

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 12-5-2011

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday December 5, 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 Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the minutes from November 21, 2011 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #24 in the amount of \$200,501.58.

Claims: Commissioners approved 221 claims in the amount of \$350,188.99

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 88 inmates, 26 are DOC and 1 federal inmate. Sheriff Fisher gave information to the Commissioners regarding the changes in the State of Indiana's Travel Advisory Levels. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to have County Attorney, Trent Patterson prepare an updated Local Travel Advisory Ordinance setting the infraction fine at \$100.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Regarding the stone bids from the November 21st meeting, Ed recommended they accept all the bids that were presented. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to accept all the stone bids for the year 2012. Motion carried 3-0. Ed also gave updates on MVH, LR&S and Wheel Tax. Ed updated the commissioners on the pavement markings that will be done this year.

Wells County Engineer: Regarding the bids from the November 21st meeting, Larry recommended they accept the bid from Primco, Inc. for the Concrete Bridge Materials and to accept the bids from Debco Metal Culverts, St. Regis Culvert Inc. and American Timber Bridge & Culvert Inc. for the Other Culvert & Bridge Materials. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to accept the bids as recommended by County Engineer, Larry Owen. Motion carried 3-0. Larry recommended that the county re-bid for the Steel Bridge Materials, Bridge Building and Maintenance Equipment Rental and Labor and the Three-Sided Precast Concrete Arch Culverts in February 2012. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to re-bid on February 6, 2012 per Larry's recommendation. Motion carried 3-0. Cory Staley from Butler Fairman & Seufert Civil Engineers' gave the commissioners an update regarding the Bridge 59 Project.

APC and BZA Appointments: Michael Lautzenheiser, Jr. asked commissioners to re-appoint board members to the Area Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Commissioners have talked with both Tim Rohr and Keith Masterson and they both acknowledged they would like to continue to serve on the Board for the Area Plan Commission. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to re-appoint Tim Rohr and Keith Masterson as board members to the Area Plan Commission for a four year term starting January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2015. Motion carried 3-0. Appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals will wait until the next commissioners meeting.

Wind Capital Group: Dan Venard with Wind Capital Group presented the road and drain agreement along with the decommissioning agreement between Wells Prairie Wind, LLC and Wells County to the County Commissioners. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the agreement Regarding County Roads and Drains between Wells Prairie Wind, LLC and Wells County, Indiana. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve the Wells County Decommissioning Agreement between Wells Prairie Wind, LLC and Wells County, Indiana. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve Resolution No. 2011-18 "A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Wells County, Indiana Approving a Road Use Agreement and Decommissioning Agreement with Wells Prairie Wind, LLC and Certain Other Matters in Connection Therewith". Motion carried 3-0.

Ossian Water Park Infrastructure Upgrade: Mike Row, Wells County Economic Development Director and Josh Barkley, Ossian Town Council asked Commissioners to consider contributing to the Ossian's Industrial Park Water Infrastructure Upgrade with County's CEDIT Funds. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve a \$16,000.00 payment from CEDIT funds to the town of Ossian for their upgrade and to revise in February 2012 to see if any additional funds would be available. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners Conference: All three Commissioners attended the recent annual Commissioners Conference where Paul Bonham was re-elected as President of the County Commissioner's Association and Kevin Woodward was re-elected as Vice President of the association.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:25 am

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President, Kevin Woodward

Vice President, Paul Bonham

C. Scott Mossburg

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor