

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session 8-5-2013

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday August 5, 2013 at 9AM 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.

**Minutes:** Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the minutes from July 15, 2013 regular session. Motion carried 2-0.

**Payroll:** Commissioners approved Payroll #15 in the amount of \$200,437.92 and Payroll #16 in the amount of \$194,112.06.

**Claims:** Commissioners approved 250 claims in the amount of \$298,494.87

**Wells County Sheriff:** Sheriff Fisher reported 94 inmates, 14 are DOC. Sheriff Fisher provided a quote he received from W.W.Williams for a Control Panel Upgrade to the generator at the jail; the quote was in the amount of \$4,299.00.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Rumschlag Technical Services was chosen to do the Small Bridge Inspections over a two year period. County Attorney, Roy Johnson recommended changes to the service contract to include Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the contract with Rumschlag Technical Services in the amount of \$35,00.00 per year for a total of two years pending the changes to the contract adding the limit of liability to \$1,000,000.00. Motion carried 2-0. There was discussion regarding who was responsible for the jog in the road at the corner of State Road 3 and State Road 218 in Jackson Township. The Southern Wells Community Schools are using the road to pick up students from the Warren area. The county thought the road was to be maintained by the State but a letter dated March 17, 1937 stated the State Highway Commission of Indiana abandoned the area and gave it to the Board of Commissioners to maintain. The commissioners felt the area should be maintain by the county and the county engineer will do some checking to see who would be responsible to put up stop signs for where the road intersects with the State Highways. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve Fort Wayne Roofing to do the roof job at the highway garage in the amount of \$23,900.00. Motion carried 2-0. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the CEDIT bridge funding recommendations as presented by the Highway Supervisor. Motion carried 2-0. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Scott Mossburg to accept the Unofficial Detour Reimbursement Contract for SR 1 over John Ditch in the amount of \$2,569.30. Motion carried 2-0. Ed went over the changes he would be requesting for the 2014 budget year due to the increase in funding in the MVH fund.

**Wells County Highway Engineer:** Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert presented a permit from Frontier Communications to bury cable at the location of 3855 E 1100 N. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Scott Mossburg to approve the request from Frontier. Motion carried 2-0. Toby informed the commissioners that he is getting estimates from Farm Bureau Insurance regarding the accident that happened on Bridge #121.

**IT Director:** IT Director, Roger Richardson gave an update to the commissioners on his efforts to update all the computers in the county from Windows XP. Roger also informed the commissioners that his office is working on putting all the county Ordinances on the county website.

**Trash Dumpster:** The Board of Commissioners asked the Courthouse Custodian to the meeting to discuss the overflow of trash in the dumpster at the Annex Building. The dumpster is shared with everyone within a two block area which includes both businesses and residents. The Custodian will check with the City of Bluffton to see if a bigger dumpster or an additional dumpster could be brought to the location.

**Adjourned:** Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:31 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