

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 8-6-2012

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday August 6, 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 Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve the minutes from July 16, 2012 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #15 in the amount of \$194,488.66 and Payroll #16 in the amount of \$189,259.02.

Claims: Commissioners approved 187 claims in the amount of \$360,170.25

Bridge #206 Bids: Opened four bids that were received for the rehabilitation of Bridge #206 on Marzane Road; R.L. McCoy bid \$296,045.79, Pioneer Associates bid \$308,678.15, HIS Constructors bid \$465,800.00 and R.A. Myers bid \$546,193.40. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to refer the bids to the county engineer (Toby Steffen) for his review and recommendation. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Monte Fisher reported 79 inmates, 9 are DOC and one federal. Sheriff Fisher provided a quote for Emergency Radio Service.

Wells County Highway Engineer: Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert gave the commissioners updates on the bridge and culver projects that are currently going on. Toby asked the commissioner to consider having a special meeting to award the contract for Bridge #206 to speed everything up, the commissioner set up a meeting for Friday Morning, August 10, 2012 at 7:30AM. Still waiting on INDOT for a pre-final meeting for bridge #59; everything should be cleaned up today for culvert #146 on 800N; looking at possibility widening culvert #911 on 100W (Hoosier Hwy). Toby informed the commissioners that a RFP is going on the INDOT website for the rehabilitation of Bridge #193, motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve engineer to adjust the request for proposal to meet his specification. Motion carried 3-0.

Bluffton Street Fair: Tom Elliott with the Bluffton Street Fair committee asked for approval again this year on using the Courthouse Plaza from September 18th thru September 23rd. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to allow the Street Fair Committee to use the Courthouse Plaza for the 2012 Street Fair. Motion carried 3-0.

Council of Aging: Received quarterly reports from Wells on Wheels showing increases again this year. Bonnie Valind presented the second quarter reimbursement report totaling \$128,264 and the reimbursement report for the new vehicle purchased through stimulus funds totaling \$32,845. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to allow the president to sign all the document. Motion carried 3-0. Bonnie presented the application for the 2013 grant for Wells on Wheels, motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve Resolution No. 2012-03 "Resolution

authorizing the filing of an application for a grant under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act".
Motion carried 3-0.

Ossian Water Project: Ossian town councilman, Josh Barkley presented the total cost for the Waterline Extension Project totaling \$232,909.20. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to allow \$116,454 from the county's CEDIT fund to partner will half the cost of the Ossian Water Project. Motion carried 3-0.

Economic Development Director: The commissioners welcomed the new economic development director, Tim Ehlerding.

Use of Courthouse Square: Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to allow Mr. Higginbotham from Covenant Chapel's bible reading group to use the courthouse square to read from the bible for a period of one week as long as Wells County is listed as a secondary insured. Motion carried 3-0.

Legal Shield: County attorney, Trent Patterson advised the commissioners that they should make it clear that they are not endorsing Legal Shield but only allow employees to participate if they choose to. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to note that the commissioners do not endorse Legal Shield and only allows the employees to look at their options. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Mossburg stated he had attending a recent Area Plan meeting where they passed an amendment for manure lagoons; this will be discussed at the next commissioners meeting.

Commissioner's stated they wanted to commend the county youth and the staff for all their work at the recent county 4-H fair.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:07 am

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President, Kevin Woodward

Vice President, Paul Bonham

C. Scott Mossburg

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor