

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 8-1-2011

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday August 1, 2011 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 Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve the minutes from July 18, 2011 meeting after making amendment that Scott Mossburg approved the Sewage Ordinance, but he did oppose to the date being used in Section 308 of the Ordinance. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #14 in the amount of \$192,765.90

Claims: Commissioners approved 214 claims in the amount of \$336,309.54

Wells County Sheriff: Monte Fisher reported 81 inmates, 19 are DOC. Sheriff is working on a service agreement with the company that installed the cameras in the cars. Sheriff also presents quotes to the commissioners for new cabinets at the jail. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the quote from County Cabinets for \$2909.79.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman provided quotes from E&B Paving to repair 300 W North of 500 S. with 3 different options. Ed had Larry Owen give his thoughts on the project; they will continue to do some checking on this before they make a decision.

Wells County Engineer: Larry Owen is working on the speed zone and other road sign ordinances for the County which will include moving the signs in Liberty Center. Larry attended an ADA Transition Planning seminar and informed the Commissioners that an ADA Transition Plan will need to be in place for our county in the future.

Liberty Center Residence: Dick Stroud & Larry Teeple addressed the commissioners regarding the letter that was signed by some residence in Liberty Center about the high speed and engine baking that is happening in Liberty Center. The Sheriff's Department has had some cars in the area and Larry Owen is working on getting the needed signs up and in the correct places.

Wind Farm Development of Wells County: Todd Samuelson, a partner with Umbaugh gave a presentation to the Commissioners on Wind Farm Development Concepts. Scott Mossburg stated the commissioners have already hired Rick Hall from Barnes & Thornburg LLP as counsel, and the commissioners would like to hire Umbaugh at this time. Todd Samuelson will get an agreement prepared.

Commissioner Paul Bonham had to leave the meeting at this time.

Annex Windows & Plaster Repair: Custodian Bobbie Studebaker presented quotes to replace windows at Annex. Because the two quotes did not compare on the type of windows that were being used, Bobbie will get back with the contractors to get more information and bring it to the next meeting. Bobbie also gave a quote to the commissioners to repair plaster in the Clerk's office and in Circuit Court.

Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Kevin Woodward to allow plaster repair in the Courthouse for an estimated amount of \$1000.00. Motion carried 2-0.

Public Transit: Comparison reports were giving on the amount of trips that were taken. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Kevin Woodward to allow Kevin to sign for second quarter reimbursements. Motion carried 2-0. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Kevin Woodward to allow Kevin to sign the 2012 application to the state for funding. Motion carried 2-0. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Kevin Woodward to allow \$53,000 in the commissioner's budget for WOW transportation (Resolution No. 2011-8). Motion carried 2-0.

SWCD Budget Request: Stacia, Dale & Mark presented their budget request of 2012 to the commissioners. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Kevin Woodward to accept the recommendation that were presented from the Wells County Soil and Water Conservation District in the amount of \$32,850.00 into the commissioners 2012 budget. Motion carried 2-0.

Precinct Boundaries: Yvette Runkle told the Commissioners that further checking on the precinct boundaries show one street in Ossian East should be in Jefferson East and since we already sent in a sheet showing there were no errors, we now need to send in a sheet showing there is an error. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Kevin Woodward to accept the Notice of errors on precinct boundaries. Motion carried 2-0

Investigation fee Ordinance: Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Kevin Woodward to accept Ordinance No. 2011-10 to establish a fee for investigating storm water nuisances. Motion carried 2-0.

2012 Commissioners Budget: Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the 2012 commissioner's budget to be presented to County Council. Motion carried 2-0.

Wage Committee: Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Kevin Woodward to allow Kevin to make the appointments for the Common Wage Committee as needed. Motion carried 2-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:55 am

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President, Kevin Woodward

Vice President, Paul Bonham

C. Scott Mossburg

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor