

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 7-15-2013

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday July 15, 2013 at 9:30AM in the Commissioner's Room of the Wells County Carnegie Annex, Bluffton, IN. Those in attendance were Commissioners, C. Scott Mossburg, Kevin Woodward and Blake Gerber. Also in attendance were County Attorney, Roy Johnson and County Auditor, Beth Davis.

Minutes: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the minutes from July 1, 2013 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #14 in the amount of \$203,915.34.

Claims: Commissioners approved 300 claims in the amount of \$259,532.91.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 106 inmates, 13 are DOC. Sheriff Fisher also provided the commissioners with a Jail Staffing Analysis that were done by Bennett Associates.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman provided a letter from INDOT regarding "LPA Federal-Aid Project Verification" for Bridge #193. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to have President of the Board of Commissioners sign the verification letter from INDOT. Motion carried 3-0. Ed provided a quote he had received from Fort Wayne Roofing to replace the roof at the Mechanic's bay and break room totaling \$23,900. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the roof jobs at the Highway. Motion carried 3-0. Ben Bear and Leo Rumschlog were present to discuss the small culvert inspection quotes. The commissioners discussed if this would be done within one year or two years. The commissioners also discussed the drainage work that was scheduled to be done this year and if Ed would have the funding for the drainage projects. Motion made by Kevin Woodward seconded by Blake Gerber to have the highway department and the surveyor get together and come back with recommendations on how to go forward with the projects.

Wells County Highway Engineer: Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert presented an estimate he received from Pulver & Sons Asphalt Materials regarding the recycled grindings at the highway garage. The cost would be \$21.60 per ton for processing plus \$10 per ton for paver and compact. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to have the highway department present a recommendation on using the recycled grindings. Motion carried 3-0.

Economic Development Director: Economic Development director, Tim Ehlerding presented his business summary for the month on July.

Ossian Flood Plain Appeal: Town manager, Luann Martin and councilman, Tom Neuenschwander came before the commissioners requesting \$2500 from the CEDIT fund to help fund a study to be done on the areas that were recently put into the new flood plain in the town of Ossian. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to allow \$2500 from the CEDIT fund to hire Christopher Berk to do the study. Motion carried 3-0.

Regional Sewer District: RSD President, Lee VonGunten was present to update the commissioners of the process going on with the Regional Sewer District. Mr. VonGunten was also concerned about the

open door law regarding two of their board members attending the same informational meeting. The commissioners informed Mr. VonGunten that no decisions can be made unless it is in an open meeting but attending the same informational meeting should not be a problem. The commissioners advised Mr. VonGunten to contact the Indiana Public Access Counselor with any questions he might have regarding open door law.

Wells Co. Zoning and Floodplain Management Ord. & Wells Co. Subdivision Control Ord.: Ordinance No. 2013-05 was assigned for the changes that went into effect on May 15, 2013 regarding the setbacks and shadow flicker on wind turbines.

Emergency Management Performance Grant: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to sign the Emergency Management Performance Grant Effectiveness Measures showing the required exercises have been completed by the EMA Director and EMA Assistance Director. Motion carried 3-0.

Health Insurance Premium: Because of the 85/15 rule in the Affordable Care Act, Wells County received a refund in the amount of \$87,672.61. \$68,826.18 of the refund is to be refunded to the employer and \$18,846.43 is to be refunded to the employees that were on the plan in 2012. The refund could be applied to the 2014 premiums of the employees or refunded to the employees. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to refund the employees for their portion of the refund. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 11:08 am

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President, C. Scott Mossburg

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Blake Gerber

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor