

**WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL AND COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

Council Members present for the meeting were: John Comer, Derek Puterbaugh, Matt Commons, Ethan Foxworthy, Sharon Hutchison, Neil Ellis and Brian Jordan

Commissioner members present Adam Hanthorne, Clay Andrews and Craig Greenwood.

Also, in attendance: Auditor, Robin Weston-Hubner

Public: Ben Dispennett, LEDO Director; Todd Whitaker, WeCare (teleconference); Kevin Cooksey, WeCare (teleconference).

Elected Official/Department Head: Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Rusty Hart, Sheriff; Lori Heidenreich, Treasurer (teleconference); Hunter Reece, Judge.

1. The meeting was called to order by John Comer, Council President and Clay Andrews, Commissioner President.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Comer, Council President.
3. New Business:
 - a. Meeting Agenda Approval – Ethan Foxworthy requested to add Resolution Opposition to House Bill 1381, Judge Reece. Robin Weston-Hubner requested add salary ordinance for signature. Neil Ellis made a motion to approve amended agenda with a second from Sharon Hutchison, all voted in favor.
 - b. Resolution of the Warren County Commissioners and Council in Opposition of House Bill 1381 – Matt Commons made a motion to approve Resolution #2021-0222A with a second from Brian Jordan, all in favor. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve Resolution #2021-0222A with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - c. We Care Presentation – Whitaker and Cooksey presented information concerning the clinic. Council and Commissioners discussed in detail. Sharon Hutchison made a motion to approve the We Care funding through the Wind Farm Expense Fund 4917 with a second from Brian Jordan, all voted in favor.
 - d. Sharon Hutchison made a motion to approve the January 25, 2021 Council Meeting minutes with a second from Ethan Foxworthy, all voted in favor.
 - e. Hunter Reece, Judge presentation – Hunter explained the security alarm system was tested but there was an issue with the firewall. The company has a web-based program that we will need to use in order to solve this issue. It is free for the time being, but will be \$120.00 per year. Judge presented photos of the third-floor areas in need of renovations due to water leaks prior to new roof and will presented quotes for the repairs in the near future. There are many book shelves that will need removed and possibly sold. Jordan suggested GovDeals as the auction site has been used for the sale of surplus property in the past. The courtroom chairs are in need of repair. Jordan had 2 chairs repaired at a cost of \$500 each. There are 109 seats so possibility of a lower price. Jordan will contact the company and report back. COVID-19 Grant Funds of approximately \$18,500 for COVID-19 related expenses related to law enforcement. This must be opened to the town marshals as well. The Commissioners and Judge are to approve. Judge stated he is in need of more masks as well.
 - f. 2021 Salary Ordinance – Ordinance #2021-0125A was signed.
4. Old Business:
5. Elected Official/Officer Holder Comment:
 - a. Salary Study – Weston-Hubner explained the Salary Study by WIS contract signed with a not to exceed amount of \$27,640 and currently have spent \$27,078.60 through the end of January 2021. This was tabled until more information could be obtained concerning the remaining work to be done. Weston-Hubner will send the bills to the Council for further review as well.
 - b. Weston-Hubner explained taxes have been calculated and several taxing units had a large increase. Comparison will be sent out to Council and Commissioners.
 - c. Rusty Hart, Sheriff – Discussed an Indiana Code relating to retired public employees retaining county insurance. Weston-Hubner explained this is being looked into with SIHO and will report back.
 - d. John Comer – Requested a joint meeting in the near future to discuss Jordan Creek Wind Farm Funds and how best to use for the County. This will be scheduled in the near future.

6. Public Comment:

The next County Council meeting will be March 29, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

The next County Commissioner Meeting will be February 23, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

There being no further business, Neil Ellis made a motion to adjourn with a second from Ethan Foxworthy for the Council and Clay Andrews made a motion to adjourn with a second from Craig Greenwood for the Commissioners.

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

ATTEST:

Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor

Clay Andrews

Adam Hanthorne

David Craig Greenwood

WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL:

ATTEST:

Robin Weston-Hubner
Robin Weston-Hubner

John Comer
John Comer, President

Sharon Hutchison
Sharon Hutchison, Vice President

Ethan Foxworthy
Ethan Foxworthy

W. Brian Jordan
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Neil Ellis
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