

**WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**MONDAY AUGUST 2, 2021**

The Warren County Commissioners present for the meeting: Clay Andrews, Adam Hanthorne, Craig Greenwood.

Public: Matt Straw; Carolyn Orr; Ben Dispennett, Ledo Director; Carla & Rick Peterson, Todd Adams, Susan & Bernard Bernacki; John Van Curen

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Ingrid Barce, County Attorney; Matt Herndon, Highway Supervisor; Jill Wilson, Human Resource Director; Randy Haddock, Surveyor, hunter john Kuiper Bryan, Jenny.

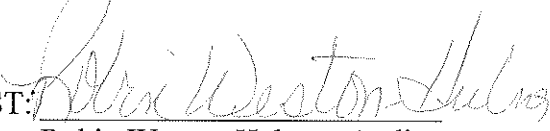
1. The meeting was called to order by Clay Andrews.
2. Clay Andrews, Commissioner President led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:
  - a. Andrews requested to add READI Grant and move courtroom repair to after zoning hearing. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
  - b. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the July 6, 2021 and July 19, 2021 Commissioner Meeting minutes; July 12, 2021 and July 19, 2021 Commissioner/Council Meeting minutes with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
  - c. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the July 19, 2021 through August 2, 2021 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
  - d. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the payroll July 23, 2021 with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
  - e. Highway – Herndon reported work on edging and ditching.
  - f. Zoning Hearing, Adams – Kuiper explained the rezoning of from industrial to ag on a parcel located in Mound Township. Todd Adams is the owner. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve Ordinance # 2021-0802A with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
  - g. Courtroom Repairs – Hunter explained the process/timeline. November 2<sup>nd</sup> is temporary date to begin work. Greenwood explained Hall Electric will be looking at the lighting and electrical. Discussed the courtroom chair repairs, seating arrangement and reinstallation of chairs. Hunter explained the courtroom should be open late November. Hobaugh and Weston-Hubner will work on listing the courtroom bookcases this week.
  - h. NTIA Grant, Carolyn Orr and Matt Straw – Orr explained the NTIA Grant, process, opportunism, etc. Earnie Holtrey, Indiana Broadband Office, explained the State level actions taking place currently for the NTIA Grant. The grant includes EMS as we due to issues broadband. Dispennett, broadband community ready taskforce, explained the taskforce current projects. Orr explained OKRA funds. Ridge Wireless is working with Pine Village and West Lebanon to take fiber to each home through this grant. There is no match to the local government entities as well as no charge to the clients as the fiber will go directly to homes. Lines will be owned by the government entities in trust. The grant is approximately \$3 million. The maintenance will be done by Ridge Wireless. Discussed charges of 100 Mb for \$50/month. Straw explained due to concurrent usage at peak hours, 100 MB speed is a must. Dispennett stated he will write a letter of support. The Commissioner stated they will write a letter of support as well. Straw presented a map to run a fiber backbone through parts of the County. Explained the handoffs are locations in the county where there is potential to access fiber for backbone. There are 2 above ground areas and one railroad crossing that could take more time for completion. Straw explained this would cost approximately \$1.5 million. Weston-Hubner will work with Orr to assist with the grant application. Orr graciously stated she will write the grants for the government entities.
  - i. Benton County EMS – Discussed the agreement/contract that was received July 30<sup>th</sup> and invoice received July 27<sup>th</sup>. Lanham, Warren County EMS, explained there were only 6 transports in 2021 and Warren County also arrived to each. The Boswell truck is very busy so response could be slow. Greenwood asked about the addition of crew to Warren County EMS. Lanham explained Ascension has begun the process. Greenwood asked about the south side of county coverage. Lanham explained Warren County works with both Fountain and Vermilion Counties. Currently we are covering several calls in Fountain as they are shorthanded as nationwide shortage of EMT. Hanthorne discussed the amount being paid already through insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, etc. additionally we have never paid any other county before for this type of mutual aid. Commissioners decided not proceed with the agreement.
  - j. Rainsville Alley Issue - Carla Peterson, Rainsville resident, requested to close the couth 30 feet of Jackson Street. John Van Curen, Rainsville resident, stated he needs to keep access to his property and is requesting not to close the road. Ingrid Barce explained the options. The Commissioners will look at the area. Tabled until a later meeting.
  - k. READI Grant – Dispennett explained IEDC extended the due date of the grant to September 30, 2021. The grant would give the region \$50 million. This is a 50/50 match to the grant. Grant is geared to workforce attraction with broadband, housing and development projects too. Child Care is an issue in the County especially for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> shift parents. Dispennett will keep the Commissioners up to date on the progress.
4. Old Business:
  - a. Zoning Code/Employee Handbook – Ingrid Barce explained Plan Commission will send a recommendation to the Commissioners then Commissioners will need to vote on the zoning code. Possibly at the September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - b. Remodeling of Legion/Extension – Hanthorne explained the issue with the floor tile and will contact Jim Morgan concerning this. All large areas will need to be repaired; the small areas are still in good shape. Hanthorne stated he will keep all informed of the progress.
5. Elected Official/Department Head Comments:
  - a. Jill Wilson, HR Director – Wilson explained the County Health Insurance open enrollment will be earlier this year. The We Care Clinic has been very successful to date. Wilson is working on a Lunch and Learn with Dr. Bundy for the employees.

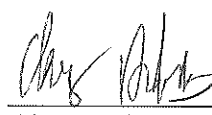
- b. Jenny Hobough, Solid Waste – Hobough suggesting using a storage unit for the courtroom furniture when construction begins.
- c. Bryan Lanham, EMS – Lanham explained the old ambulance has sold but batteries have to be replaced prior to new owner picking up. Ascension is looking into a new building that will house all crews and 3 trucks. New report writing system that Ascension purchased went live on August 1<sup>st</sup> will be give much better data to reporting.
- d. Randy Haddock, Surveyor – Haddock explained on August 16<sup>th</sup> a hearing has been scheduled for 2 ditches to raise assessment for 2022.
- e. John Kuiper, Zoning Director – Kuiper explained the APC has not had a request to add the Rainsville Alley issue to the agenda for the August meeting. Discussed estimate for the Dog Building insulation of \$1,387.03 from Totally Foam as well as discussed heating and cooling. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve and pay from Animal Control budget with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor. Kuiper discussed a proposal for Zoning to be totally paperless and electronic. Auditor office is working credit card payment process. Kuiper explained the UBO's that are still outstanding. Property Maintenance on McGlade parcel was discussed. Discussed the Zoning/Animal Control truck. Greenwood explained Highway pickup should be built this week. Nothing is available currently for another truck.
- f. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor – Weston-Hubner presented calendar for 2022 Commissioner Meetings for review.

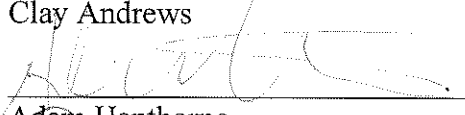
6. Public Comment:

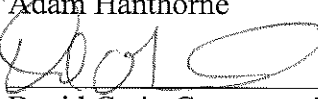
Next Commissioner meeting August 16, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m.

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

ATTEST:   
 Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor

  
 Clay Andrews

  
 Adam Hanthorne

  
 David Craig Greenwood