

JOINT SESSION

WELLS COUNTY COUNCIL & COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL SESSION August 18, 2011

The Wells County Council & Commissioners met in a special session Thursday, August 18, 2011, at 5:30 PM in the Wells County Carnegie Annex Building. Present at the meeting were Council Members: Pete Cole, Karolyna Farling, Jim Van Winkle, Tony Garton, Todd Mahnensmith, Phillip Stoller and Jim Oswalt. Commissioners: Kevin Woodward and Scott Mossburg. Also present was Auditor Beth Davis. Commissioner Paul Bonham was absent.

This Special Session was set up to have Wind Capitol Group come and introduce themselves to County Officials.

Rick Hall, Attorney with Barnes and Thornburg started the meeting by giving a preview of things to come regarding a working relationship between Wind Companies and Wells County. Mr. Hall expressed one of the main concern would be the County Roads. Wind Capitol and Wells County would need to enter into an agreement for the use of county road due to the size of the turbines. There will also need to be an agreement to take down the turbines if they stop operating them. Mr. Hall suggest we create a working group with some key people like a representative from the Commissioners and a representative from the Council along with the County Attorney, County Surveyor, County Engineer and a representative from Economic Development.

Todd Samuelson with Umbaugh & Associates added this project is an economic development project that will bring in a large amount of tax base but not a lot of jobs which make this a little bit of a different mindset as to a normal economic development project.

Dan Vernard, Project Developer with Wind Capitol group provided a map outlining the project area of Wells County they will be working with. The Project will be a total of 300 Mega Watts solely in Wells County covering a foot print of approximately 63,000 acres. The project would be in two phases of 150 Mega Watts each consisting of a total of 188 towers. Wind Capitol is looking at a start date of the 3rd quarter of 2012. Mr. Vernard stated Wind Capital in ready to start the project by entering into the necessary agreements with the county.

Motion was made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Scott Mossburg to appoint Scott Mossburg to the working group as the commissioner's representative. Motion carried 2-0.

Motion was made by Karolyna Farling, seconded by Tony Garton to appoint Jim Van Winkle to the working group as the council's representative. Motion carried 7-0.

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President, Pete Cole

Vice President, Karolyna Farling

Attest: Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor

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