

**WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**MONDAY OCTOBER 3, 2022**

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Ben Dispennett, LEDO Director; Chris Sanders, IMPA; Steve Yates; Mark Little; Jim Switzer; Mason Gordon, HWC Engineering; Cordell Miler.

Department Head/Elected Official – Charity Perigo, Deputy Auditor; Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor (remote); Jenny Hobaugh, Highway Office Manager; Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent; John Comer, Council; Jud Barce, County Attorney; Phil Astell, EMA Director; Sean Sharma, Health Officer; Jill Wilson, HR 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. Move Comprehensive plan to F and take off Health Insurance update, add Health Department Ordinance and Ordinance for surplus property sale. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
  - b. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the September 15 and 19, 2022 Commissioner Meeting minutes with a second from clay Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
  - c. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the September 19 – October 3, 2022 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
  - d. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the September 28, 2022 payroll with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
  - e. Highway – Herndon stated the road is open at State Line, discussed signage such as speed limit and stop sign. Traffic study results have been returned. Discussed stop sign at 300w and 450n. Hobaugh opened bids from JX Peterbilt (different beds) 2024 model 548 truck at \$150,179 with 5-year warranty. Truck bed bids are Rahn truck \$85,699.89 total of \$235,878.89 and Clark Truck \$88,557.70 total of \$238,736.70. Herndon explained this would be a midyear build late 2023 or early 2024 for delivery. Discussed the different bed quotes. Craig Greenwood made a motion to table until Oct 17<sup>th</sup> meeting seconded by Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor. Tractor discussed from AHW and Herndon will call to get delivery date.
  - f. Comprehensive Plan Final Review – APC gave a favorable recommendation on Sept 20<sup>th</sup>. Mason Gordon HWC explained the plan to the Commissioners. Clay Andrews made a motion to adopt Warren County Comprehensive Plan Ordinance #2022-1003A seconded by Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
  - g. Rezoning Hearing for Solar Farm – Clay Andrews opened the hearing. Chris Sanders, Indiana Municipal Power Agency explained the rezoning request. Rezoning from R2 to I1 to build AC solar park on a 11 acre farm a 1.2-megawatt project located at old cemetery. The power would be used for the town. Estimated start date would be mid 2023 with construction takin 8-10 months. Investment of approximately \$2.8 million dollars. Fence is 7 feet chain linked fence. Setbacks were discussed. Cost savings for residences would help to keep rates lower to Williamsport Town. Commissioners questioned the benefits to the community. Sanders explained the benefits to the Town as well as taxbase for County. Barce explained the resolution which would send on to the BZA for final approval. Discussed the variances. Public comment was requested. Steve Yates, adjacent landowner to the project, stated concerns with setbacks, property values, sound. Sanders stated the parcel will be surveyed; the information given to the Commissioners is the preliminary site study. The sound would be very low compared to rustling leaves. Discussed the location area such as where the actual solar panels will be located. Cemetery association owns the parcel and revenue would be helpful to them. Commissioners discussed the location as in a residential area. Andrews read the letter from Randy Wurtzbaugh, Williamsport Town Council President. Discussed the options and process. Barce explained the Commissioner must act within the 90 days or will automatically pass. Discussed the timeline. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to table until October 17<sup>th</sup> Commissioner meeting seconded by Clay Andrews, all in favor. Andrews closed the hearing.
  - h. Bid Opening for County Owned Parcel to Abutting Landowners – Andrews opened the sealed bids and explained the landlocked parcel. James B Switzer bid of \$5,000 total and Mark Little bid of \$3333/acre or \$16,665. Andrews asked for public comment. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve Mark Little bid of \$3,333/acre seconded by Adam Hanthorne, all in favor.
  - i. MJ Electric Damage Claim – Andrews explained MJ Electric denied the claim. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to pursue litigation against MJ Electric seconded by Craig Greenwood, all in favor.
  - j. Resolution for Warren County Health Department Employees – Barce explained the resolution. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-1003B Establish Benefit for WCHD seconded by Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor. Wilson explained the longevity resolution is to change the County Longevity Resolution adding HD.
  - k. Resolution for Donation to Warren County Pool – Jud explained questions concerning the resolution. Discussed the funding and how to be sure the County is protected. Tabled until next meeting.
  - l. Interlocal Agreement Dispatch – Discussed the changes that Warren County requested. Choosing a director, the Governing Board (Fountain County Commissioners) would recommend to the Executive Board (911 Board). The Executive Board is comprised of 2 Fountain County Commissioners, 1 Warren County Commissioner, Warren and Fountain Cnty Sheriffs. When voting the Executive Board must have a passing vote of 80%, if not the Governing Board would then choose. Removed Governing Board in #9. Discussed the contract amount at \$275,000 yearly. Remove #14 as Warren County will no longer be required to purchase assets. Barce explained the assets prior to this agreement will be divided 50/50 anything purchased after this agreement is signed Fountain County will be responsible for equipment purchases. Barce explained the 5-year length of the contract and termination 18 months. Barce will make the changes and send to Fountain County Attorney.

- m. ~~Johnsonville County Owned Parcel – Discussed the parcel and right of way. Hannah Brandt had called stating she would like to purchase all of the land on the west side of 600S behind her parcel. Discussed the land west of Brandt parcel and price. Clay Andrews made a motion to allow a minimum bid of \$1,000 for small triangle sale to abutting landowner Adam Hawthorne, all voted in favor. Discussed the north portion of the parcel which is tillable and put a pollinator plot.~~
- n. Veteran Service Officer Position – Andrews stated this position currently is being served and will schedule interviews for this position.
- o. LOW Associates Financial Software Quote – Discussed total of new financial software total of \$208,781. Discussed paying from County General and ARPA for payment. Craig Greenwood made a motion to purchase the Low Associates Financial Software Quote of \$208,781 paid from County General with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
- p. Resolution to Declare Surplus Personal Property Sheriff – Discussed the 2 vehicles. Clay Andrews motion to approve Resolution #2022-1003C seconded by Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.

Old Business:

- a. Ordinance Establishing Grant Process – Barce explained Judge had changes for \$5,000 or more as well as renewal or needing a quick decision. Discussed the changes requested. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve Ordinance #2022-1003D seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
- b. Ordinance Warren County Health Department Employee Policy – Barce explained the Ordinance is not the employee ordinance but changes the Warren County Code from Fountain and Warren to Warren County Health Department. Adam Hawthorne motion to approve Ordinance #2022-1003E seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
- c. Warren County Health Department – Andrews presented quotes from Flook Electrical \$31,000 and Eberhardt \$31,870. Clay Andrews Eberhard Heating and Cooling for new HVAC \$31,870 Fund 4904 seconded by Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor. Craig Greenwood Flook Electrical for new electrical \$31,000 paid from Fund 4904 seconded by Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor. Greenwood discussed the peninsula in drive through as well as drop system replace with stone by Nathan Grubbs for \$4,200. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve Nathan Grubb \$4,200 pay from Fund 4904 with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Greenwood had quote for fire system for \$20,000. Discussed the old system. Hanthorne will discuss with Flook.
- d. Pence Water System Upgrade – Tabled.
- e. Fire & Smoke Alarms County Buildings – Discussed the Koorsen wireless fire and smoke alarm system for \$59,700. Greenwood stated the custodian extra help was here due to Haddock being out all week was stuck in the elevator on Saturday but all was taken care of. Hanthorne discussed a box key for both buildings which would allow the fire departments to have access. Discussed funding for the system.

Elected Official/Department Head comments:

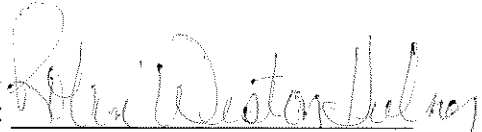
- a. Barce explained the Lord case is in process.

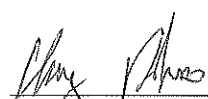
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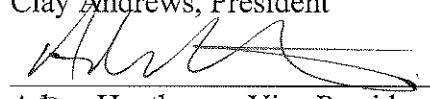
Next Commissioner meeting October 17, 2022 @ 8:30 a.m.


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