

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2020

The Warren County Commissioners met for their second meeting of the month of November 2020.

Commissioners present for the meeting: Clay Andrews, Adam Hanthorne, Brian Jordan.

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Craig Greenwood, Calvin Johnson, Perry Conrad, Walt Wilson, Marci Burton; Steve Eberly, Christian Johnson; Liberty Solar.

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Rusty Hart, Sheriff; John Kuiper, Zoning Director; Jon Charlesworth, Purdue Extension; Kelsie Muller, Purdue Extension; Jud Barce, County Attorney; Ingrid Barce, County Attorney; Ben Dispennett, LEDO Director.

1. The meeting was called to order by Brian Jordan.
2. Brian Jordan, Commissioner President led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:
 - a. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - b. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the November 2, 2020 Commissioner Meeting minutes with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - c. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the November 2, 2020 to November 16, 2020 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - d. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the November 6, 2020 payroll dockets with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - e. Highway – Herndon presented a quote for a new road widener. This is needed as the current widener is very old and will not work well for the number of projects needed next summer. The highway equipment budget line has appropriation remaining for 2020 and with the estimated MVH revenue so low in 2021, now would be the time to purchase. The quote is from Southeastern Equipment Company in the amount of \$136,500.00. Brian Jordan made a motion to approve the purchase from the Highway Equipment budget with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor. Herndon explained Bridge #66 deck board came in last week and should be open in the near future. Barce explained the Donation Agreement with Eberhardt HVAC as Eberhardt has requested to donate the funds for the repaving a portion of Boulevard Road. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the Eberhardt Donation Agreement for Road Paving with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - f. Extension – Kelsie Muller and Jon Charlesworth both from Purdue Extension, introduced themselves explaining the work they are providing to the County. There are several programs they are working on at this time.
 - g. Greenhill Parcel Unsafe Building Code Hearing – Barce explained the parcel is being sold and will continue the unsafe building hearing in 30 days to allow the new owner time to clean up the parcel. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to extend the Unsafe Building Code Hearing by 30 days with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - h. Flex-N-Gate Street Vacation – Jordan explained the request for street vacation. Calvin Johnson, Flex-N-Gate Security Director, explained the road is a dead-end with land owned 90% by Flex-N-Gate and 10% by Mike Potts. Both have agreed with the road vacation. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the Ordinance #2020-1116A Vacation of 600W north of SR 136 with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - i. Legion Building Deed – The Commissioners and Barce discussed paying with the windfarm permit fee fund. Brian Jordan made a motion to pay \$9,000 to the Warren County 4-H Fair for the Legion Building with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Commissioners discussed work that is needed on the building. Hanthorne will call Jim Morgan to discuss the work.
 - j. BZA Reappointment – Adam Hanthorne made a motion to reappoint Marty Blessing to the Board of Zoning Appeals with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - k. Solar Ordinance – Jordan explained the ordinance as was given a favorable vote by the BZA and an ordinance is needed as currently we do not have a solar zoning ordinance. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve Ordinance #2020-1116B Regulating Siting of Commercial Solar Energy Conversion Systems with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
4. Old Business:
5. Elected Official/Department Head comments:
 - a. Sheriff/Jail Repairs – Jordan explained the progress on the repairs.
 - b. Rusty Hart, Sheriff – Inquired about the replacement generator that had been discussed previously. Discussed and decided the current generator is in good shape at this point. Hart stated there are issues that will need to be addressed in the coming year concerning repairs.
 - c. Weston-Hubner – Presented requests for laptops to work remotely from Prosecutor (2), Highway (1), New Commissioner (1), Court (4) and Jordan's current laptop. The quote is \$1,353.85/Ea. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve all with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - d. Brian Jordan – Jordan explained there are several issues with the Personnel Policy and WIS. Barce will work on this project. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to terminate the contract to write a new County Personnel Policy with WIS with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - e. Weston-Hubner - Judge Reece has applied for a COVID grant through IJCI.
 - f. Commissioners – Brian made a motion to move the December 21st meeting to December 23rd at 8:30 a.m. with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.

- g. Brian Jordan explained the Fleming Woods Park repairs that are needed and should not cost more than \$500. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the \$500 to be paid from wind farm expense fund for repairs with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
- h. Adam Hanthorne discussed the West Lebanon Fire Department building in State Line. The Commissioners discussed the County donating funds to help with this effort. Brian Jordan made a motion to donate \$25,000 to the West Lebanon Fire Department for the building from the Jordan Creek Wind Farm Expense Fund with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
- i. Jud Barce – Explained the Warren County Code that is required by the State will need work from the Commissioners in a working session.
- j. Matt Herndon, Highway Department, inquired about a working meeting to discuss the Community Crossings Grant for 2021 as the application will be due soon.

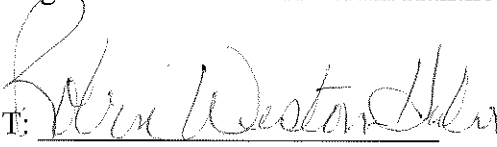
6. Public Comment:


- a. Liberty Solar – Christian Johnson introduced himself to the Commissioners and explained his company to them.
- b. Steve Eberly, Fountain Warren Health Department, stated the Health Department is looking at new legal counsel.
- c. Brian Jordan played a video created showing Warren County beautiful areas.

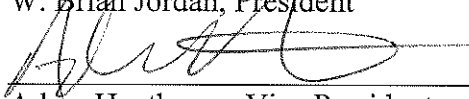
Next Commissioner meeting December 7, 2020 @ 8:30 a.m.

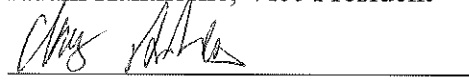
There being no further business Adam Hanthorne made a motion to adjourn with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.

ATTEST:


Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor


W. Brian Jordan, President


Adam Hanthorne, Vice President


Clay Andrews