

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 12-19-2011

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday December 19, 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 Scott Mossburg, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the minutes from December 5, 2011 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #25 in the amount of \$188,635.64.

Claims: Commissioners approved 200 claims in the amount of \$341,657.47

Rolling Reassessment Bids: County Assessor, Rick Smith opened two bids he received, one from Indiana Assessment Services of Rochester with a bid amount of \$649,360 and one from NEXUS Group of Zionsville in the amount of \$309,500, both would be for a five year contract. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to refer the bids to County Assessor, Rick Smith for his review and recommendation. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher was unable to attend the meeting but he reported 98 inmates, 26 are DOC and 1 Federal.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman gave updates on the final gas, oil and lube expenses for 2011.

Wells County Engineer: Larry Owen presented a utility permit from Frontier at 11316 N 300W. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the Utility Permit from Frontier at 300W. Motion carried 3-0. Larry reported that Bridge 131 has been completed, and nothing new to report on Bridge 59.

BZA Appointments: Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to appoint James Schwarzkopf and Keith Masterson to the Board of Zoning Appeals Board. Motion carried 3-0.

Area Plan: Michael Lautzenheiser Jr. asked the commissioners if Area Plan could hire Attorney Rick Hall for their legal representation regarding their vote on the Apex Wind Project. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to allow Michael to contact attorney Rick Hall to represent Area Plan. Motion carried 3-0.

Contract For Legal Services: Judge Goshorn presented the renewal for the public defender contract. The contract is basically the same as last year, but with an increase in salaries for 1.3%. Two of the attorney's will remain the same as last year with a new attorney to be named on December 20th, 2011. Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve the Contract For Legal Services. Motion carried 3-0.

Courtroom Computer: Judge Goshorn requested a new computer for his courtroom and upgrades for his recording system with the total cost of around \$5,000.00. Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the request from Judge Goshorn. Motion carried 3-0.

Auditor's Copy Machine Request: Motion made by Paul Bonham, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the request from County Auditor, Beth Davis for a new copy machine lease with Advanced Imaging pending county attorney, Trent Patterson's review of the contact. Motion carried 3-0.

Local Disaster Emergency Declaration and Travel Advisories: Motion made by Scott Mossburg, seconded by Paul Bonham to approve Ordinance No, 2011-19 "An Ordinance Addressing Local Disaster Emergency Declaration and Travel Advisories". Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:50 am

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President, Kevin Woodward

Vice President, Paul Bonham

C. Scott Mossburg

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor