

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 10-7-2013

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday October 7, 2013 at 9AM 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 Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the minutes from September 3, 2013 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #19 in the amount of \$194,248.46 and Payroll #20 in the amount of \$197,424.25.

Claims: Commissioners approved 189 claims in the amount of \$330,037.14 from September 16, 2013 claim date and 275 claims in the amount of \$462,553.11 from October 7, 2013 claims date.

9-1-1 Director Appointment: Current 9-1-1 Director, Bob Plummer came before the commissioners with his recommendation of Adam McCartney as the new 9-1-1 Director. Mr. McCartney provided the commissioners with his knowledge and experience of the 911 Equipment. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to appoint Adam McCartney as the new 911 Director for Wells County. Motion carried 3-0. The commissioners thanked Bob Plummer again for all the years of service he had provided to 911.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 77 inmates, 10 are DOC and one federal. Sheriff Fisher provided a quote to replace an existing diesel fuel tank in the amount of \$2,394.63. Sheriff Fisher provided two quotes for landscaping at the jail. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the low bid from T&C's Lawn & Landscape in the amount of \$7,428.79. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the changes made to the Wells County Sheriff's Office Training Reimbursement Agreement (Misc. 2013-26). Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the 2014 Wells County Sheriff Salary Contract (Misc. 2013-25). Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Highway supervisor Ed Herman gave the commissioners an update on the MVH, LR&S and Wheel Tax revenue along with a map showing the 2013 Road Markings. Ed informed the commissioners that the engineering firm has started the annual bridge inspection. Ed also informed the commissioners that one of the highway trucks is completed and ready to be picked up.

Wells County Highway Engineer: Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert presented a request from Frontier to bore under the road to bury necessary cable at 1444 W 400 N. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the request from Frontier. Motion carried 3-0. Toby presented a request from Century Link to bury cable on CR 900S east of 100E, on CR 900S west of Petroleum and on CR 500E south of CR 750S. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the request from Century Line for all three locations. Motion carried 3-0. Discussed the White Bridge (Bridge No. 304) regarding the damage to the deck. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve Butler Fairman Seufert to do a study on the bridge not to exceed \$5,000. Motion carried 3-0. Toby informed the commissioners that he had received an

email for Mr. Harding regarding the log jam on Bridge No. 54 on 600 W letting them know that he was satisfied with everything.

IT Director: Roger Richardson informed the commissioners that his department is still replacing desktop computer's updating them from windows XP. Testing is still being done on the Sheriff's Tuff Books but they are close to making a decision on which ones to go with.

Community Corrections Annual Report: Community Corrections Director, Blake Poindexter presented his annual report to the commissioners. Mr. Poindexter went over several statistical numbers throughout the report as well as explaining the duties of the employees within the department.

Community & Family Services Appointment: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to re-appoint Sally Miller for another 3 year term to Community & Family Services. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Gerber's Wind Farm Statement: Commissioner Blake Gerber read a statement he had prepared stated he would not be working on any negotiations regarding wind farm agreements on behave of the commissioners until the recent law suit filed by six wells county families has been settled in court.

Commissioner Woodward's Award: Commissioner Mossburg announced that Commissioner Kevin Woodward had been awarded Commissioner of the year at the recent AIC Conference that was held in September.

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