

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 10-21-2013

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday October 21, 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 Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the minutes from October 7, 2013 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #21 in the amount of \$192,473.99.

Claims: Commissioners approved 294 claims in the amount of \$312,166.52

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 76 inmates, 11 are DOC and one federal. Sheriff Fisher informed the commissioners that he received 27 applications for the sheriff deputy position and 12 of the applicants are coming in for interviews.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman informed the commissioners that the road markings are done and that his department is working on roadside mowing.

Wells County Highway Engineer: Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert informed the commissioners that the work study on the White Bridge (Bridge No. 304) has started and a report should be done in about three weeks. Discussed the cost associated with the log jam on 600 west and the fact that there will be additional cost the next time a log jam happens. The total cost to remove the log jam was approximately \$4,200 between engineering fees and attorney fees. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to have the county attorney prepare a legal description to purchase the land so the county can maintain the bridge on 600 west. Motion carried 3-0. Toby also informed the commissioners that the small bridge inspection has started.

Dossett Consulting Agreement: Clerk, Yvette Runkle asked the commissioners to approve an agreement with Dossett Consulting to prepare the Title IV-D reimbursement claims for the Clerk's Office. The County Attorney had concerns about the liability portion of the agreement. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to have County Attorney, Roy Johnson re-negotiate the contract. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the contract with Dossett Consulting once it meets to approval of the county attorney. Motion carried 3-0.

Economic Development Director: Economic Development Director, Tim Ehlerding provided an IEDC Site Search Data Chart showing what companies are looking for when they are looking at development sites. Tim informed the commissioners that truck drivers are needed in the area and WorkOne along with Ivy Tech are offering to pay for training on new truck drivers.

Solid Waste District Amended Contract: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the Amended Solid Waste District's Salary Contract (Misc. 2013-27). Motion carried 3-0.

Thanksgiving Luncheon: Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the closing of the Courthouse and Annex on Wednesday, November 27, 2013 from 12:00PM to 2:00PM for the Thanksgiving Luncheon. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:18 am

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President, C. Scott Mossburg

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Blake Gerber

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor