

**WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2022**

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

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

Public: Ben Dispennett, LEDO Director; Randy Wurtzbaugh, Jane Craigin, Justin Wilson, Phil Halsma, Scott Rudd, Thomas P Miller & Assoc; Libby Bowling, Thomas P Miller & Assoc.

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Lori Heidenreich, Treasurer;

1. The meeting was called to order by Clay Andrews, President of Commissioners and Ethan Foxworthy, President of Council.
2. Andrews and Foxworthy led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:
  - a. Broadband – Andrews explained the progress of broadband in the County. Dispennett introduced the Warren County Broadband Task Force Matt Commons, Brian Jordan, Phil Halsma, Jane Craigin, Justin Wilson, Phil High. Dispennett explained the progress of the task force. Thomas P Miller and Assoc, Scott Rudd and Libby Bowling, been working with the task force for the past 3 months. The main issues are with funding at the state and federal level. Explained large scale project issues and creation of Request For Proposal (RFP). Dispennett presented a PowerPoint concerning broadband in the County and funding. Justin Wilson explained issues with ability of individual companies providing service to many areas of the County. Dispennett explained the process of planning and development in 2021, selection of partners in 2022 and begin the project in 2022. Scott Rudd explained the investment opportunities. Federal Funding has been difficult for the County. Explained many of the variables such as power pole height, buried lines, distance from road to house, etc. Council/Commissioners will have the ability to review the RFP's. Puterbaugh inquired about the utility companies' willingness to work with County and Task Force. Dispennett explained REMC has been involved. Council and Commissioner discussed funding from the County such as County General, ARPA, Jordan Creek Wind Farm Economic Development, etc. John Comer made a motion to donate up to \$5 million for broadband after RFP's are reviewed with a second from Brian Jordan, all voted in favor. Clay Andrews made a motion to donate up to \$5 million for broadband after RFP's are reviewed with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
  - b. Hutchison discussed cyber security concerning State requirements and requested a meeting in coming months with Commissioners and Council to discuss. Weston-Hubner explained this project is in process with Axxess PC and working on setting up a meeting as well.
4. Elected Official/Department Head comments:
5. Public Comment:

Next Commissioner meeting February 21, 2022 @ 8:30 a.m. and Council February 28, 2022 @ 4:00 p.m.

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

There being no further business Brian Jordan made a motion to adjourn with a second from Derek Puterbaugh for the Council, all voted in favor.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor

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Clay Andrews

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Adam Hanthorne

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David Craig Greenwood

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robin Weston-Hubner

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John Comer, President

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Sharon Hutchison, Vice President

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Ethan Foxworthy, President

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W Brian Jordan, Vice President

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Neil Ellis

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Matt Commons

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Derek Puterbaugh