

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 11-19-2012

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday November 19, 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 November 5, 2012 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #23 in the amount of \$194,713.02.

Claims: Commissioners approved 356 claims in the amount of \$325,056.21.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 90 inmates, 3 are DOC and one federal. Sheriff Fisher presented the price quote for Inmate Medical Services at the Wells County Jail. The Quote from Correctional Healthcare Companies is showing an increase of 4.36%. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to allow President, Kevin Woodward to sign the Quote with CHC. Motion carried 3-0.

Stone Bids: Stone bids were received from Hanson Aggregate Mid-East, IMI, Meshbergers and Stone Street Quarry. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to accept the bids and give them to Highway Supervisor, Ed Herman for his recommendation. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman informed the commissioners that the roof project at the highway garage has been completed. Discussed the flashing stop sign at SR 124 and SR 116 that has bulbs that need to be replaced, commissioners Woodward will talk with INDOT regarding this. Ed provided a letter from Selking International stating they will extend the pricing they quoted in 2012 for a new snow plow truck to January 15, 2013. Economic Development has asked the county highway department to haul stone to Harvest Road since the City of Bluffton doesn't have as big of truck as the county. The commissioners agreed to have the highway department to do the hauling and asked Ed to keep track of the hours.

Wells County Highway Engineer: Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert informed the commissioners that the Culvert was delivered for 1200 South. Toby provided change order #1 for Bridge No. 206 in the amount of \$16,749.62. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve change order #1 in the amount \$16,749.62. Motion carried 3-0. Toby informed the commissioners on the 2nd progress report in the amount \$127,924.61 and 3rd progress report in the amount of \$14,802.29 for Bridge No. 206. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve the 2nd progress report in the amount of \$127,924.61. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the 3rd progress report in the amount of \$14,802.29. Motion carried 3-0. The last document Toby presented was the Substantial Completion of Bridge No. 206. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve the Certificate of Substantial completion on Bridge No. 206 and allow Commissioner Woodward to sign. Motion carried 3-0. Informed Commissioners that the pipe project on 500 South will be lengthened by 18 feet and the additional amount will be paid from an old Cum Bridge Fund.

Regional Sewer District: Lee VonGunten, president of the Regional Sewer District came before the commissioners asking for county participation into the McKinney Paxson ditch area. Questions have been raised if the sewer district will have to pay back any of the expenses that have accrued. Mr. VonGunten stated since the district is a county wide district will the whole county have to pay back the expenses. The commissioners stated that some initial work would have involved the entire county but most of the work has been in regards to the McKinney Paxson Ditch area. The initial contract with DLZ was for \$ 58,500.00 and since this amount has almost been spent, DLZ has provided a supplemental agreement No. 1 for an additional amount of \$3,000.00 for 2012 and \$5,000.00 for 2013 for a total of \$8,000.00. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve the DLZ Supplemental Agreement No. 1 in the amount of \$8,000.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Area Plan Room Rental: Michael Lautzenheiser Jr. with Area Plan asked the commissioners to help fund an additional expense his office has in regards to room rental. Due to a large group of people Area Plan used the 4-H Building to have a meeting and the room rental was \$75.00. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the \$75.00 request. Motion carried 3-0.

EMA Salary Reimbursement Grant: EMA Director, Wayne Grove; EMA Board member, Blake Poindexter; State Field Service Director, Jeri Husband and State Field Services Officer Rick Dolson appeared before the commissioners to explain the process of required certifications to be completed by local EMA offices so they can be reimbursed for half of their salaries through the Emergency Management Performance Grant. Wells County did not complete the required courses in 2012 to be able to receive any reimbursement in 2013. Blake Poindexter stated that since Wells County's EMA Director and his assistant are part-time positions it does not allow enough time for the office to complete the required courses. If the county would make the EMA positions full time, the salaries would increase to approximately \$70,000 of which could be reimbursed by \$35,000 through the grant. Wayne Grove and Blake Poindexter stated they would follow-up with the commissioners at the next meeting.

Railroad Track Blockage: Resident, Jack Smith asked the commissioners if they could do anything about Norfolk Southern Railroad blocking the road on 700 North. Mr. Smith explained that the blockage happens often and for long periods of time which limits his ability to access the State Highway. Mr. Smith also stated the blockage creates problems for his grandson when he rides the bus because the bus has to detour delaying the time his grandson get home. County attorney, Trent Patterson stated that Wells County has imposed the maximum fine of \$500.00 although it doesn't seem to make much difference. Commissioner Woodward will discuss this issue with Sheriff Fisher. The commissioners also suggested that Mr. Smith contact the School to see if an alternate bus route can be made.

IT Director and Assistant: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve the appointments of Roger Richardson as the IT Director with an annual salary of \$45,000 and David Teeple as the Assistant Director with an annual salary of \$35,000. Motion carried 3-0. The commissioners agreed to waive the first year introductory period deduction in salary of \$500 for both positions.

Farm Land Lease: Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve the Election of Alternate Method of Disposal and Lease of Real Estate (Misc. 2012-18). Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve the 2013-2014 Farm Lease Agreement with the changes made on mowing side ditches and storage of animal waste. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Mossburg stated that the soil test has been done and it meets the requirements.

Maximus Agreement: County Attorney has reviewed the agreement for consulting services with Maximus in regards to reimbursement of Title IV-D expenses from Circuit and Superior Courts and stated it was ready for signatures. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve the agreement with Maximus (Misc. 2012-19). Motion carried 3-0.

Flexible Spending Plan: County Attorney has reviewed the Wells County Flexible Spending Plan of 2013 and stated it is ready for signatures. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve the Wells County Flexible Spending Agreement and allow Commissioner Woodward to sign (Misc. 2012-20). Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 12:12PM

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President, Kevin Woodward

Vice President, Paul Bonham

C. Scott Mossburg

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor