

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 11-4-2013

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday November 4, 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 Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the minutes from October 21, 2013 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #22 in the amount of \$195,343.84.

Claims: Commissioners approved 215 claims in the amount of \$441,101.67.

Wells County Sheriff: Monte Fisher reported 80 inmates, 12 are DOC and one federal.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman informed the commissioners that he is working in the last two townships on roadside mowing for this year. Ed provided the grant agreement with INDOT to paint the Rail Road Crossing next year. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the grant agreement pending the county attorney's approval. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Highway Engineer: Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert gave the commissioners an estimate of \$5,000 to \$8,000 to start the process to gain access to the property on 600W to be able to remove log jams on the bridge. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to have Stoodly and Associates get the legal description for the area. Motion carried 3-0. Toby informed the commissioners that he is still working on quotes for Bridge Numbers 99 and 127. The small bridge inspection being done by Leo Rumschlag as discovered that repairs need to be done to the small bridge on 1050 North ½ mile east of the Norwell Road. Toby informed the commissioners that he was looking at doing something this year and a weight limit of 15 ton should be put on the bridge. Toby presented the summary of projected costs to the commissioners for Bridge No. 304 "The White Bridge". Two options were provided, Option A in the amount of \$334,000 and Option B in the amount of \$456,000 the difference in cost is depending on the amount of work that is done. Toby went over several different options that could potential reduce the cost or increase the cost for the repair. The commissioners stated the cost was higher than expected and asked Toby to do a traffic study on the bridge and to also provide a cost to repair just the problem areas of the bridge.

Cost-Share Program: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to allow Commissioner Mossburg to sign the Agriculture Cost-Share Clean Water Act Section 319 Cost-Share Program form. Motion carried 3-0.

Bridge Inspections: Ben Beer and Rob Coop with USI Consultants updated the commissioners on the Bridge inspections that their firm is working on. Mr. Coop informed the commissioners that Bridge No. 204 on 1000S is in need of repair. Commissioner Mossburg stated that this road is a well-traveled road and something would need to be done in early 2014. Ben and Rob will return to the next meeting with an update and recommendation.

IT Director: Roger Richardson asked the commissioners to approve the purchase of a Back-up Data Recovery System from DATTO SIRIS in the amount of \$14,000 with a monthly maintenance fee of \$660.00. The system is able to do real time backups on the counties servers which would enable county offices to be up and running within hours rather than days if a disaster would happen. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to have the county attorney look over the purchase agreement and contract. Motion carried 3-0.

Section 125 Plan: Sandy Bailey with Employer's Administrative of Indiana came before the commissioners with the renewal service agreement for the Section 125 Flexible Spending Plan. There were no changes in the fees from last year's agreement. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to retained the services for the Section 125 Flexible Spending Plan (Misc. 2013-28). Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to have the commissioners continue to pay \$14.75 toward the members debit cards. Motion carried 3-0. Sandy informed the commissioners that a member on the plan can now roll over up to \$500.00 of un-used funds into the next year; currently any un-used funds are lost. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the \$500.00 roll over of un-used funds to become effective with this year's plan. Motion carried 3-0.

2014 Health Care Plan: Jennifer Heckman with Benefit Consulting Group came before the commissioners with the 2014 health care renewal. Mrs. Heckman informed the commissioners that she had went to market for the health care plan and felt that staying with the current provided (Anthem) would be the best for the county. The initial underwriting review for the same plan was an increase of 30.6% however the final negotiated increase will be 11.67% increase. An alternate plan was discussed which would increase the deductible and add some Copays after the deductible. The alternate plan would be an increase of 3% from the current plan. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to table the decision until the next meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Council of Aging: Received quarterly reports from Wells on Wheels showing increases again in trips and riders. Bonnie Valind presented the third and fourth quarter reimbursement report totaling \$112,359.00. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the Third Quarter reimbursement in the amount of \$112,359.00 and allow the president to sign. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the Fourth Quarter reimbursement in the amount of \$0.00 and allow the president to sign. Motion carried 3-0. The fourth quarter in showing a \$0.00 amount because the total grant was all claimed within the first three quarters. The commissioners recognized Bonnie Valind for her 25 years of service to the Council of Aging.

2014 Meeting Dates: Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the 2014 commissioners meeting dates. Motion carried 3-0.

Courthouse Tree Lighting: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the Annual County Courthouse Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, November 29, 2013. Motion carried 3-0

9-1-1 Secondary Provider Agreement: Approved the Enhanced 9-1-1 Service Secondary Provider Agreement (Misc. 2013-29).

Dossett Consulting Agreement: Signed the Agreement to Provide Professional Consulting Services with Dossett Consulting, LLC. (Misc. 2013-30).

Amended 2013 Solid Waste Agreement: An amended 2013 contract from the Solid Waste District was presented to the commissioners. The changes were needed to cover the wages of employees while the supervisor is on FMLA. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the Amended 2013 Contract (Misc. 2013-27). Motion carried.

County Council Redistricting: Clerk, Yvette Runkle and Election Board Members, Roy Johnson and Chuck King came before the commissioners regarding the deviation between the four (4) County Council districts in Wells County. The 2010 census is showing Wells County's Council districts have more than a 10% total deviation between them and any changes to the district would be by the county executive. The County Election Board along with the Area Plan Director provided the commissioners with several different maps redrawing the district lines and how the changes would affect the total deviation. The Board of Commissioners would like to have the Election Board present the information to the County Council Members to consider their opinions on any changes. The commissioners will consider any changes at the next meeting.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:29 am

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President, C. Scott Mossburg

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Blake Gerber

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor