

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 7-20-2015

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday July 20, 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 July 6, 2015 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll & Claims: Motion made by Tamara Dunmoyer, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approved Payroll #15 in the amount of \$204,025.09 and 244 claims totaling \$639,091.47. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 68 inmates, 6 are DOC. Sheriff Fisher informed the commissioners that he has received a Humvee as part of a transfer program. The vehicle will only be used during special times.

New Grant: EMA Director, Wayne Grove asked the Board of Commissioners if he could go ahead and file a letter of intent for a new grant for up to \$25,000 for the Town of Ossian to purchase a new generator for their Lift Station. The Board of Commissioners gave Wayne the approval to work with the Town of Ossian regarding the Grant.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman informed the commissioners that county road 200 north will be closed from July 21-23 for the Hot Mix Project. Ed also updated the commissioners on the pipe projects and road repairs within the county.

Wells County Highway Engineer: Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert provided a utility permit from Craigville Telephone to bury cable at 350 East and 200 South. Motion made by Tamara Dunmoyer, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the request from Craigville Telephone. Motion carried 3-0. Toby updated the commissioners on a couple of structures that are being replaced this year. Reviewed the revised chip and seal policy and asked county attorney to add the signage information to the policy. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to approve the Revised Wells County Highway Department Chip and Seal Contract Policy with the signage to be added to the policy (Misc. 2015-10). Motion carried 3-0. Received a completed Road Ranking Analysis form from Kris and Ann Frauhiger for the Commissioners and Highway Supervisor to review regarding converting their road from stone to chip and seal.

Economic Development Director: Tim Ehlerding updated the Board of Commissioners on the JaSun Industrial Park New TIF area and informed the commissioners that they are working on a shovel ready site north of Linder Oil in Ossian. Informed the commissioners that the five directors have been selected for the RDA and one of the directors is from Wells County.

Zoning Ordinance Amendments: Area Plan Director, Michael Lautzenheiser Jr. presented ordinance changes that were recommended from the zoning board which removes Large Wind Farms as allowable land uses in Wells County. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to

approve Ordinance No. 2015-04 amending the Wells County Zoning Ordinance and Ordinance No. 2015-05 amending the Wells County Subdivision Control Ordinance. Motion carried 3-0.

Exclusion of Names from Public Web Site: County Assessor, Rick Smith provided information to the commissioners regarding a new law that went into effect on July 1, 2015 excluding certain covered persons from having their names and addresses accessed from a public property data base web site. The county has a web based program (GIS) that the public can use to gain access of property owners names and addresses in the county, the information is pulled from the assessor's office records. Beacon, our GIS provider has a tool in place giving users within the counties the option to exclude the names and addresses from the public site if it has been requested from the covered person. The county also has the option of implementing a fee for any covered person that makes a request to have their name and address removed. County attorney, Roy Johnson had provided a "Wells County Restricted Addresses Policy" Draft to the board of commissioners but he would like to make some updates to the draft to cover the procedures that the county would follow to notify the covered person that someone is seeking their information. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to have County Attorney, Roy Johnson revise the draft and include requesting a fee from the covered person. Motion carried 3-0.

Rescue Run Reimbursements: Auditor, Beth Davis informed the commissioners that two claims have been filed for reimbursements fees from the City of Bluffton and the Town of Ossian totaling \$5,348.17. Of the \$20,000.00 appropriated in the 2015 commissioners budget there is only a balance left of \$1,380.83. Motion made by Tamara Dunmoyer, seconded by Kevin Woodward to pay \$870.00 to Bluffton and \$510.00 to Ossian to finish out the year. Motion carried 3-0. The commissioners will discuss how the \$20,000.00 should be divided between Bluffton, Ossian, and Liberty Center during the budget meetings with the county council in August.

Courthouse Plaza Event: Foundations of Truth, Inc. has requested the use of the Courthouse Square for Friday, August 14, 2015 from 6:00PM – 10:00PM for a Public Testimony Night. Foundations of Truth have provided a Certificate of Liability Insurance for the event. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to approve the event. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10.44AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Dunmoyer

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor