

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 9-6-2011

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday September 6, 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 Kevin Woodward to approve the minutes from August 15, 2011 regular session and August 18, 2011 special session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #17 in the amount of \$197,892.92 & Payroll #18 in the amount of \$186,877.47.

Claims: Commissioners approved 256 claims in the amount of \$735,477.85

Wells County Sheriff: Monte Fisher reported 84 inmates, 24 are DOC. Sheriff Fisher provided a quote to repair 3 water closet doors at the jail. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the quote from Crowder Detention in the amount of \$3775.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman gave updates on MVH, LR&S and Wheel Tax. Ed updated the commissioners on the pavement markings that will be done this year.

Bluffton Street Fair: Tom Elliott with the Bluffton Street Fair asked for approval again this year on using the Courthouse Plaza. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to allow the Street Fair Association to use the Courthouse Plaza for the 2011 Street Fair. There was a discussion about moving the cannon from the plaza for the week of the Street Fair, Scott Mossburg suggest they check with the Legion on moving the cannon.

Wells County Engineer: Larry Owen updated the commissioners that Bridge 59 is starting today. Larry is still working on the county's speed zone ordinance.

Markle Election: County Clerk, Yvette Runkle asked for approval of the Markle Church of Christ as a polling place for the Markle Municipal Election on November 8th. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve Markle Church of Christ as the polling place for Markle's Election. Motion carried 3-0.

Economic Development: Mike Row came to answer questions the commissioners had on where the funds were going that the commissioners provide for Economic Development. There was also confusion on which Regional group Wells County belongs to. The Commissioners questioned if Region III-A Group and Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council (NIRCC) is one in the same or two separate groups. The commissioners have already provided \$75,000.00 to Wells County Chamber of Commerce of which they believed \$10,000.00 of this amount was to go to the Region III-A group or NIRCC. Mike Row explained the agreement between Wells County Commissioners and Wells County Chamber of Commerce was for an annual payment of \$75,000.00 with an additional \$10,000.00 to the Region III-A group or NIRCC. The Commissioners asked Mike to get a hold of Daniel Avery from NIRCC to see if he can attend the next commissioners meeting in October. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by

Paul Bonham to have Trent draft a new resolution to add \$10,000.00 to the CEDIT resolution for a total of \$85,000.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Drainage Board Ordinance: County surveyor, Jarrod Hahn presented an ordinance to Establish Procedures and Fees for Permits for Access to Regulated Drains within Wells County. There are a few corrections to be made to the ordinance, so Trent will work on the corrections and bring the ordinance to the next commissioners meeting.

2012 Holiday Schedule: Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the 2012 Holiday Schedule. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Commissioners will not be meeting on September 19, 2011 due to the Street Fair; the next meeting is will on October 3, 2011.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:45 am

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President, Kevin Woodward

Vice President, Paul Bonham

C. Scott Mossburg

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor