

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session 4-6-2015

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday April 6, 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 March 16, 2015 regular session and March 16, 2015 Executive Session. Motion carried 3-0.

**Payroll:** Commissioners approved Payroll #7 in the amount of \$203,999.17.

**Claims:** Commissioners approved 201 claims in the amount of \$208,598.92.

**Wells County Sheriff:** Sheriff Fisher reported 69 inmates, 16 are DOC. Sheriff Fisher also provided the Board of Commissioners with his 2014 annual jail report.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Ed Herman provided three quotes for a new Tandem Chasses and also three equipment quotes from WA Jones. Ed will review the quotes and come back with a recommendation at the next meeting. Ed updated the commissioners on the road conditions in the county, Ed stated that this year's spring thaw has caused some of the worst road conditions that he has seen in several years. The Highway Department is working on patching the roads but it could take a few weeks to get all the repairs done. County residents can sign up for dust control through the month of April and the cost for the dustay is down \$12.00 per 100 feet.

**Wells County Highway Engineer:** Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert presented a utility request from AT&T in bury cable on 1000 North between 300 West and 200 West. Motion made by Tamara Dunmoyer, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the request from AT&T. Motion carried 3-0. Another utility request was received from Frontier to bore under the road at 2998 W 1000 N. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to approve the request from Frontier. Motion carried 3-0. Toby and Ed provided a list of culvert projects they would like to do this year. The list is generated from the small stream structure inspection report that was completed by Leo Rumschlag early last year. Toby and Ed would like to use part of the \$400,000.00 that is appropriated from the county CEDIT fund to replace culvert numbers; 43, 1291, 354 and 1275 totally approximately \$166,500 and use extra money from the Highway fund to replace 19 other culverts totally approximately \$200,000.00. Ed stated that he believes this is the best use for the extra money the county highway started receiving in 2014. Ed stated that he would be going to the County Council asking them for an additional appropriation in the highway budget for \$200,000.00 if the Board of Commissioners agreed. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to give their blessing for Ed to go to the County council for funding of the projects. Motion carried 3-0.

**IT Director:** Roger Richardson informed the commissioners that he performed a test on the new emergency text alert system and the message was received by everyone with five to ten minutes.

**Grant Application:** Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tammy Dunmoyer to approve Resolution No. 2015-01 "A Resolution Establishing Procedures When Applying for Federal, State, or Local Grants by County Public Agencies". Motion carried 3-0.

**Washington/Main Parking Lot Permit:** Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to approve the Washington/Main Commons Event Permit for the Community Paper Shredding Event scheduled for June 6, 2015 from 8:00AM to Noon. Motion carried 3-0.

**Township Assistance Guidelines:** Received approved suggested guidelines to be used for eligibility determination for township assistance from the townships of Rockcreek and Union.

**County Farm Land Lease:** Auditor, Beth Davis informed the commissioners that the new tenant for the 2015-2016 lease was planning on coming into her office today to have the Auditor sign the FSA paperwork and bring the first installment for the 2015 crop year. Regarding the past due amount from United Dairy Group, County Attorney, Roy Johnson informed the commissioners that he sent an email to Mr. Michael Messenger who is the attorney for United Dairy Group stating that no official action can be taking until the next commissioners meeting that was scheduled for April 6, 2015. United Dairy Group had sent an e-mail to the auditor on January 20, 2015 outlining \$10,000 payments to be made for the past due amount however the email ending up in the auditor's "Junk Mail" and as of today only one payment has been received. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to have Roy draft a letter to United Dairy Group to accept payments of \$10,000. Motion carried 3-0.

**Adjourned:** Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:48AM

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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