

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY JANUARY 3, 2022

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Rebecca Ehler, Tom Hetrick, Adam Walters, Ben Dispennett, LEDO Director, Christian Beaver, Shawn Grady, Roger Brushaber II, Randy Wurtzbaugh, Andrew Hetrick, Aubrey Andrews,

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Jud Barce, County Attorney; Jenny Hobough, Highway Office Manager; Matt Herndon, Highway Supervisor; Randy Haddock, Surveyor; John Kuiper, Zoning Director; Sharon Hutchison, Council (conf); Tami Lucas, Jordan Township Trustee; Derek Puterbaugh, Council.

1. The meeting was called to order by Clay Andrews.
2. Clay Andrews, Commissioner President led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:
 - a. Robin Weston-Hubner requested to add December 22, 2021 payroll. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - b. Reorganization and Election of Officers for 2022:
 - i. Commissioner President – Adam Hanthorne made a motion to appoint Clay Andrews to President of the Commissioners 2022 with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - ii. Vice President – Clay Andrews made a motion to appoint Adam Hanthorne to Vice President of the Commissioners with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - iii. The Commissioners retained and appointed the following: Clay Andrews made a motion to approve all appointments with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 1. Highway – Clay Andrews, Adam Hanthorne and Craig Greenwood
 2. County Farm – Clay Andrews
 3. County physical facilities – Craig Greenwood
 4. Ambulance/EMS – Adam Hanthorne
 5. Jail – Adam Hanthorne
 - c. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the December 20, 2021 Commissioner Meeting minutes with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - d. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the December 20, 2021 to January 3, 2022 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - e. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the payroll December 22, 2021 with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - f. Rezoning Request Public Hearing, AJ Hetrick – Clay Andrews called to order the public hearing. John Kuiper, Zoning Director explained the APC heard from AJ Hetrick for rezoning from R2 to C2 and APC with no recommendation voted. The land is located north of Williamsport on the corner of US 41 and Hospital Road. Clay Andrews stated he will abstain from the vote. Craig Greenwood explained the Commissioner only rezone but do not approve the build. The BZA will vote at a later date on allowing the build. AJ Hetrick has requested to build storage units. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to admit a letter from Carol Clark, Roger Brushaber and proposal from Hetrick to the record with a second from Craig Greenwood, Greenwood and Hanthorne voted in favor, Andrews abstained. Kuiper explained the rezoning by Commissioners and a special exemption hearing with BZA will need to take place. Greenwood asked for public comment.
 - i. Roger Brushaber – Is not opposed but concerns of future business or commercial if rezoned to C2. Suggested to zone agriculture not commercial. Concern as originally presented as a storage facility only, now a sales office.
 - ii. Derek Puterbaugh – Questioned the location not necessarily addition of a business to the County. Issue with the commercial rating as this could change the fabric of the residential area.
 - iii. Tami Lucas – Please keep in mind the road is not structured for semi-truck traffic and concern with additional traffic as the curve to the south has had many accidents over the years.
 - iv. Mike Peterson – Not opposed to storage units, but opposed to the commercial zoning on the entire 25 acres.
 - v. Tom Hetrick – Need for improvement in the County for future. AJ Hetrick has brought taxes into the county as a small business and increased employees.
 - vi. Andrew Hetrick – Explained the plans for offices for Graber Buildings sales office. C2 zoning is requested in order to have a sales office. From US 41 approximately 200 feet on Hospital Road so should not be an issue with the road traffic. There will be a sales person at the office each day. Hetrick explained he is not trying to make others angry with this project.
 - vii. Brushaber – Concerns with new buildings as there are already buildings in downtown that can be refurbished for offices/sales and concerned with crime increase.
 - viii. Johann Puterbaugh – Descriptions keep changing such as large storage facility now small storage facility and office.
 - ix. Adam Walters - Drainage issues in that area as driveways flood from the west.Kuiper explained the rezoning by Commissioners and a special exemption hearing with BZA will need to take place in order for the mini-warehouses to be permitted. Randy Haddock, Surveyor explained the drainage would need to be addressed when building. Kuiper explained the BZA could put restrictions concerning the drainage as per Jud Barce. Kuiper explained the building sizes were presented at the APC meeting and future building would need a special exemption from BZA also. Discussed zoning commercial a home could not be built on this parcel unless rezoned again. Greenwood clarified the office would be used for light equipment and Garber buildings only as per clarification request from Hetrick. Craig Greenwood made a motion to change zoning from R2 to C2 with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor with Clay Andrews abstaining.

