

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 7, 2022

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Joe Mackey, David Sanders, Scott Hunter, Randy Wurtzbaugh, Ben Dispennett, Shawn Gray, Perry Conrad, Joy Micon, Joe Micon, Om Sharma.

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Ingrid Barce, County Attorney; Jenny Hobaugh, Highway Office Manager; Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent; Rusty Hart, Sheriff; John Kuiper, Zoning Director; Sharon Hutchison, Council/Grant Contractor (teleconference); Randy Haddock, Surveyor; Phil Astell, EMA 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. Andrews requested to add Resolution Amending Pay Policy and Smith Scholarship. 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 February 21, 2022 Commissioner Meeting minutes with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - c. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the February 21, 2022 – March 7, 2022 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - a. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the March 4, 2022 payroll with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - b. Highway – Herndon stated highway department is working on patching and grading roads. Herndon explained his discussion with MJ Electric concerning high line work around Independence Road. MJ Electric stated they will pay for the road repairs. Hanthorne inquired about concerns with Dairy trucks. Herndon stated the issue has been resolved. Greenwood inquired about frost law signs being posted on county roads. Herndon stated that most roads have signage.
 - c. WTH Map Broadband Request for Proposal Companies Use Agreement – Andrews explained the agreements are for the request for proposals (RFP) with concern to potential broadband projects in the county. The agreement will allow the companies to use the WTH mapping program. Clay Andrews made a motion to accept limited use agreement with RFP companies with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - d. Ordinance Establishing Requirements for Use of County Roads by Utility and Wind Energy Projects – Andrews explained the issues with heavy equipment used on county roads. The fee is \$3,000 for each location and haul routes will be established by Highway Superintendent. Commissioners discussed adding a weight limit to the ordinance. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve Ordinance #2022-0307A with addition of 80,000-pound weight limitation with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - e. Smith Scholarship – Andrews stated there are 15 students who applied. The Commissioners awarded the 3 Smith Scholarships to Andrew Holland, Morgan Warrick, Clayton Oliver and Alternate Zoey Martin. Andrews stated he will inform Michele Stucky, Warren County Community Foundation, of the awards. Weston-Hubner explained the 7 reapplicants qualified for the Smith Scholarship. The Commissioners approved Kylie McFtridge, Logan McFtridge, Avery Cole, Halle Frodge, Gage Zenor, Kaelee Swank, Jordan Potter as reapplicants.
 - f. Amendment to Emergency/Holiday Pay Ordinance – Ingrid Barce explained the 3 versions adding hourly and salary employee explanation, clarifying departments. The commissioners discussed the versions. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve Ordinance #2022-0307B with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
4. Old Business:
 - a. EMS 2022 Contract – Hanthorne stated discussion with Ascension and contract is in the Ascension Legal Department. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to extend the contract until April 4th 6:00 p.m. and pay March 2022 installment seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Hanthorne stated he is working with Bryan Lanham, EMS, concerning the purchase of surface extenders for the ambulance power cots. The estimated cost is \$5,000 and Lanham will install. Clay Andrews made a motion to purchase the power cot extenders up to \$5,000 from Public Safety Ambulance Equipment Budget with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - b. Courtroom/Courthouse Repairs – Greenwood explained the courtroom chairs have been installed and Rick Cole has installed remainder of the chairs. Craig Greenwood made a motion to pay Rick Cole \$2,018.80 from Cumulative Capital Development for the installation of courtroom chairs with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor. Robin Weston-Hubner presented a bill from Connor and Company for the Court Dutch doors. The original quote of \$1,775 was previously approved but due to unforeseen issues the bill is \$2,396.25. Craig Greenwood made a motion to pay Connor & Company \$2,396.25 from Cumulative Capital Development with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor. Greenwood explained the plaster work in probation is currently in process. Greenwood presented water cooler/fountain quotes as discussed previously, Amazon \$1,022 each for the first and third floor. Craig Greenwood made a motion to purchase water cooler/fountains and installed by Johnson Well up to \$3,000 from Cumulative Capital Development with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - c. Annex/Extension Building – Greenwood explained internet installation, cleaned up, new locks have been completed. Hanthorne stated the New Extension gutters and soffit quote is in process and will have at next meeting. Weston-Hubner explained the need for a copier/printer and fire proof safe for the Annex building. Wilson will get quotes.

d. Jail Generator/Battery Backup/Phone System – Hanthorne stated he has left messages with Huston electric with no response.

e. EMA Building Lighting – Greenwood presented a quote for new lighting from Hall Electric for \$3,975.00. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the quote to be paid from Courthouse budget line in County General with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.

5. Elected Official/Department Head comments:

a. Rusty Hart, Sheriff – Hart presented the 2021 Sherriff Annual Report. Hart explained there have been several programs added back such as drug rehab. Hart explained no additional funds were requested and \$50,017 Jail, \$47,328 Sheriff and \$7,908 Public Safety were unused appropriated dollars for 2021. Jail population is up from 2020. Housing revenue of \$43,612 due to holding for other counties and DOC which goes back to county general. County will receive gun permit fees from State due to State now processing gun permits. The 2022 Commissary Report was presented and explained. Hart explained the lighting in the front of jail is being replaced with LED by Thompson Electric and paid out of Misdemeanant Fund.

b. Phil Astell, EMA Director – Astell stated a Storm Spotter class will be held March 7th at 6:00 in the Learning Center. LEPC/EMA meeting will be March 9th at Noon in the Learning Center.

c. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor – Property taxes have been certified and Treasurer will be printing soon.

d. Craig Greenwood, Commissioner – Greenwood explained County Home cemetery mowing currently is being paid for by Township. Discussed the Commissioners need to look into paying for this in the future.

e. Clay Andrews, Commissioner – Andrews explained the are Bell Farms had farmed for the county close to Johnsonville is being looked into for a conservation planting as Bell will no longer farm this.

6. Public Comment:

a. David Sanders – Sanders introduced himself. He is a Purdue University Professor and West Lafayette City Council Member running for Senator. Sanders explained his platform and concerns.

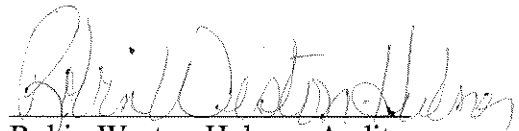
b. Ben Dispennett, LEDO Director – Dispennett explained progress on Comprehensive Study. READI Grant will be finalized soon.

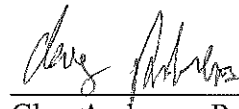
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Next Commissioner meeting March 21, 2022 @ 8:30 a.m.


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, President


Adam Hanthorne, Vice President


David Craig Greenwood