

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 12-7-2015

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday December 7, 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 November 16, 2015 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll & Claims: Motion made by Tamara Dunmoyer, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #24 in the amount of \$212,848.56, Payroll #25 in the amount of \$200,880.92 and 232 claims totally \$371,578.12. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 88 inmates, 11 are DOC.

Stone Bids: Four Stone Bids were received from; US Aggregates, IMI, Rock Creek Stone Quarry, and Stone-Street Quarries. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to refer the bids to Ed Herman for his review and recommendation. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman updated the commissioners on the current projects they are working on.

Wells County Highway Engineer: Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert informed the commissioners that Meridian Road would be closed until Wednesday for repair to culvert #68. The LED stop signs have been ordered for 300 W and State Road 218, the check has also been received from the resident paying for the signs. Toby also informed the commissioners that the intersection of state roads 218 and 1 would have to be monitored before an ordinance can be put into place to restrict engine breaking at the intersection. Toby also noted that an ordinance would be hard to enforce because an officer would have to be setting at the intersection to witness the violation.

IT Director: Roger Richardson stated that he has been working on end of year purchases and doing routine maintenance throughout the county.

GIS Web Feature Services: Michael Lautzenheiser Jr. presented an "Authorization to Proceed" agreement from Schneider Corporation to continue the GIS Web Feature Services. The state will continue to provide a grant to reimburse the fees. Motion made by Tamara Dunmoyer, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the Authorization to Proceed (Misc. 2015-18). Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to allow the President of Board to sign the agreement. Motion carried 3-0.

Re-Location of Bluffton Building Department: Michael Lautzenheiser Jr. asked the Board of Commissioners if the City of Bluffton's building department could relocate their office to the Wells County Annex so their office will be in the same building as the GIS/Area Plan office. Currently residents are going to two different locations and Michael feels that the public could be better served if the two offices were in the same building. The offices will not be combined they will still be two completely

different offices. The employees of the building department will still be employees of the City of Bluffton and the employees of the GIS/Area Plan Office will still be employees of the county. The Board of Commissioners asked the county attorney if he could put an agreement together to be signed by the City of Bluffton and the Board of Commissioners.

Courthouse Repairs: Courthouse Custodian Bobbie Studebaker gave updates on the courthouse repairs and stated that they should all be completed by the end of the year. Bobbie also informed the commissioners that she has some money left in her budget that she could transfer and encumber to complete some of the work to be done in the courthouse entrance. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to approve the transfer and encumbrance to do the repairs to the courthouse entrance. Motion carried 3-0.

Blanket Bond: Motion made by Tamara Dunmoyer, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the quote from Star Insurance in the amount of \$198.00 for a Blanket Bond for county employees. Motion carried 3-0.

Area Plan Board Appointments: Four resumes were received to fill two board appointments to the Area Plan Board. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to table the appointments until the next meeting to give everyone a chance to review the resumes. Motion carried 3-0.

Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission Appointment: One resume was received from Douglas Sundling to fill the appointment to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to appoint Douglas Sundling to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Dunmoyer to approve Resolution No. 2015-11 "Resolution Confirming the Participation of Wells County in the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission". Motion carried 3-0.

Revised Travel and Reimbursement Policy: Motion made by Tamara Dunmoyer, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the revised travel and reimbursement policy (Misc. 2015-19). Motion carried 3-0.

Indiana Bicentennial Kickoff: Announced that Wells County's kickoff of the Indiana Bicentennial will start at 12:00 Noon on December 11th, 2015 at the Courthouse Square will the raising of the Bicentennial Flag and reading of a Proclamation (Misc. 2015-20).

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:52 AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Dunmoyer

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor