

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY JANUARY 19, 2021

The Warren County Commissioners met for their second meeting of the month of January 2021.

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Greg Robison; Matt Straw; Elizabeth Straw; Jennie Larson; Dr. Jon Inman; Jason Fisher, Benton County EMS; Steve Cox, Benton County Commissioner.

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Jud Barce, County Attorney; Jenny Hobough, Highway Office Manager; Matt Herndon, Highway Supervisor; Rusty Hart, Sheriff; Ethan Foxworthy, Council; Phil Astell, EMA Director; Sharon Hutchison, Council; Bryan Lanham, EMS Director.

1. The meeting was called to order by Clay Andrews.
2. Clay Andrews, Commissioner President led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:
 - a. Weston-Hubner January 6th Payroll and Andrews requested to add IFA add to the agenda. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - b. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the January 4, 2021 Commissioner Meeting minutes with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - c. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the January 4, 2021 through January 19, 2021 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - d. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the payroll January 6, 2021 with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - e. Highway – Herndon stated the Highway Department has applied for Community Crossing Grant, grader has been delivered, bridge 66 is finished, a pickup with many miles is needing replaced for which they are looking for a used truck, the dump trucks should be delivered close to end of February. The Commissioners discussed the Jordan Creek Wind Farm road funds which will go into a separate fund. The road work plan will be discussed when the funds are received.
 - f. 2021 Redevelopment Commission Appointments – Adam Hanthorne made a motion to reappoint Gene Fowler, Miles Stucky, Ethan Foxworthy with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - g. Jordan Creek Wind Farm Drainage Obligation – Clay Andrews read the email from Randy Haddock, Surveyor, concerning drain assessments which will be discussed at the Drainage Board Meeting on Feb 1st. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to table with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - h. Ordinance Establishing a Drug-Free Workplace – Clay Andrews read the ordinance. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve Ordinance #2021-0119A with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - i. Ordinance for Fair Housing – Clay Andrews read the ordinance. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve Ordinance #2021-0119B with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - j. Smith Scholarship – Weston-Hubner explained the applications will be available from the Warren County Community Foundation in the next week with 3 openings. The Commissioner will choose the recipients in February.
 - k. 2021 EMS Agreement – Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the 2021 EMS Agreement with Ascension St Vincent for 2021 with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor. Bryan Lanham presented the stats for the 2020 EMS stating all full-time employees are paramedics with 1 EMT.
 - l. IFA CARES Funding grant – Adam Hanthorne explained the CARES Safety Grant. Craig Greenwood explained the quotes for movable digital billboards and currently are discussing with all incorporated towns with possibility of all working together. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to use the CARES Funding to pursue buying possibly 3 digital billboard signs with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
4. Old Business:
 - a. 2021 Fountain-Warren Health Dept Appointment – Dr Inman spoke concerning the final board appointment. Hanthorne and Jud Barce explained the Indiana Code concerning the appointment. Jennie Larson stated there is a board meeting this week. Hanthorne requested a list of appointees for the Commissioners to review for the February 1st meeting. Larson explained the Health Department had a vaccination clinic today, estimated at 400 vaccinations given. Clay Andrews made a motion to table the appointment with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - b. Human Resource Position – The Commissioners have reviewed the applicants and will send a list of their top 3 applicants to be interviewed. Weston-Hubner will organize an Executive Session to interview.
 - c. Highway Surplus Equipment – Andrews read the ordinance. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve Resolution #2021-0119C to advertise and sell the listed equipment with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - d. Mutual Aid Agreement with Benton County EMS – Jason Fisher, Benton County EMS discussed the mutual aid agreement with Warren County. Andrews inquired about the line in the County where Benton County will be sharing responsibility. Bryan Lanham explained the north side of the county responses. The current issue with the mutual aid agreement is the radio frequencies are not the same. Mutual Aid agreement needs to be agreed to by both counties for coverage. Barce asked for clarification on the areas covered. Commissioners stated they want the best coverage possible for the residents. Much discussion concerning the issue with dispatch working properly. Meeting with both counties will need to take place including sheriff's, dispatch, EMS, Commissioners from both counties.

- e. ~~Remodeling of Legion and Litzenberger Office – Andrews presented a quote for the Legion work from Lakeside Roofing and waiting on a quote from Jim Morgan and should have this by the end of the week. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to table with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.~~
- f. County Code/Zoning Code/Employee Handbook – Discuss at the next meeting.
- g. 2021 KIRPC Appointee of the Commissioners – Clay Andrews made a motion to reappoint Paula Max to KIRPC with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.

5. Elected Official/Department Head comments:

- a. Rusty Hart, Sheriff – Presented the 2021 Sheriff Contract which is required by law. Hart explained the fees that the Sheriff can take, but this contract gives this all fees back to the County. Hart explained the Jail report and money returned which is a total of \$149,613 of the 2020 budget not used which stays in county general fund. Presented the commissary report/ledger. Retirement report presented and explained. Clay Andrews made a motion to accept the 2021 Sheriff Contract with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
- b. Phil Astell, EMA Director – Presented the Mitigation Grant Resolution which will be discussed at a later meeting.
- c. Greg Robison – Discussed the LEPC Director position. Hanthorne discussed this with Astell and Robison. LEPC and EMA Advisory meeting needs to happen in Jan 2021. Commissioners requested EMA Director to work with Robison to complete the LECP required reporting. A meeting will be organized for February.

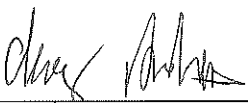
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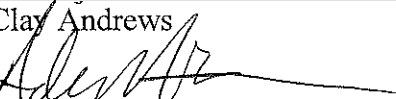
- a. Matt Straw, Ridge Wireless, discussed running fiber optic down county highways to provide internet to many who currently are unable to receive. Jud and Commissioners will need to look into the Code for this and Commissioners will inform Straw.

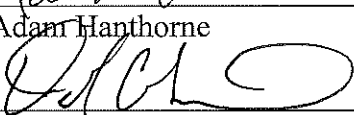
Next Commissioner meeting February 1, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m.

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

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ATTEST: _____
Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor



Clay Andrews


Adam Hanthorne


David Craig Greenwood