~~Adam Hanthorne made a motion to close the public hearing with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.~~

- g. Highway – Community Crossing application 2022 projects were discussed. Concern with 2 bridges needing to be repaired next year. Hobaugh explained a zoom meeting concerning the federal grant with INDOT this Thursday. Greenwood inquired about the frost law and concerns. Herndon explained truck drivers should call the highway department prior to hauling on county roads between February 15 thru April 15 which is posted on all roads. Greenwood asked about the field issue. Herndon stated information has been sent to Ingrid.
- h. 2021-2 Community Crossing Grant Bid Approval – Bids were discussed. Milestone \$455,793.75 and Reith Riley \$390,281. The state award is \$366,890.79 with county 25% share of \$122,296.96. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve Reith Riley bid of \$390,281 with county share of \$122,296.96 from Economic Development fund #1112 with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
- i. Resolution for Various County Boards – Ordinance #2022-0103A.
 - i. ATC – Ralph Shrader – Clay Andrews made a motion to appoint Ralph Shrader to ATC with a second from Craig Greenwood, all in favor.
 - ii. KIRPC – Clay Andrews made a motion to reappoint Paula Max to KIRPC with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all in favor.
 - iii. Wabash River Corridor – Clay Andrews made a motion to appoint Louise Jewell and Steve Eberly as alternate to Wabash River Corridor with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all in favor.
 - iv. 911 Board – Clay Andrews made a motion to reappoint Adam Hanthorne and Phil Astell to the 911 Board with a second from Craig Greenwood, all in favor.
 - v. Redevelopment Commission – Clay Andrews made a motion to appoint Gene Fowler, Ethan Foxworthy and Brandon White to the Redevelopment Commission with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all in favor.
 - vi. PTABOA – Clay Andrews made a motion to appoint David Smyth and Lon Akers to PTABOA with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all in favor.
- j. Grant Writer Position – Hutchison stated she had sent a revised contract changing from Hutchison to Bactrian Continuity Inc., Hutchison's business. Also, addition of direct reimbursable expenses and mileage. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the contract with Bactrian Continuity Inc. compensation, grant award and reimbursements paid from Jordan Creek Wind Farm Expense Fund pending SBOA amendments with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
- k. EMS 2022 Contract – Discussed contract, waiting on Ascension Attorney for information. Craig Greenwood made a motion to pay 1/12 annual contract approving contract through 2/7/22 with a second Adam Hanthorne, all in favor.
- l. Independence Town Cleanup – Discussed the cleanup, suggested community service help. UBO and property maintenance letters were suggested by Barce. Possibly provide dumpsters for cleanup in the spring time. Commissioners requested a list of properties for UBO and Property Maintenance concerns.
- m. Agreement between Warren County and LEDO – Andrews and Dispennett explained the agreement. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the agreement with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.

4. Old Business:

- a. Courtroom/Courthouse Repairs – Greenwood stated the courtroom is painted. Plasterers will be back in near future to finish. Chairs are still scheduled to be finished next week and court will schedule installation.
- b. New Extension Building Repair – Hanthorne will call Pat Cole concerning the soffits. Cleanup will start on old extension building soon. Extension is looking into grants for a larger sign. Greenwood will remove the old Extension sign at the previous building.
- c. Jail Generator/Battery Backup/Phone System – Weston-Hubner stated Comcast Government has not scheduled the move at this point in time. Hart will get new generator quotes.
- d. EMA Building Lighting – Table until next meeting.

5. Elected Official/Department Head comments:

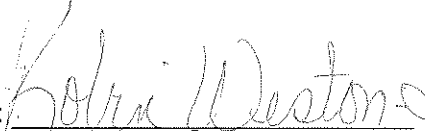
- a. Resolution Donating Generator to Pine Village – Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-0103B with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
- b. Rusty Hart, Sheriff – The 2 new Sheriff vehicles are at Move Over Outfitters and 3rd vehicle should be in this week.
- c. Matt Herndon, Highway Supervisor – Herndon inquired about the trucks from Enterprise. Andrews stated Enterprise will cover the cost of moving the radios in the new trucks.
- d. John Kuiper, Animal Control – Inquired about the licenses for new Animal Control Truck. Weston-Hubner will work on the license issue with Enterprise and State of Indiana.
- e. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor – Explained the liability, workman's comp and cyber insurance have increased due to many employee claims and security for cyber. New Extension Comcast bill is being switched over to Purdue as well as ATT will be contacted to cancel service at old extension building. Work on balancing 2021 books, prepping for 21 pay 22 abstract, etc.
- f. Randy Haddock, Surveyor – Drainage Board Meeting will need to be held for reorganization and this will be scheduled in the future.
- g. Jud Barce, County Attorney – Explained work on handbook, Brier property maintenance letter, ordinance changing zoning, EMS contract, lease of fire truck, Buffalo Hill Resolution, Bailiff Resolution, Highway bonus, etc.
- h. Smoke Detector Quote for Courthouse – Andrews explained the information received from Judge Reece concerning quotes for smoke detectors. Judge is looking into another quote.

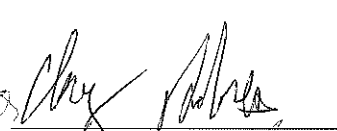
6. Public Comment: No public comment.


Next Commissioner meeting January 18, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

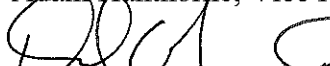
There being no further business Craig Greenwood made a motion to adjourn with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.

ATTEST:


Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor


Clay Andrews, President


Adam Hanthorne, Vice President


David Craig Greenwood