

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session 9-3-2013

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday September 3, 2013 at 9AM 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 Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the minutes from August 19, 2013 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

**Payroll:** Commissioners approved Payroll #18 in the amount of \$191,056.05.

**Claims:** Commissioners approved 223 claims in the amount of \$429,527.59

**Wells County Sheriff:** Sheriff Fisher reported 92 inmates, 14 are DOC and one federal. Sheriff Fisher provided quotes to replace shower doors at the Jail. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the low quote from UPE in the amount of \$18,500. Motion carried 3-0. Sheriff Fisher informed the commissioners that he would be using the balance of the appropriated funds in the LOIT Public Safety Fund to go towards the purchase of new Vest for the Sheriff's Department.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Ed Herman informed the commissioners that E&B Paving is going to start repairing the bridge on 600 E Today.

**Wells County Highway Engineer:** Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert informed the commissioners that the small structure on 300 E just north of 200 South did not show any damage due to State Road 1 being closed and additional semi traffic using the road. Toby also informed the commissioners that the log jam on 600 W has been completed. Because there has not been any issue with the way the jog in the road at the corner of State Road 3 and State Road 218 is being used, Toby recommended that it remain the same with no additional signage going in. The commissioners agreed with Toby's recommendation and decided to leave it as it is and have the highway department maintain it.

**IT Department:** IT Director, Roger Richardson informed the commissioners that his department is still replacing computers in the courthouse that had windows XP. Roger also stated that he is still getting quotes and doing testing on computers for the Sheriff's vehicles.

**Wellness Agreement:** Personal Deputy, Lisa McCormick provided the 2014 Wellness Agreement with Med Partners. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the agreement with Med Partners for the year of 2014. Motion carried 3-0.

**Vote Centers:** County Clerk, Yvette Runkle along with Election Board Members, Roy Johnson and Chuck King came before the Board of Commissioners requesting their approval to go forward with the possibility of Wells County becoming a Vote Center County. Yvette informed the commissioners that a study committee was formed to discuss the issues with vote centers. The committee had two meetings with no one in attendance that was opposed of Wells County exploring the possibility of moving forward with vote centers. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to move forward with

the possibility of Vote Centers; Resolution No. 2013-04 "A Resolution Approving the Designation of Wells County as a Vote Center County". Motion carried 3-0.

**911 Director:** Current Director, Robert (Bob) Plummer presented the Board of Commissioners with a letter of resignation effective October 17, 2013 due to his retirement. Bob also provided his recommendation for his replacement to be Adam McCartney. The commissioners thanked Bob for all his years of service as the 911 Director. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to accept Robert Plummer's letter of resignation. Motion carried 3-0.

**Bluffton Free Street Fair:** Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the request from the Bluffton Free Street Fair Association to use the Courthouse Plaza for the period of September 15<sup>th</sup> through September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013. Motion carried 3-0.

**2014 Holiday Schedule:** Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the 2014 Holiday Schedule. Motion carried 3-0.

**Wind Farm:** Commissioner Mossburg stated he will be stepping down from the negotiating team for the Wind Farm Project due to his financial interest in the project because of a land purchase that recently took place. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Scott Mossburg to appoint Commissioner Gerber to the negotiating team. Motion carried 2-0-1

**Cancelled Meeting:** The Board of Commissioners agreed to cancel their scheduled meeting on September 16, 2013 due to the Bluffton Free Street Fair going on that week.

**Adjourned:** Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:40 am

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President, C. Scott Mossburg

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Vice President, Kevin Woodward

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Blake Gerber

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor