

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 12-16-2013

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday December 16, 2013 at 9:30AM 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 Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the minutes from December 2, 2013 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #25 in the amount of \$192,051.61.

Claims: Commissioners approved 242 claims in the amount of \$348,891.72.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher was unable to attend the meeting due to weather.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman was unable to attend the meeting due to weather.

Wells County Highway Engineer: Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert presented a list of bridge projects to look at for 2014; the list had an estimated cost of \$998,874.00. Currently the bridge repairs are paid through the CEDIT fund which has a three year plan to appropriate \$400,000 each year to bridge repairs. The Commissioners also went over the preliminary replacement list for small structures that was provided by Rumschlag Technical Services. Leo Rumschlag still has Nottingham, Chester and portion of Harrison Townships to inspect so the list will most likely change. The Board of Commissioners asked Toby to have an engineer from his firm look at the list from Rumschlag and refer back to the commissioners.

Economic Development: Tim Ehlerding came before the commissioners asking for their approval of the three year Agreement for Performance of Economic Development Services. The commissioners discussed the possibility of a one year agreement versus a three year agreement so it could be revisited on an annual basis rather than every three year. Tim Ehlerding pointed out that the agreement had a six month escape clause in it and either party could take advantage of that. Commissioner Woodward also stated that in the past the economic development had supported the single county executive and if that would be the case again in the future then he would be supporting the escape clause in the agreement. Mr. Ehlerding stated that he would not be taking a stance on that issue as long as he was the director. After further discussion a motion was made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the three year agreement. Motion carried 3-0.

Council of Aging: Bonnie Valind presented the 2014 Public Transit Agreement. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the 2014 Public Transit Agreement and allow the President of the Board to Sign. Motion carried 3-0.

Rock Creek Conservancy Appointment: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to re-appoint Jeffery L. Prible as the Director for the Rock Creek Conservancy. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:25 am

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President, C. Scott Mossburg

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Blake Gerber

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor