed as a starting structure based on the amount they were told was available. Commissioner Woodward stated tax rates are regulated by the County Council, not the Commissioners and concerns about tax rates should be addressed to the council. Motion was made by

Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve the invoice for \$75,000.00 (Annual Operational Support) to Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development. Motion carried 3-0. Taxpayer and farmer, Randy Plummer suggest the contract between County Commissioners and Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development be reviewed and another farmer Bob Lee sated he was all for economic development but he felt that our roads and bridges are a priority. Mark Miller asked what to do with the current contract that is now in place. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to table the request from economic development for the \$100,000.00 claim until the commissioners have time to review the agreement. Motion carried 3-0.

Heating System Maintenance Contract: Custodian, Bobbie Studebaker sent quote request to three companies for the county's heating system maintenance. Custodian recommended contracting with BTS. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve county attorney, Trent Patterson to look over the contract and report back at the next meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Bi-County Annual Report: Bi-County President, Tim Ramsey presented the annual budget presentation for Bi-County Services, Inc. and requested \$39,312.00 for the 2013 budget which is the same as previous years. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the request from Bi-County in the amount of \$39,312.00 for the 2013 budget. Motion carried 3-0.

FPC Service Agreement: Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the annual service agreement with FPC with amendment for either party to terminated agreement upon ninety days notice. Motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Mossburg was out of meeting at this time.

Regional Sewer District Appointment: Do to the changes in House Bill 1117 which requires at least one appointed member to be an elected official, a motion was made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Paul Bonham to appoint Scott Mossburg to the Regional Sewer District Board of Trustees. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:50 am

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President, Kevin Woodward

Vice President, Paul Bonham

C. Scott Mossburg

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor