

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session 10-3-2011

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday October 3, 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 was County Auditor, Beth Davis. County Attorney Trent Patterson was absent.

**Minutes:** Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve the minutes from September 6, 2011 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

**Payroll:** Commissioners approved Payroll #19 in the amount of \$192,279.54 & Payroll #20 in the amount of \$185,734.04.

**Claims:** Commissioners approved 255 claims in the amount of \$430,522.94 and 242 claims in the amount of \$552,539.01.

**Vacation of Alley in Liberty Center:** A Verified Petition for Vacation of Alley in Liberty Center was presented by Cindy S. Zook. Cindy explained that Gary D. Herring, Patricia J. Herring and herself (Cindy S. Zook) own the property on both sides of the alley and when they went to build a storage building it was determined that there was an alley between the properties and they are asking for the alley to be vacated. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the Ordinance NO. 2011-13 to Vacate the Alley in Liberty Center pending County Attorney Trent Patterson approval. Motion carried 3-0.

**Wells County Sheriff:** Monte Fisher reported 85 inmates, 27 are DOC. Sheriff Fisher questioned the county Handbook Policy regarding Firearms-Deadly Weapons-Knives, he will contact the County Attorney and Senator Travis Holdman regarding IC 34-28-7-2(a).

**Surveyor of the Year:** The Commissioners congratulated Wells County Surveyor Jarrod Hahn for being named Surveyor of the Year at the recent AIC Conference.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to accept the drainage Boards recommendation to do the repairs needed on 200 N and 200 W. Motion carried 3-0. Ed Herman informed commissioners that he has applied for a grant through INDOT to replace all signs and reflectors at railroad crossings. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to deny the request from Wabash Center to have County pay for Hot Mix at 2 Railroad crossing in Liberty Center. Motion carried 3-0.

**Wells County Engineer:** Larry Owen stated that Bridge 59 has been moved to it 15 years storage site. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to allow the request by Frontier to move an utility line at Bridge 131. Motion carried 3-0.

**Recording and Sound Equipment for Circuit Court:** Judge Kiracofe informed the commissioners that he is needing to do some updates in the courtroom on the recording and sound equipment, he has funds available within his budget that he can transfer to cover the cost. Motion made by Paul Bonham,

seconded by Scott Mossburg to support the recommendations of Judge Kiracofe to do updates needed in the Circuit Courtroom. Motion carried 3-0.

**Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council:** Dan Avery, Executive Director with NIRCC explained that there is only one annual payment of \$10,000.00 to go to NIRCC. Mr. Avery also explained what services NIRCC is providing for Wells County including providing a grant writer. The Commissioners asked Mr. Avery to come back once a year to give them updates on what they are providing for Wells County.

**Amended CEDIT Resolution:** Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to accept the second amendment to Wells County Resolution 2011-3 increasing Plan 1 from \$75,000 to \$85,000 per year to Economic Development. Motion carried 3-0.

**Ossian Water Project:** Ossian Town Council Vice-President, Josh Barkley and Town Manager Luann Martin asked commissioners if Wells County CEDIT funds could be used to help fund the Industrial Park Water Main Extension Project in Ossian. Commissioners ask Josh and Luann to check on all other funding sources they have and check back with them at the December meeting.

**Precinct Boundaries & Polling Place Change:** Commissioners signed an order correcting IEC-8 Forms for Precinct Boundaries in Wells County (Misc 2011-17). County Clerk, Yvette Runkle provided information regarding the census results on County Commissioners and County Council Districts, the commissioners have until January 12, 2012 to make changes to the district lines. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to take any changes under advisement. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve Resolution No. 2011-09 Changing a Polling Place for November 8, 2011 Municipal Election. Motion carried 3-0.

**County Sick Leave Bank Policy:** Sick Leave Bank Committee presented a draft of the sick leave bank policy to the commissioners. The commissioners questioned the wording of 24 ½ day to change to 24 days since the employee can only earn a total of 24 days. The committee would like this policy to become effective on January 1, 2012 and to have all employees either sign up or deny enrollment each year. The Committee will present the final draft at the next commissioners meeting to be approved.

**SRI Consulting Service Agreement:** Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the SRI Consulting Service Agreement for the Homestead Verification Project (Misc 2011-18). Motion carried 3-0.

**Barracuda Web Filter Updates:** Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the quote from FPC to install the Barracuda Web Filter Energize Updates for 2010 and 2011 to bring us up to date in the amount of \$998.00. Motion carried 3-0.

The commissioners gave their blessing to any county employee that would like to participate in the United Way Denim for a Difference Week held on October 10-14, 2011 and November 7-11, 2011.

**Adjourned:** Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 11:00 am

**Wells County Commissioners**

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President, Kevin Woodward

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Vice President, Paul Bonham

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C. Scott Mossburg

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