

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY DECEMBER 18, 2023

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Ben Dispennett, LEDO Director; Lyn Martin; LeAnn Conrad; Perry Conrad; Pam Krzystof; Brenda Leak; Michael Evens; Tom Witsman; Kayla Witsman; Kevin Howard; Cindy Howard; Lee Booth; Jennifer Birch; Matt Lambert, Tenaska; Bryan Crabb, Tenaska; Jim Prescott, Tenaska.

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Charity Perigo, County Attorney; Ingrid Barce, County Attorney; Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent; Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff; Jill Wilson, HR Director; Sharon Hutchison, Council/Grant Writer; Phil Astell, EMA Director; John Kuiper, Zoning Director; Laci Frodge, Health Department; Justin Brummett, Coroner; Greg Robison, LEPC; Adam Hanthorne, EMA Director elect.

1. The meeting was called to order by Clay Andrews.
2. Clay Andrews, Commissioner President led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:
 - a. Williamsport Pool Agreement. 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 December 4, 2023 Commissioner Meeting Minutes with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - c. John Comer made a motion to approve the December 4, 2023 – December 18, 2023 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - d. John Comer made a motion to approve the November 22, 2023 payroll with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - e. Highway – Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent, explained the Community Crossing Grant 2024 opportunity of \$1.5 million with 25% County share match. Discussed 875W from 28 to Johnsonville Railroad tracks. Discussed taking County share from Economic Development Fund or MVH Restricted. Weston-Hubner stated 2024 Budget of \$150,000 in the Economic Development Fund currently. Dump Truck ordered in 2022 should arrive soon. Herndon presented a quote for emulsion storage tank. This would save emulsion product as currently not able to keep hot. Delivery would be in the Spring of 2024 and no payment until 2025. Lease is \$30K year/3 years for 6,000 gallons. Discussed 8,000-gallon tank, Herndon will get a quote. Weather has been an issue this week making road work hard.
 - f. UBO, VanPelt – Clay Andrews opened the UBO hearing. VanPelt not in attendance. Kuiper presented photos of the parcel. Discussed concern as someone is living in the home. Pence resident stated the home has water and electric. Kuiper stated the house is still in bad condition. Discussed possibly extending requiring proof of ownership. Clay Andrews affirmed and extending for 30 days VanPelt UBO seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor. Andrews closed the UBO hearing.
 - g. 2024 Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement – John Comer made a motion to approve the 2024 Warren County Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - h. 2024 Purdue/Warren County Extension Agreement – Discussed the Extension sign repair item has been ordered. John Comer made a motion to approve the 2024 Purdue/Warren County Extension Agreement seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - i. Koorsen Fire Alarm Alert Agreement – Greenwood explained the fire alarm system has been installed in the Courthouse. The agreement is for monitoring of the system for \$50/month. John Comer made a motion to approve the Koorsen Fire Alarm Alert Agreement seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - j. Judge Reece, CASA Pay Increase & Interpreter Line Add to 2024 Budget – Judge Reece explained CASA salary increase due to increased responsibilities and issues with interpreter services currently using. Currently 6-8 non-English cases a month at approximately 4 hours per month. Judge explained grant opportunities in the future for interpreter. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve \$38,000/year pay increase and addition of interpreter line to 2024 budget seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - k. 2024 Annual Nepotism Certificates and contracting with a Relative – Commissioners discussed and signed the certificates.
 - l. 2024 LEDO Economic Development Services Contract – John Comer made a motion to approve the 2024 LEDO Economic Development Services Contract seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - m. Road Use Agreement – Andrews explained right of way permits requested by Tenaska for seismic testing. Barce explained Highway Superintendent will approve the roads to be used, this is seismic to see if project is viable. Andrews questioned the weight of the trucks being over 80,000 pounds. Tenaska stated the trucks are in the 60,000-pound range and bridges of concern can be avoided. Discussed options for County. Tenaska will take before and after video of the roads for insurance. Discussed HB 1209 in regards to landowner participation and compensation. Commissioners explained the Road Use Agreement is to protect the County and is not needed for Tenaska to continue. Andrews requested Tenaska to present truck specs. John Comer made a motion to table the Road Use Agreement until Jan 2nd to review truck specification seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - n. 2024 Grant Writer Contract – Tabled until Jan 2nd.
 - o. Agreement for Donation of Funds Williamsport Pool – Tabled until Spring.
4. Old Business:
 - a. County Pasture Rent Agreement and Repairs – Andrews explained the new agreement is only changing to Fink Family Farms at \$900/year. This is not extending the agreement. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the County Pasture Rent Agreement to Fink Family Farms seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - b. Cell Phone Policy – Tabled until Jan 2nd

c. 2024 County Board Appointments – Clay Andrews made a motion to approve Resolution #2023-1218A seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.

5. Department Head:

- a. John Kuiper, Zoning Director – Kuiper stated the Public Hearing for the Pipeline Ordinance will be held Jan 9th at 5:00 p.m.
- b. Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent – Herndon inquired about the insurance claim for the guardrail on 900. Barce explained still working on this.
- c. Phil Astell, EMA Director – Astell stated the EMA building cleanup was successful with help of Herndon and Greenwood. Sirens have been delivered to the camps as per donation. Dispatch is hiring a new company working for siren work as currently no tornado sirens and no timeline.
- d. Justin Brummett, Coroner – Brummett presented an update on yearend stats with total of 25 calls, 19 of those were coroner cases of those 6 were turned down, 8 autopsied. Type of cases included 15 natural cause, 6 accidental, 1 suicide, 0 pediatric. Weston-Hubner explained Montgomery County is working on a lost title from the State for the coroner vehicle.
- e. Commissioners – Thanked Phil Astell for his years of service with the county.

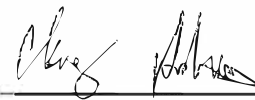
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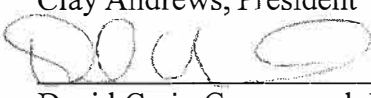
Next Commissioner meeting January 2, 2024 @ 8:30 a.m.

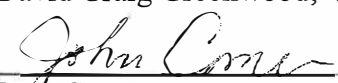
There being no further business John Comer made a motion to adjourn with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.

ATTEST:


Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor


Clay Andrews, President


David Craig Greenwood, Vice President


John Comer