

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 8-15-2011

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday August 15, 2011 at 9AM in the Commissioner's Room of the Wells County Carnegie Annex, Bluffton, IN. Those in attendance were Commissioners, Kevin Woodward and C. Scott Mossburg. Also in attendance were County Attorney, Trent Patterson and County Auditor, Beth Davis. Commissioner Paul Bonham was absent.

Minutes: Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the minutes from August 1, 2011 meeting. Motion carried 2-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #16 in the amount of \$188,712.56

Claims: Commissioners approved 149 claims in the amount of \$265,569.40

Speed Study on 500 W: Michael Lautzenheiser Jr. from Board of Zoning Appeals presented a letter requesting a speed study to be done on 500 W between Town of Rockford and SR 124. BZA is also requesting the posting and enforcement of no engine breaking on the same stretch of 500 W. Larry Owen (Highway Engineer) recommended a speed zone of 40 MPH. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Ordinance No. 2011-11 to Impose Speed Limitations on County Road 500 West from SR 124 to CR 100 N. Motion carried 2-0.

FPC Infrastructure Upgrade: Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Phase I Proposal for an infrastructure upgrade with FPC in the amount of \$38,950 (Misc 2011-16). Motion carried 2-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Monte Fisher reported 87 inmates, 20 are DOC. Sheriff Fisher provided an estimate to repair the padded jail cell that was damaged by an inmate. Sheriff Fisher stated that an ordinance cannot be written for golf carts on county roads at this time, he will continue to work with Senator Travis Holdman regarding this.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman gave updated on MVH, LR&S and Wheel Tax. Received a new quote from E&B for 300 W north of 500 S. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve quote from E&B up to \$14,000.00 for repairs to 300 W. Motion carried 2-0.

Wells County Engineer: Larry Owen recommended the commissioners approve a permit request from Frontier for Oak Road and 500W. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the Frontier cut on 500 W and Oak Road. Motion carried 2-0.

Homestead Fraud Verification Program: Joe Edward with SRI presented the program his company has to help counties collect illegal homestead deductions. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve SRI Consulting Services Agreement pending county attorney Trent Patterson's review. Motion carried 2-0.

Annex Windows: Custodian Bobbie Studebaker presented updated quotes to replace windows at Annex. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the low bid from Bauermeister Construction in the amount of \$4925.00. Motion carried 2-0.

Regional Sewer District: Miguel Trevino with DLZ provided a copy of a letter that was sent to Trent Patterson stating upon the commissioners authorization DLZ will respond to IDEM regarding the Noncompliance letter that was received from IDEM. DLZ will contact IDEM to try to set up a meeting with IDEM, RSD Board and Wells County Officials to work on an interim solution or permanent solution for the McKinney Ditch that will satisfy IDEM and be financially viable for all involved.

Harrison Township Eligibility Standards: Angie Kauffman presented updates that were added to the Eligibility Standards for Harrison Township Trustee including some typing error corrections. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Kevin Woodward to accept the changes as presented. Motion carried 2-0.

EMS Reimbursement Grant: Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the agreement for the EMS Salary Reimbursement grant in the amount of \$11,230.22. Motion carried 2-0.

FPC Support: Scott Steffen with FPC informed the commissioners on updates FPC is doing for support. They are piloting Community Corrections at this time. The user goes to a web site and creates a ticket that feeds into the HELP DESK for support, then the user can track the ticket to see the progress of it.

Diversion and Deferral Programs Funds: Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Kevin Woodward to accept Ordinance No. 2011-12: An Ordinance Providing For Use Of Funds Collected By The Prosecutor's Diversion And Deferral Programs. Motion carried 2-0.

Kevin Woodward announced he has been on the Courthouse Preservation Committee for the last few years and they have accepted their final draft that will go before the legislators at the next session to save the Historic Courthouses.

Kevin Woodward and Scott Mossburg signed letter to have Lisa McCormick or Beth Davis named as Plan Administrators for Great American Processing Insurance Company.

Discussed the issue regarding the \$10,000 invoice from Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council. Commissioners were under the understanding that the additional \$10,000.00 that was sent to Wells County Chamber was to be paid to this organization. Commissioners ask to have Mike Row come back into a commissioners meeting to discuss this issue.

Commissioners approved a new wireless router for annex in the amount of \$210.00.

Boston Mutual Representative Letter was given to County Attorney Trent Patterson to review.

Kevin Woodward read a Thank You letter from a resident of Marion Indiana thanking the staff in the Auditor's Office.

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