

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session 3-2-2015

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday March 2, 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.

**Minutes:** Motion made by Tamara Dunmoyer, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the minutes from February 17, 2015 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

**Payroll:** Commissioners approved Payroll #5 in the amount of \$198,169.94.

**Claims:** Commissioners approved 240 claims in the amount of \$468,751.70.

**Wells County Sheriff:** Sheriff Fisher reported 78 inmates, 20 of them are DOC. Sheriff Fisher informed the commissioner's that he has several Jailers that are in need of the hepatitis B shots, currently there is only \$150 in the commissioner's line item for hepatitis shots so a transfer will need to be done to cover the expense.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Ed Herman presented a Level One Design Exception Request for Bridge No. 193. Motion made by Tamara Dunmoyer, seconded by Kevin Woodward to allow for the design exception on Bridge No. 193. Motion carried 3-0. Ed informed the Board of Commissioners that he is still waiting on quotes from contractors for the Salt storage building and he has also requested quotes for a new tandem axle dump truck.

**Wells County Highway Engineer:** Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert informed the commissioners that he is currently working on quotes for structure replacements.

**IT Director:** Roger Richardson informed the commissioners that he has been working with the Sheriff's department and the Bluffton Police department to have a shared connection with the Indiana State Police verses separate connections. The Wells County Sheriff's department will be connecting to the Bluffton Police Department's internet connection. Roger is also working on the Frequently Asked Questions section of the website and stated that he is accepting ideas to include in the section. Roger is working with the vendor on the final steps for employee text alerts.

**Annual Report for CADA:** Molly Hoag, President of the Local Coordinating Council and Angie Dial who is the coordinator were present to update the board of commissioners on the local drug free communities fund. The local coordinating council submitted their grant request to the Substance Abuse Services Division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute and received their approval in February. The total grant for 2015 is \$6,806.72 which will be divided between four different categories; Prevention/Education, Treatment/Intervention, Criminal Justice Services and Administrative.

**Courthouse Repairs:** Custodian, Bobbie Studebaker presented two quotes to repair the communication board for the heating and air conditioning unit at the courthouse. One quote is from Felger Hart for \$49,362 and the other is from Building Temperatures Solutions for \$23,985. The differences in the quotes are due to the two companies having different ideas on how to fix the problem. Motion made by

Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to take the two quotes under advisement so they could review them more before making a decision. Motion carried 3-0.

**Township Eligibility Standards:** Harrison Township Trustee, Eric Kiefer presented updated income guidelines that he and three other township trustees' accepted at a January 27, 2015 meeting. The only change that was made was for the Workfare which increased to \$7.25/hour. The revised guidelines were approved by the Harrison, Jefferson, Lancaster and Nottingham township trustee's. According to Mr. Kiefer the other trustees were invited to the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting but they did not attend. Motion made by Tamara Dunmoyer, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the updated income guidelines. Motion carried 3-0. Eric Kiefer also presented the Harrison Township Eligibility Standards to the Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to approve the Harrison Township Eligibility Standards. Motion carried 3-0.

**Road Paving:** Ann Frauhofer, a Jackson Township Farmer came before the Board of Commissioners asking if there was any possibility of her gravel road getting paved. Mrs. Frauhofer lives on 700 West between 1100 South and 1200 South and stated that the dust and gravel on her road is causing damage to the families vehicles and the dust is also a problem. Mrs. Frauhofer stated that it has been several years since any roads in the county have been paved and she thought the wheel tax was put into place to help with the expense of paving roads. Commissioner Woodward said it has been at least seven years since the county has paved any roads due to the increasing cost involved in paving roads. The Wheel tax/Surtax was put in place to help with the raising cost in the Highway Budget. Currently the county is about half way on the amount of wheel tax/surtax that can be assessed and Commissioner Woodward stated that he didn't think the council would be in favor of increasing it.

**Adjourned:** Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:56AM

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President, Blake Gerber

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Vice President, Kevin Woodward

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Tamara Dunmoyer

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor