

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY AUGUST 21, 2023

Commissioners present for the meeting: Clay Andrews, Craig Greenwood, John Comer.

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Tenaska: Bryan Crabb, Ryan Choquette, Jim Prescott, Matt Lambert, Timberly Ross. Brent Rademaker, Perry Conrad, LeAnn Conrad, Joe Senesac, John Senesac, Radny Cary, Pat Cary, Lyn Martin Tom Witsman, Aaron Senesac, Ben Dispennett, LEDO Director; Nick Malkewick, Jennie Larson, Kevin Howard, Darcy Sensac.

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Charity Perigo, County Attorney; Jud Barce, County Attorney; Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent; Jenny Hobough, Highway Department; Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff; Randy Haddock, Surveyor; Ethan Foxworthy, Council; Sharon Hutchison, Council/Grant Writer (remote); John Kuiper, Zoning 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 bids for Morehouse UBO. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - b. John Comer made a motion to approve the August 7, 2023 Commissioner Meeting Minutes with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - c. John Comer made a motion to approve the August 7, 2023 – August 21, 2023 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - d. John Comer made a motion to approve the August 4, 2023 payroll with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - e. Highway – Herndon stated paving has begun Division Road. Herndon presented 2 quotes to replace the Highway patch crew pickup truck. Both bids are from Alsop Chevrolet 2 used trucks. First is a 2018 Sierra 1500 SLT with 164,598 miles at \$15,725 and second is a 2017 Silverado 1500 LT with 85,061 miles at \$20,183. The old patch truck will be retooled to replace the fuel truck and current fuel truck will be traded in for \$10,000 or sold on GovDeals. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve purchase of the 2017 Silverado from Alsop Chevrolet and trade fuel truck paid from Sale of County Owned Property Fund for \$20,183 seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor. Herndon explained the pile of millings need to be crushed to be usable and will pay for this from the Stone budget.
 - f. Carbon Sequestration – Tenaska Energy Company presented information to the Commissioners and Public concerning a Carbon Capture and Storage Development in Warren County. Current projects in Indiana are battery storage, solar energy, natural gas and electric. Carbon Capture Sequestration was explained in detail. Commissioners inquired about permits, footprint of project. The project would encompass 15 acres above ground with approximately 5,000 acres per well underground. The process was explained with determination of the area through seismic studies and seismic monitoring over the life of the project to ensure CO2 stays in place. Andrews questioned issue with seeping out. Tenaska explained seepage possibility laterally and vertically but well bore will be strictly monitored. County aquifer was discussed and Tenaska explained aquifer will be drilled through using a steel rod to be placed to guarantee no CO2 in ground water. Discussed leakages in the pipeline which has auto shut off. If CO2 leaks it becomes a gas in the air and evaporates. Discuss mandates through federal government. Tenaska explained the new mandates with federal IRA tax credits for carbon capture. Project has an expected life span of 30 years with 10-15 years post monitoring. Commissioners asked if Tenaska has customers lined up and they do not at this time but are looking for customers to be storage providers in a 50-100 miles area. Greenwood questioned 5 wells and size of pipeline. Tenaska replied 5 wells is the starting point currently and pipeline size depends on distance of pipeline. Currently only looking at Warren County for this project. Tenaska explained the seismic study of 37 miles would take about 2 1/2 weeks. Barce questioned the process when project is completed. Tenaska replied the wells will be filled with concrete, pipeline capped. Public issues with the ground water if we have an earthquake. Tenaska replied the fault line is far enough way and this would part of the seismic survey, ground water is protected with the pipes through the aquifer. Public questioned a plume map. Tenaska replied the seismic survey would need to finalized first but approximately 1-2 miles plume area. Tenaska would have information for the public after a permit is approved. Andrews explained a ordinance is in process before granting any access.
 - g. Resolution Opioid Donation West Lebanon – West Lebanon has offered to donate Opioid Settlement fund to the County. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve Ordinance #2023-0821A to accept the Opioid Donation from West Lebanon in Fund 1237 seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - h. Ordinance Tax Sale – Table next meeting.
 - i. JOINK Public-Private Agreement – JOINK has not signed. Barce has only seen the preliminary agreement. Dispennett stated a PILOT or payments in lieu of taxes agreement will be separate. Barce inquired about zoning special acceptance and ordinance. Dispennett stated the project will be in the right of ways and the Highway Department has right of way exhibits. Barce stated concern with the depth and setbacks. Dispennett stated the contract is being signed by JOINK then the Commissioners will sign in next meeting. Barce stated a building permit is needed and as a contract no zoning approval needed.
 - j. Morehouse UBO Bids – Kuiper presented 4 quotes for removal of the Morehouse home. Bids for total removal and cleanup included Gate Excavating \$15,000, AJ Hetrick \$13,200, NAG Excavating \$15,000-\$18,000 due to number of dumpsters and removal only B&D All-Terrain \$11,237. Discussed the bids. Discussed a letter giving 14 days to remove the owner's personal property. Barce will compose and send to Kuiper who will send to Morehouse. Barce explained pay for from UBO fund, send invoice giving 30 days to pay, if not paid add to tax bill. Craig Greenwood made a motion to accept bid from Gregg Excavating of \$12,760 seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.

4. Old Business:

- a. St Vincent Tower MOU Convergence/Fire Tech – Tabled. Comer stated the area was cleaned up by highway department for the new equipment to be added. Barce will work on this.

5. Department Head:

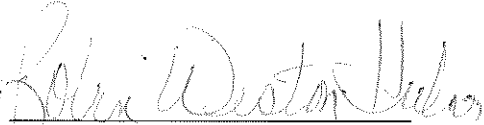
- a. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor – SBOA here auditing. List of outstanding items and will send to the Commissioners
- b. John Kuiper, Zoning – Explained an issue with vehicle removal on a parcel.

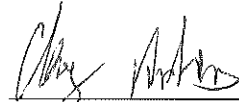
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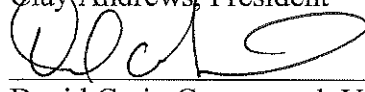
Next Commissioner meeting September 5, 2023 @ 8:30 a.m.

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

ATTEST:


Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor


Clay Andrews, President


David Craig Greenwood, Vice President


John Comer