

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 12-15-2014

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday December 15, 2014 at 8:30AM 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 Kevin Woodward to approve the minutes from December 1, 2014 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #25 in the amount of \$201,132.00.

Claims: Commissioners approved 226 claims in the amount of \$279,482.98.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 81 inmates, 20 are DOC and one federal. Sheriff Fisher informed the board of commissioners that he has received quotes for a new lawn mower and he would like to go with the low bid from Troxel Equipment. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the low bid from Troxel Equipment in the amount of \$6250.00. Motion carried 3-0. Sheriff Fisher also informed the board of commissioners that he has received quotes for the electronic part of the heating and air conditioning unit and he would like to go with the quote from BTS. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the quote from BTS in the amount of \$2020.00. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the 2015 Wells County Sheriff Salary Contract (Misc. 2014-26). Motion carried 3-0.

Dossett Consulting Contract: Clerk, Yvette Runkle presented a renewal agreement from Dossett Consulting to continue reporting Title IV-D for the Clerk's Office. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the agreement with Dossett Consulting (Misc. 2014-27). Motion carried 3-0.

On-Line Permitting: Area Plan/GIS Director, Michael Lautzenheiser Jr. presented an On-Line Permitting agreement from Schneider Corporation to the Board of Commissioners. The new software will work with all county offices as well as the City of Bluffton and would allow individuals to apply on-line for any permits. The Area Plan office is paying for the set-up fee but they are asking the commissioners to help pay for the quarterly maintenance billing for 2015 in the amount of \$2,000.00. Area Plan will budget for the annual maintenance in the next budget cycle. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the request for \$2,000.00 and pay it from whichever fund has available money left in it from the 2014 budget. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to allow the president of the board to sign the agreement with Schneider Corporation (Misc. 2014-28). Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve all the stone bids that were received. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the stone bids from IMI, Stone Street Quarries, US Aggregates and Rock Creek Quarry. Motion carried 3-0. Ed informed the commissioners that he has stockpiled some stone that US Aggregate and IMI cut prices on which has saved the county over \$18,000. Ed also informed the commissioners that the 16 bridges that had to be re-inspected were done this week.

Wells County Highway Engineer: Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert did a recap of the bridges and small structures that were done in 2014 and informed the commissioners that he is working on a master list for 2015. Toby presented a utility permit from Indiana Michigan Power Company. Motion made by Blake Gerber seconded by Kevin Woodward to allow I&M to bore under the road at 7119 E 100 N. Motion carried 3-0.

Courthouse Repair: Courthouse Custodian, Bobbie Studebaker came before the Board of Commissioners with quotes from two vendors to finish the cement project at the entrance of the courthouse. The quote from BTS did not include the electrical work that would need to be done to heat the lines under the cement however the quote from Collier's Heating and Air Conditioning included everything. Bobbie recommended using Collier's since they could complete the job verses using BTS which would require an additional vendor for the electrical hookup. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the quote from Collier's Heating and Air Conditioning in the amount of \$9,233.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Adams/Angel Street Intersection: City of Bluffton Mayor, Ted Ellis and Street Commissioner, Dave Robison came before the Board of Commissioners regarding the intersection of Adams Street and Angel Street. The intersection is at the boundary of the County and the City of Bluffton. Since November there has been four accidents at the intersection so Mayor Ellis is asking if there should be more signage put up and if the county would like to split the cost of the additional signs. The City of Bluffton have already installed new stop ahead signs on Adams Street and Highway Supervisor, Ed Herman stated he could install a new 24x44 double arrow sign at the end of the intersection. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to install the signs and split the cost with the City of Bluffton. Motion carried 3-0.

Juvenile Public Defender Contract: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Blake Gerber to approve the same benefit contract with the new Juvenile Public Defender as the other Public Defender contract has. Motion carried 3-0.

County Farm Bidding: County Attorney, Roy Johnson explained the bidding process to the bidders for the 238.48 tillable acres that will be lease to the highest bidder. The bidding went for seven rounds with the winning bid going to Caleb Gaiser representing Ten Point Farms LLC for \$316.00 per acre.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:12 am

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Blake Gerber

Kevin Woodward

Tamara Dunmoyer

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor