

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session 12-2-2013

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday December 2, 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 November 18, 2013 regular session. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the minutes from November 26, 2013 Special Sessions. Motion carried 2-0-1 with Commissioner Woodward abstaining.

**Payroll:** Commissioners approved Payroll #24 in the amount of \$205,711.59.

**Claims:** Commissioners approved 216 claims in the amount of \$429,800.22.

**Wells County Sheriff:** Sheriff Fisher reported 83 inmates, 15 are DOC and one federal.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Ed Herman informed the commissioners his recommendation to approving all the stone bids. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve all stone bids from all four companies. Motion carried 3-0. Ed provided Supplement Number 1 for bridge rehabilitation or repair of Bridge #193. The supplemental was for a change in Section V (Term and Schedule). Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the supplemental contract for Bridge #193. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Mossburg asked Ed to provide a list of all the improvements that were done on small bridges since the last inspection was done 10 years ago, Ed will bring the list to the next commissioners meeting.

**Wells County Highway Engineer:** Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert gave the commissioners updates on the bridge and culvert repairs that are needed. Culvert #43 has an estimated repair cost of \$30,000, the bridge on 500S between 200W and 300W has an estimated cost of \$35,000 and the three separate projects on 300W have an estimated repair cost of \$30,000, \$30,000 and \$15,000. The total of all five projects is \$140,000. The commissioners asked Toby and Ed to bring the total amount that has been spent on bridges in 2013 to the next commissioners meeting. The Board of Commissioners signed the Engineering Agreement with USI Consultants regarding the preliminary engineering and construction inspection for Bridge #204 over Schuffle Creek in the amount of \$46,000. After looking over the contract, Toby Steffen asked that an amendment to the contract be done to include a description of what type of bridge will be built. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to request from USI Consultant a supplement to the contract to clarify what type of structure will be built for Bridge #204. Motion carried 3-0.

**IT Director:** Roger Richardson informed the commissioners that most of the XP changes have been done with only about 10 left to do. They are still waiting on the sheriff's tuff books which should be installed in last December or January.

**County Council District Changes:** Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve Ordinance No. 2013-11 "An Ordinance Pursuant to IC 36-2-3-4 Dividing the County Into Four (4) Contiguous, Single-Member districts". Motion carried 3-0.

**Adjourned:** Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:25 am

**Wells County Commissioners**

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President, C. Scott Mossburg

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Vice President, Kevin Woodward

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Blake Gerber

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor