

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 10-15-2012

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday October 15, 2012 at 9:30AM 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 October 1, 2012 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #21 in the amount of \$184,525.93.

Claims: Commissioners approved 138 claims in the amount of \$114,316.81.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 77 inmates, 4 are DOC and one federal. Sheriff Fisher informed the commissioners that the new camera system is about ready. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the 2013 Sheriff Salary Contract. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed provided information about an unofficial detour from INDOT for a project they are doing over John Ditch at State Road 1 and 850S. The project should begin in the spring of 2013. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve the INDOT unofficial detour on State Road 1 over John Ditch. Motion carried 3-0. Opened four bids from DLZ, USI, Butler Fairman Seufert and Clark Dietz for the design work of the federal aid project for Bridge #193. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to refer the 4 engineering firms to Ed Herman for his review. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Highway Engineer: Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert, updated the commissioners on the progress of Bridge #206 on Marzane Road; the contractor is hoping to pour the deck on October 26, 2012. Toby informed the commissioners that he would like to add an additional 400 foot of guardrail to the east of the existing guardrail on CR 1000N ending at the ditch. The cost for the project is estimated at \$30,000 to \$50,000. Toby will work with county surveyor on the project because they are looking at the possibility of moving the ditch. The Commissioners asked Toby to look at all the options and bring it back at the next meeting. Toby provided a revised Wells County Structure Inspection Inventory Recommendation Sheet. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to post bridges' 203, 204 and 303 at 16 tons. Motion carried 3-0.

Community Corrections Computer Support: Community Corrections Director, Blake Poindexter came before the commissioners regarding his computer and network server maintenance agreement. Blake had leased a server, computer and laptop with FPC and they will need to provide the support for this equipment during the term of the lease agreement. The county will be terminating their agreement with FPC for the county wide support on December 1, 2012 due to implementing a new IT Department. Blake is asking for the commissioners to cover the cost of the support for his equipment until the lease terminates. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to have the commissioner's budget cover the cost for the maintenance on the leased equipment. Motion carried 3-0.

Insurance Committee: The insurance committee, Lisa McCormick, Rick Smith, Mike Mann and Krista Markley provided their recommendations to the Commissioners for the County's Health Insurance. The recommendation of the committee was to use Strategic Employee Benefit Services with Jennifer Heckman as the broker. The committee also recommended that the commissioners go with option two which would eliminate the 105 plan and lower the employee's premium cost. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to accept the recommendations of the committee and contract with Strategic Employee Benefit Services and go with option two. Motion carried 3-0. The commissioners thanked the committee for all their work.

Ossian's Archbold-Wilson Memorial Park: Ossian town manager, Luann Martin and Engineer Marty Spees of Fleis and Vanderbrink came before the commissioners to ask permission to do work on the county right of way on 900N for the Archbold-Wilson Memorial Park. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to allow the town of Ossian to do work within the county right of way along 900N. Motion carried 3-0.

Ossian Industrial Park: Wells County Economic Development Director, Tim Ehlerding came to the commissioners asking for help with the cost of getting the Ossian Industrial Park shovel ready. Tim is asking for help with the cost of sewer and water utilities totaling \$7,400. Tim is asking Wells County Commissioners for \$6,400 and Town of Ossian for \$1,000 to cover the cost. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to allow \$6,400 from the CEDIT fund to help cover the cost of the Project. Motion carried 3-0.

United Way Denim for a Difference Week: Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to allow the county employees to participant in the United Way Denim for a Difference Week by paying a minimum of \$2.00 a day to wear jeans to work for the weeks of October 22-26 and November 12-16. Motion carried 3-0.

Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and District 3 Mutual Aid Agreement: Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve the Wells County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and the District 3 Mutual Aid Agreement. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:55 am

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President, Kevin Woodward

Vice President, Paul Bonham

C. Scott Mossburg

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor