

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 11-7-2011

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday November 7, 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 Paul Bonham to approve the minutes from October 17, 2011. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #22 in the amount of \$192,512.26.

Claims: Commissioners approved 289 claims in the amount of \$353,734.30.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 94 inmates, 25 are DOC. Sheriff Fisher informed commissioners that he is in the process of putting up the building that was approved from the last administration. Sheriff Fisher announced the retirement of Charlene Pace after 21 years of service.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman gave updates on MVH, LR&S and Wheel Tax. Ed reported he would be taking annual bids at the November 21st meeting. Noted all the speed limit signs have been updated and he will start working on the stop a head signs. Commissioner Woodward asked Ed & Larry to look at the possibility of widening the bridge on 800 N just East of Highway 1.

Wells County Engineer: Larry Owen updated the commissioners on the work being done on Bridge 59. Larry stated he has advertised bids for the November 21st meeting. Commissioners announced the letter of resignation they have received from Wells County Highway Engineer Larry Owen with the effective retirement date of December 31, 2011, Larry will have serve Wells County for 26 years upon his retirement.

Wells County Council on Aging: Bonnie and Betsy presented their charts of comparisons for trips that have been made. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to allow President, Kevin Woodward to sign the agreement for reimbursement from the state for the 3rd quarter in the amount of \$51,842.00. Motion carried 3-0. 2012 funding has been cut by \$3501.00. The 2012 state of Indiana funding will be \$81,991.00 and the Federal Government funding will be \$199,645.00. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to allow President, Kevin Woodward to sign the 2012 contract for Council of Aging. Motion carried 3-0.

Wind Capital Economic Development Agreement: Dan Venard with Wind Capital Group presented the Economic Development Agreement to the Commissioners for approval. Mr. Venard explained some of the high points about the agreement like payments to be made to the county and Tax Abatements. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to except the Economic Development Agreement between Wells County and Wells Prairie Wind, LLC (Misc 2011-20). Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve Resolution No. 2011-10, A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Wells County, Indiana Approving an Economic Development Agreement with Wells Prairie Wind, LLC and Certain Other Matters in Connection Therewith. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Kevin Woodward to have

Commissioner, Scott Mossburg serve on the working committee with Apex Company. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Section 105 & 125 Plans: Sandy Bailey (EASI) presented information regarding the 105 and 125 plans that Wells County is currently using. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to accept the contract with EASI regarding the Section 105 and Section 125 Plans for 2012. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to allow president, Kevin Woodward to sign the agreement with EASI. Motion carried 3-0.

Group Health Insurance: Shari Tomac presented information regarding the Counties Health Insurance including how premium are calculated. Wells County's 2012 renewal rate is an 8% increase. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to continue the County's Health Insurance coverage with Everence changing the deductible amount to \$2600 for a single plan and \$5200 for a family plan. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to allow President, Kevin Woodward to sign the agreement. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to increase employee out of pocket contribution on their deductible to \$1300 for single and \$2600 for family with the county paying the balance of the deductibles. Motion carried 3-0. Joe Clark with Bravo Wellness was present to address concerns that were brought up about the company they contracted to do the screenings. Mr. Clark will contact Hooper Homes about the concerns.

SRI Amendment: Amendment was added to the agreement showing that SRI is enrolled in the E-Verify program. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to sign the SRI Amendment. Motion carried 3-0.

2012 Meeting Dates: Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the 2012 meeting dates. Motion carried 3-0.

Solid Waste Salary Contract: Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve the 2011 Salary Contract for Wells County Solid Waste. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner & Council District Lines: Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to keep the Commissioner's and Council's district lines the same. Motion carried 3-0.

Courthouse Elevator: Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to allow for the upgrade of a light beam to the elevator door. Motion carried 3-0.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Gatherings: Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to allow for the employee Thanksgiving Dinner on November 23th, 2011 from 12:00 to 2:00 pm and the Christmas gathering on December 22nd at 2:00 pm. Motion carried 3-0.

County Engineer: Commissioners discussed the possibility of contracting with an engineering firm rather than replacing a full time engineer.

Annex Building Repair: Commissioner Woodward stated he ask the Courthouse Custodian to contact Ziolkowski Construction Inc. to give an estimate on the repairs needed at the annex.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:48 am

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President, Kevin Woodward

Vice President, Paul Bonham

C. Scott Mossburg

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor