

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 1-5-2015

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday January 5, 2015 at 9AM in the Commissioner's Room of the Wells County Carnegie Annex, Bluffton, IN. Those in attendance were Commissioners, Blake Gerber, Kevin Woodward and Tamara Dunmoyer. Also in attendance were County Attorney, Roy Johnson and County Auditor, Beth Davis.

Reorganization of Board: Auditor, Beth Davis asked for nominations for President and Vice-President for 2015. Motion was made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to appoint Blake Gerber as President of the Board of Commissioners for 2015. Motion carried 2-0-1. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to appoint Kevin Woodward as Vice-President of the Board of Commissioners for 2015. Motion carried 2-0-1.

Minutes: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to approve the minutes from December 15, 2014 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #26 in the amount of \$202,155.53 which was the last payroll in 2014 and Payroll #1 in the amount of \$198,973.90 which is the first payroll in 2015.

Claims: Commissioners approved 230 claims in the amount of \$437,202.21.

2015 Appointments: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to re-appoint Roy Johnson as the County Attorney and Title VI Coordinator. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to re-appoint Lisa McCormick as the ADA Coordinator. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to re-appoint Ed Herman as the Highway Supervisor. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to re-appoint Butler, Fairman, Seufert as the county engineer. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to re-appoint Bobbie Studebaker as the Courthouse Custodian. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to re-appoint Roger Richardson as the County IT Director. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer for the following annual appointments; Area Plan Commission, Tim Rohr and Keith Masterson with Jim Berger to serve as alternate; Alcoholic Beverage Commission, John Whicker; District 3 Planning Council, Sheriff Monte Fisher; Property Tax Board of Appeals, Martin Adam and Larry McChessney; Chamber of Commerce, Blake Gerber; Common Construction Wage Committee, Kevin Woodward; Economic Development, Blake Gerber; 911 Director, Adam McCartney; EMA Director, Wayne Grove; Veterans Officer, Claude McMillan; EMA Advisory Board, Tamara Dunmoyer; EMS Board, Kevin Woodward; Sick Bank Committee, Susie Reinhard, Marlene Hoag and Diana Collins. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 74 inmates, 17 are DOC and 2 federal. Sheriff Fisher along with Chief Deputy Scott Holliday presented a change to the sick bank policy that is currently in effect for the sheriff's department. The current policy stated that a deputy would have to use all of his sick days, comp days, personal days and vacation days before he could pull from the sick bank. The sheriff's office would like to change the policy so the deputies would not be required to use all of their vacation days to pull from the sick bank if the deputy is off work due to a work related injury. The Board of Commissioners stated they would be concerned that this change would be sitting a precedent and asked

Sheriff Fisher and Chief Deputy Holliday to check with other counties to see what their policies are. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to take the requested change under advisement. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman presented a supplement contract for the 16 bridges that had to be re-inspected. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to sign the INDOT Supplement Number 1 Contract. Motion carried 3-0. Ed provided quotes that he had received for a new tractor in the amount of \$43,500 from Troxel Equipment and a new mower in the amount of \$23,872 from WA Jones. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to approve the tractor and mower purchase. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Highway Engineer: Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert informed the Board of Commissioners that his firm would be providing a new contract for services since he was appointed again this year for the contacted county engineer. Toby provided the board of commissioners with a wish list for small structure replacements for 2015 and 2016 based on the small stream structure inspection that Leo Rumschlog had done for the county.

IT Director: Roger Richardson informed the Board of Commissioners that the new county website is up and running and much easier to read on mobile devices. The new website has been designed to provide a banner at the top of each page in the affect of an emergency. An example would be to provide the public which level the county would be under in a snow emergency.

Rock Creek Conservancy Director: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to re-appoint Roger Irick as the Director for the Rock Creek Conservancy. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:09 AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Dunmoyer

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor