

Wells County Commissioners

Special Session 11-26-2013

The Wells County Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday November 26, 2013 at 8:30AM in the Commissioner's Room of the Wells County Carnegie Annex, Bluffton, IN. Those in attendance were Commissioners, C. Scott Mossburg, and Blake Gerber. Also in attendance were County Attorney, Roy Johnson and County Auditor, Beth Davis. Commissioner Kevin Woodward was absent.

Liberty Township Appeal Hearing: County Attorney, Roy Johnson swears in all the attendants that were going to speak at the hearing.

First to speak was the appellant, Shirley Kreider who lives at 1656 S 100W, Bluffton along with her daughter Anita Eads. Mrs. Kreider stated she had her daughter come because she has a hard time hearing. Ms. Eads informed the commissioners that her mother had filed an application for assistances with funeral expenses for her husband who died on 10/29/2013. The total she was asking for was \$1,820.00. Ms. Eads stated that her mother never received a letter stating why she was denied until they called and asked for one. The commissioners reviewed the application and asked what the monthly income was for the household. Mrs. Kreider stated her income was \$730.00 a month and Judy Alford's income was \$1800.00 a month, (Shirley Kreider and Judy Alford live together).

Township Trustee, Diane Rockwell stated she denied the application because the monthly income exceeded the eligibility amount for township assistance.

Mrs. Rockwell also stated that she had told someone that was helping the appellants to file the application in the estate of the deceased husband name. Mrs. Rockwell stated the maximum amount she could give for funeral expenses was \$1,000.00. Ms. Eads stated they did not get that information and if they had they would have applied in that way.

The Board of Commissioners told Mrs. Kreider that she may want to reapply for assistances by redoing the application in the estate of the deceased husband. Ms. Eads stated they would refile with the new information.

Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Scott Mossburg to deny the application as presented because of the total monthly income exceeded the eligibility amount and to have Mrs. Kreider reapply under the estate name of her deceased husband. Motion carried 2-0.

County attorney, Roy Johnson will prepare a letter stating the commissioner's decision on the appeal.

Closure of Bridge: Commissioner Mossburg stated that the engineering firm that is doing the small bridge inspections asked him to come a look at a bridge on 500 South between 200 W and 300 W. Commissioner Mossburg stated the road needed to be closed due to the damage on the bridge. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Scott Mossburg to close the road on 500 South between 200 W and 300 W. Motion carried 2-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 8:56 am

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President, C. Scott Mossburg

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Blake Gerber

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor