

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 7-6-2015

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

Payroll: Commissioners approved Payroll #13 in the amount of \$203,603.22 and Payroll #14 in the amount of \$204,978.26.

Claims: Commissioners approved 258 claims in the amount of \$349,068.15.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 64 inmates, 3 are DOC.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman informed the commissioners that he had a total cost of \$49,808.22 in labor, materials, and equipment do to the recent floods in Wells County. Wells County Commissioners signed a "Local Disaster Emergency Declaration" on June 18, 2015. Ed presented an "Unofficial Detour Reimbursement Contract" from INDOT for an unofficial detour on State Road 1. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to approve the Unofficial Detour for State Road 1. Motion carried 3-0. Ed provided an estimate of \$100,295.00 to convert county road 700 West between 1100 South and 1200 South from stone to chip and seal.

Wells County Highway Engineer: Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert informed the commissioners that INDOT will be doing a six to eight week study on the flashing stop sign at 300 West and State Road 218. Toby provided a utility permit from Frontier Communications. Motion made by Tamara Dunmoyer, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the utility permit from Frontier Communications at 11326 N Marzane Rd. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Tamara Dunmoyer, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the lasted draft from Mr. Harding regarding the Thunderbird Investment Warranty Deed. Motion carried 3-0. The Warranty Deed is for 1.01 acres on 600 West to gain access to remove log jams from bridge #54.

IT Director: Roger Richardson informed the commissioners that a new server has been purchased and he is waiting on delivery.

Jefferson Township Assistance Appeal: A verbal appeal was requested on July 1, 2015 from Kent Waggoner regarding the Jefferson Township Trustee. Mr. Waggoner requested the appeal because the trustee failed to pay the electric bill after he stated he would. Jefferson Township Trustee, Barry Gordon stated that on June 9, 2015 Mr. Waggoner requested assistance with his Lot Rent and his electric bill. The maximum amount of \$250 was paid for the lot rent but he failed to pay the electric bill at the time of the request. Mr. Gordon then stated that he has now paid the original electric bill in the amount of \$153 plus the disconnect fee of \$164 to Heartland REMC. Mr. Waggoner stated that he was in the hospital and he wife was staying at her daughter's house and when his wife returned to the home they discovered the electricity had been disconnect and approximately \$100 worth of food spoiled in the

refrigerator because they were not aware that the electric bill had not been paid. Motion was made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to deny the appeal request because the assistance to pay the electric bill has been made. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Woodward then stated that maybe some relief should be given to Mr. Waggoner regarding the food that was spoiled due to the electricity being shut off. Mr. Gordon said that Mr. Waggoner should file a claim and he will bring it before his board.

Annual Maintenance Agreement: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to approve the annual renewal agreement with BTS. Motion carried 3-0.

Annual Fixed Assets Consulting Agreement: Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to approve the annual agreement with Peterson Consulting Services. Motion carried 3-0

2013-2014 Farm Lease Payments: Auditor, Beth Davis reported that two \$25,000.00 payments were received from United Dairy Group LLC.

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