

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY OCTOBER 18, 2021

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

Public: Ben Dispennett, LEDO Director; Leslie McAhren, Rep Thomas Kerr; Paul Shultz; Lori Shultz; Carla Peterson; Rick Peterson; Shawn Grady; Walt Wilson, E3 Bridge.

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Jud Barce, County Attorney; Matt Herndon, Highway Supervisor; Jill Wilson, HR Director; Ethan Foxworthy, Council; John Kuiper, Zoning Director; Randy Haddock, Surveyor; Jenny Hobaugh, Highway Office Manager; Ingrid Barce, County Attorney; Rusty Hard, Sheriff, Jon Charlesworth, Extension 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 requested to add Rainsville Street Vacation and WHIN Donation. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - b. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the October 4, 2021 Commissioner Meeting minutes with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - c. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the October 4, 2021 through October 18, 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 October 15, 2021 with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - e. Highway – Herndon explained the possibility of not being able to get new dump trucks next year due to shortages in supply. Continuing to grade roads and cleaning up brush from the storms over the weekend. Hobaugh explained the application for a federal bridge grant and requested a work session. Herndon stated he has hired a new mechanic that will start November 1st.
 - f. Community Crossing Grant – Craig Greenwood made a motion to pay the county share of 2021 Community Crossings Grant from Economic Development Fund 1112 in the amount of \$127,983.63 with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - g. Zoning/Animal Control Truck – Andrews presented a quote from Enterprise for a 2019 Silverado double cab 4 x 4 with less and 20,000 miles for \$31,815.00. The truck can be here mid-November and will be added to the lease rotation with the highway fleet. Clay Andrews made a motion to purchase the truck from Enterprise for \$31,815.00 from Fund 4901 Sale of County Owned Property with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - h. New Extension Phone and Internet – Weston-Hubner explained the Comcast quote that Axxcess PC facilitated in the amount of \$293.10/mo. for the New Extension phone and internet services. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the Comcast contract with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor. Charlesworth invited all to Extension meeting being held at the new building on Monday, October 25th at 5:30.
 - i. Bridge Preventative Maintenance US 41 North and South Bound – The Commissioner discussed and all approved.
 - j. Health Insurance Stop Loss and COBRA Approval – Weston-Hubner explained to the Commissioners. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the 2022 Health Insurance Stop Loss and COBRA rates with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - k. Condemnation Case – Cederquist – Jud Barce explained the case concerning St Rd 26 between INDOT and Cederquist. Cederquist is requesting a higher price than INDOT is offering. Craig made a motion to approve Barce to enter into the Cederquist matter for the County with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - l. Rainsville Street Vacation – Ingrid Barce explained options and presented Ordinance vacating south Jackson Street. Commissioners opted to vacate the street; each half would be owned by adjacent owners. Discussion concerning any landlocked parcels. There would be no landlocked as streets are viable for each lot. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve Ordinance #2021-1018A Vacation of Street in Rainsville with a second by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - m. WHIN Donation – Andrews explained the work that WHIN, Wabash Heritage Innovation Network, has accomplished in the area. Council approved funding for 3 years. Dispennett suggested \$25,000/3 years. Council had requested Dispennett be in charge of oversight for the County over the next 3 years. There are 7 counties total involved and all are donating. Clay Andrews made a motion to donate 25,000/3years to WHIN with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Vermilion County Illinois Highway; Curve realignment 300N IN and Attica Rd IL – Greenwood explained he has contacted Vermilion County but has not heard back. There are concerns with traffic in regards to a stop sign. Tabled until next meeting.
 - b. Kerr Vacating Buffalo Hill Road Request – Jud Barce explained he has requested quotes with only 1 Surveyor returning quotes. Tabled until next meeting. McAhren inquired about previous surveyor. Barce explained the need for an updated survey. The previous survey does not have a legal description of the road. McAhren stated she does not agree and has been in contact with an Attorney. Commissioners will move forward with a survey. McAhren stated she will gate the road. The Commissioners stated the County will get a survey then go from there. Tabled until next meeting as this road is a temporarily closed county road.
 - c. New County Website Quote – Dylan Johnstone, Revize, explained the company website programs. Explained the ease of use. Discussed visit to kickoff new website. Andrews stated he would like to attend the kickoff. Clay Andrews made a motion to accept the agreement with Revize to create a new County website for \$11,500 to be paid from Fund 1131 with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.

- d. ~~Unsafe Building Order/Property Maintenance Updates – Ingrid explained the Greenhill UBO. Kuiper stated progress is being made. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to affirm the extension of the Greenhill UBO for 90 days with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.~~
- e. Courtroom/Courthouse Repairs – Greenwood explained the quote from Hall Electric for \$2,500 to put the electric/internet plugs at the attorney tables. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the quote to be paid from Cumulative Capital Development with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
- f. Employee Handbook – Tabled until next meeting.
- g. New Extension Building Repair – Hanthorne explained there are only a few items that need to be completed. The building should be complete in the coming weeks.
- h. Jail Generator/Battery Backup/Phone System – Hart presented a quote from Huston Electric for a new UPS at the Jail in the amount of \$12,950. Adam Hanthorne made a motion for conditional approval after detail scope of work is approve by Sheriff Hart to be paid from Cumulative Capital Development with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Discussed the generator.

5. Elected Official/Department Head Comments:

- a. Jill Wilson, HR Director, stated Health Insurance Open Enrollment has begun and is working to update the ADA information.
- b. Matt Herndon, Highway Supervisor, inquired about a working meeting with the bridge inspector to discuss repairs in the coming year.
- c. Bryan Lanham, EMS Director, stated Ascension has approved 2 full time EMS crews. Ascension has signed a contract with Autumn Trace Attica for providing ambulance service. New ambulance recalls are in process of being done. Also, new ambulance has paint chipping around the windshield for which LifeLine is paying to have this repaired at Odle Special Touch.
- d. Adam Hanthorne, Commissioner, stated all 3 local fire departments are discussing creating Fire Territories. This would increase the revenue stream and tax funds would come directly from the County rather than through township trustees. The Firm working on this project will be charging approximately \$6,000 total for all 3 departments. Discussed the County helping with this expense.
- e. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor presented Farm profits for 2021 with County Farm \$79,492.02 and Followell \$27,993.04. Grant Writer position resumes are due November 12th with interviews the following week.
- f. Ingrid Barce, County Attorney state the County Code is being updated for Zoning.

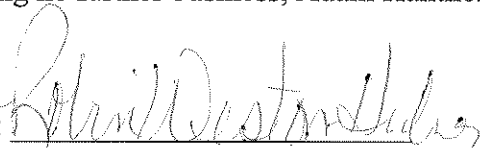
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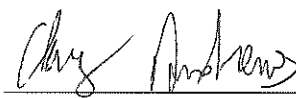
- a. Walt Wilson, E3 Bridge, stated he would like to work with the Commissioners on the County bridges.

Next Commissioner meeting November 1, 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