

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 6-15-2015

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday June 15, 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 June 1, 2015 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #12 in the amount of \$196,078.06.

Claims: Commissioners approved 151 claims in the amount of \$98,441.67.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 63 inmates, 6 are DOC. Sheriff Fisher informed the Board of Commissioners that he is working on updating the dispatch system and the funding for the project would come from the LOIT Public Safety fund.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Due to all the recent rain over the week-end Highway Supervisor Ed Herman informed the commissioners that he has been out checking for damages. Ed also informed the commissioners about a pipe that washed out on 100 South between 400 West and 500 West.

Wells County Highway Engineer: Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert informed the commissioners that he would be replacing the two small structures that Leo Rumschlag re-inspected this year and move back the replacement of two structures that had been scheduled for replacement in Nottingham Township.

Bridge No. 54: County Attorney, Roy Johnson asked the Board of Commissioners if he should prepare a warranty deed to send to Mr. Harding since he has not heard anything from Mr. Harding. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to have Roy Johnson prepare and forward warranty deed to Mr. Harding for his review. Motion carried 3-0.

Economic Development: Tim Ehlerding informed the commissioners that all eleven counties have passed ordinances to join the Regional Development Authority and they are now taking nominations for the five member board. Tim also updated the commissioners regarding three prospects for the new Spec Building and the completion date for Haldrup USA is still set for the end of August. Tim presented a resolution to the commissioners that would transfer the county portion of a new TIF area to the Bluffton Redevelopment Commission. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to approve Resolution Number 2015-04 "A Resolution Of The Board Of Commissioners Of The County Of Wells Assigning An Allocation Area For The Purpose Of The Allocation Of Property Tax Revenues To The Bluffton Redevelopment Commission". Motion carried 3-0.

2013-2014 Farm Lease: Attorney Roy Johnson informed the commissioners that a suit has been filed in Wells Superior Court regarding the unpaid lease payment from the 2013-2014 Farm Lease Agreement.

Wind Energy Projects: Commissioner, Tamara Dunmoyer stated that she had been at a recent Area Plan Meeting regarding proposed changes to the county's zoning ordinance. Tamara read a prepared statement regarding her stance on Wind Energy and asked to consider making Wind Energy Conversion Systems a non-permitted land use in Wells County. Commissioner Kevin Woodward stated he would strike wind farms from acceptable land uses if it came before him. Commissioner Blake Gerber stated he would like to speak with Area Plan Director, Michael Lautzenheiser Jr. before he made any public comment.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:22AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Dunmoyer

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor