

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 17, 2023

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Duane Howard, Kevin Howard, Reena Potter, Perry Conrad, Lyn Martin, Greg Robison, Cheryl Clark.

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Chief Deputy Auditor; Sharon Hutchison, Grant Writer; Ethan Foxworthy, Council; Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent; Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff; 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. Weston-Hubner requested to remove Reorganization of Commissioners and add Health Department Grant, Highway Community Crossing Grant, Baker Tilly Agreement and remove Hoosier Associates. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - b. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the January 3, 2023 Commissioner Meeting minutes with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - c. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the January 3, 2023 – January 17, 2023 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - d. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the January 6, 2023 payroll with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - e. Highway – Herndon stated Briscoe Bridge is open, guard rail will be placed soon and in the spring sandblast and paint. Discussed road conditions. Barce has published the Frost Law. Hobough presented Community Crossing Grant 2023-1 application to the Commissioners. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the grant application seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - f. Sheriff Grant Application – Sheriff Pruitt explained the grant application for 10 Motorola body cameras and quote of \$16,000. John Comer made a motion to approve the grant application seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - g. 2023 Sheriff Contract – Sheriff Pruitt explained the contract with only change of sheriff salary is mandated amount. John Comer made a motion to approve the 2023 Sheriff Contract seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - h. Duane Howard – Howard inquired about an earlier request to the Commissioners and Sheriff concerning a parcel in West Lebanon. Andrews explained this issue is with the Town of West Lebanon not the County. Commissioners do not oversee the West Lebanon Town Board.
 - i. Title IV-E Ordinance – Barce explained the Title IV-E program. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-0117B seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - j. Coroner Vehicle – Brummett explained the coroner's office has been moved to the Annex Building. The secured storage in the EMA building will be shared by the Sheriff and Coroner. The old Coroner's Office does not have adequate ventilation and will need attention. Andrews requested a list of items that Brummett is requesting to be disposing. Brummett explained the Montgomery County Coroner has offered to donate a 2017 Ford Expedition with 42,100 miles and facilitate autopsies for the County. Clay Andrews made a motion to accept the Ford Expedition as a transport vehicle seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor. Discussed add to insurance. Brummett stated he will need a cot for the vehicle and camera. Hutchison, Grant Writer, explained a reimbursement program through the State for a camera.
 - k. Health Department Intern and Grant Application – Frodge explained the need for an intern. Paying \$2,000 from 1168, Local Health Maintenance, Contract Staff and change line to Extra Help. Remainder of salary from Extra Help line in 1159 as funds from Health Educator who will be out for maternity leave. Presented grant application for immunization grant from Department of Health approximately \$19,000 for intern, off site vaccine clinic coolers, promotional items, etc. John Comer made a motion to approve the grant application seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor. Discussed Health Department MOA with Purdue University.
 - l. Baker Tilly, JCWF Abatement – Barce explained the agreement that was received from NextEra. part 2 reviewing the agreement, part 1,3,4 additional. Ben explained the look back concerning the JCWF, 2nd review any new proposal for the \$104M, financially understand the counter offer, budget for the next 10 years. Discussed how much to increase as approved up to 10K from 4917 Jan 3rd. Barce explained what will be found possibly. John not to exceed \$25 K for Baker Tilly Clay, all in favor.

Old Business:

- a. 2023 Warren County Board Ordinance – Discussed Louise Jewell retiring from Wabash River Corridor Board. John Comer made a motion to appoint Sam Cody to Wabash River Corridor Board replacing Louis Jewell seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor. Discussed KIRPC position, table until next meeting.
- b. CTI Tower Contract – Table until next meeting to sign the Contract.
- c. CERES Survey – Barce explained the legal descriptions are be needed.
- d. County Farm Maintenance – Tabled.
- e. Grant Writer Contract 2023 – Barce is working on contract, scope of services, commission pay. Grant writing and administration was discussed. Tabled.
- f. MJ Electric Claim – Barce explained the progress and process.
- g. 911 Dispatch – Tabled.
- h. WC HD Renovations – Discussed installing automatic ADA entrance doors. Greenwood presented quote from Wabash Valley for automatic doors, \$4,406.98. Jill Wilson, HR Director, sent a quote from Haley Lock and

Key, \$5,899.40. Discussed the quotes and differences of each. Greenwood presented a quote from Rick Deardorff for new locks and keys, \$712.00. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve Rick Deardorff quote of \$712.00 paid from Cumulative Capital Development seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve Wabash Overhead Door quote of \$4,046.98 paid from Cumulative Capital Development seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor. Greenwood will contact Deardorff and Wabash Overhead to schedule.

- i. PTO WC Employees – Barce suggested working with HR to get the agreement. Discussed Highway pay out of overtime and on call pay of \$100/week. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve up to 40 hours of comp time with Employee choice of overtime for the Highway Department seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.

Department Head:

- a. Phil Astell, EMA Director – Astell stated RaComm has been contacted to reprogram the 4 sirens. The base radio in the EMA office is older and needs repaired, suggested replacing. Astell stated approximate \$500 for a new radio and will pay from his budget. Pine Village is requesting to move the siren to the east end of town closer to the school. Fire Department has requested to leave siren at the Fire Station. Commissioners requested to keep the siren at the Fire Station.

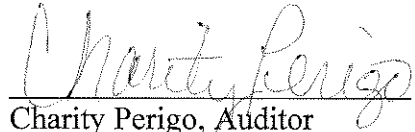
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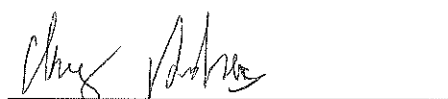
- a. Ben Dispennett, LEDO Director – Dispennett explained the READI workforce development housing project kicks off this month. RFP discussions have begun. Discussed the funds needed to vet the protentional service providers and need a legal team for this. LEDO has exhausted the funds and will need help with remaining fees as well as engineering services. Dispennett requested \$50,000 of the budgeted funds for the READI project to spend on legal/engineering services. Andrews stated he has looked into ICE Miller for this project. Discussed \$50,000 and possibly need more like \$80,000 - \$100,000 for both legal/engineering. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve \$50,000 to for contracted services dealing with broadband proposal form Fund 4918 seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
- b. Kevin Howard, Pence waterworks – Howard inquired of the progress on the water issue in Pence. Greenwood explained the process, meetings, funding. The study/engineering and project would cost possibly over \$300,000. Grants requiring study/engineering, head of USDA stated drill wells. Due to the large amount of funding needed, it was suggested by USDA to drill wells. Greenwood will get the information to Howard.
- c. Adam Hanthorne – Dave Mitton passed away possibly 100 W memory sign for him asked.

Next Commissioner meeting January 17, 2023 @ 8:30 a.m.


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

ATTEST:


Charity Perigo, Auditor


Clay Andrews, President

David Craig Greenwood, Vice President


John Comer