

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session 8-19-2013

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday August 19, 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 Scott Mossburg to approve the minutes from August 5, 2013 regular session. Motion carried 2-0-1 with Commissioner Woodward abstaining.

**Payroll:** Commissioners approved Payroll #17 in the amount of \$199,963.70.

**Claims:** Commissioners approved 231 claims in the amount of \$739,541.63.

**Wells County Sheriff:** Sheriff Fisher reported 89 inmates, 17 are DOC and one federal. Sheriff Fisher asked that farmers cut back their corn and the corners.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Ed Herman received the invoice in the amount of \$5,637 from E & B Paving for fixing the Railroad Crossing at Liberty Center. Commissioners ask Ed to pay the invoice from the Highway Budget. The commissioners signed the Small Bridge Inspections Contract with Rumschlag Technical Services (Misc. 2013-21). Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the agreement with Thunderbird Investment Company, LLC to give the county access to enter his property to remove log jams (Misc. 2013-22). Motion carried 3-0. Ed informed the commissioners that he has a position to fill and he will be putting an ad in the newspaper.

**Wells County Highway Engineer:** Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert presented an application for permit for buried facilities from Citizens Telephone Corp. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the permit from Citizens Telephone to do cut and bury cable at 300 South and 100 West. Motion carried 3-0. Toby informed the commissioners that State Farm Insurance will be sending a check to repair bridge # 121 that was damaged due to an accident.

**Economic Development Director:** Economic development director, Tim Ehlerding informed the commissioners that they would be getting an invite for the shovel ready site certification at Bluffton-Decker. Tim brought in a guitar that he built at the class that was sponsored by Workforce Development. The class will be put on again next year along with a couple new areas like Robotics and Culinary to help individuals with different career paths.

**Council of Aging:** Bonnie Valind and Betsy Collier presented flow charts for Wells on Wheels showing that the trips are continuing to increase each year. The quarterly report for April 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013 was presented for a total of \$99,949.00. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to allow Scott Mossburg as president of the board to sign the quarterly report. Motion carried 3-0. Bonnie presented the 2014 grant application. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to allow Scott Mossburg as president of the board to sign the grant application. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve Resolution No. 2013-03 authorizing the filing of an application for a grant under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act. Motion carried 3-0.

**Vote Centers:** Council Member, Jim Oswalt came before the board today to give his input on Vote Centers for Wells County. Vote Centers is going to be on the agenda for the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting but Jim will not be available on that day. Jim wanted the board of commissioners to know that he was on the work study committee and he was in favor of going forward with vote centers in Wells County.

**Government Fixed Asset:** Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to allow Scott Mossburg as President of the Board to sign the agreement with Government fixed Asset Services, Inc. (Misc. 2013-23). Motion carried 3-0.

**Bridge 193 Fund:** Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve Ordinance No. 2013-06 "An Ordinance Establishing Bridge 193 Fund". Motion carried 3-0.

**Bituminous Insurance Award:** Acknowledged an award that Wells County received from Bituminous Insurance for being fewer than 20% loss ratio on workers compensation claims for the 12-13 year. Wells Counties Loss Ratio was 17.2%.

**Adjourned:** Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:32 am

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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