

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session 3-16-2015

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday March 16, 2015 at 9:30AM 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 March 2, 2015 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

**Payroll & Claims:** Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to approve Payroll #6 in the amount of \$202,237.63 and 179 claims totaling \$178,595.48. Motion carried 3-0.

**Flood Safety Awareness Week:** Motion made by Tamara Dunmoyer, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the Proclamation to proclaim March 15-21, 2015 as "Flood Safety Awareness Week". Motion carried 3-0.

**Wells County Sheriff:** Sheriff Fisher reported 71 inmates, 18 are DOC.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Ed Herman provided three quotes for a new salt storage building. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to approve the low bid from Better Build Buildings in the amount of \$20,185.50. Motion carried 3-0. Ed informed the commissioners that he has received his ERC recertification which is good until March 10, 2016. Commissioner Dunmoyer asked Ed how it is determined on when grading is done on roads or stone is added and Ed stated that his drivers are usually the ones that determined when roads are in need of grading or in need of stone. A concerned citizen, Randy Plummer informed the commissioners and Highway Supervisor that county road 700 East between 1050 south and 1100 south is in need of repair.

**Wells County Highway Engineer:** Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert informed the commissioners that a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2015 at 6:00PM. Toby stated that he is working with Ed on a plan for the small stream structures that are in need of replacement.

**Courthouse Heating Repairs:** Courthouse custodian, Bobbie Studebaker came back before the Board of Commissioners to see if they had decided on a vendor to repair the Control Panel for the Heating System at the courthouse. Commissioner Gerber said that he contacted both vendors and it appeared that Felger Hart is quoting a completely new system verses BTS who is only quoting to replace the control panel and install new software update. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to approve the low quote from BTS in the amount of \$27,045.00 and to go to the County Council to request an additional appropriation to pay for the repair. Motion carried 3-0. Bobbie also provided two quotes to replace the furnace in the Area Plan Office in the Courthouse Annex Building. Motion made by Tamara Dunmoyer, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the low quote from Felger Hart in the amount of \$2,885.00. Motion carried 3-0.

**EMA Salary Reimbursement Grant:** Motion made by Tamara Dunmoyer, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the “2014 Emergency Management Performance Grant-Salaries Sub-Grant Agreement”. Motion carried 3-0.

**Farm Lease Payment:** County Attorney, Roy Johnson updated everyone on the County’s Farm Land Lease Payments. The new lease for 2015-2016 has the first installment payment due on March 15<sup>th</sup> which was yesterday and no payment has been received yet. We still have not received the second payment from the previous agreement for 2013-2014, however Roy did receive a call from an attorney in Ohio who said they would like to make payment for the past due amount. Roy asked the attorney to send something to the Board of commissioners in writing but he would still advise that a judgement be entered against the tenants.

**Surplus Tax Issue:** County Attorney, Roy Johnson informed the Board of Commissioners that two different parties are requesting tax sale surplus money that was received from a parcel that was sold at the 2013 tax sale. A quit claim deed was recorded on October 22, 2013 prior to the October 29, 2013 tax sale date from Addie D. Fritz to Eilatan Financial, Inc. however Addie Fritz is claiming that she was not aware that she sold her house to Eilatan Financial, Inc. Roy is recommending that we pay this matter into court and let the judge make the decision of who is entitled to the surplus money. Motion made by Blake Gerber, seconded by Kevin Woodward to have the County Attorney pay into court. Motion carried 3-0.

**Adjourned:** Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:15 AM

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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