

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 3, 2023

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Ben Dispennett, LEDO Director; Blake Schoen, Hoosier Associates; Owen Snedeker; RJ Dunavan; Vince Brown; Howard Jones; Shawn Walker.

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Chief Deputy Auditor; Jenny Hobaugh, Highway Office Manager; Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent; Jud Barce, County Attorney; Sharon Hutchison, Grant Writer (Remote); Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff; John Kuiper, Zoning Director; Phil Astell, EMA Director; Laci Frodge, Warren County Health Administrator/Nurse; Randy Haddock, Surveyor; Ethan Foxworthy, Council; Justin Brummett, Coroner.

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 added Reorganization of Commissioners and County Employee PTO to the agenda. John Comer made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - b. Reorganization and Election of Officers for 2023:
 - i. Commissioner President – Craig Greenwood made a motion to appoint Clay Andrews to President of the Commissioners 2023 with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor, Clay Andrews abstained.
 - ii. Vice President – Clay Andrews made a motion to appoint Craig Greenwood to Vice President of the Commissioners with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor, Craig Greenwood abstained.
 - iii. The Commissioners retained and appointed the following: Clay Andrews made a motion to approve all appointments with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
 1. Highway – Clay Andrews, John Comer and Craig Greenwood
 2. County Farm – Clay Andrews
 3. County physical facilities – Craig Greenwood
 4. Ambulance/EMS – John Comer
 5. Jail – John Comer
 - c. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the December 19, 2022 and December 20, 2022 Commissioner Meeting minutes with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - d. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the December 19, 2022 – January 3, 2023 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - e. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the December 22, 2022 payroll with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - f. Rezoning Hearing, Ceres Solutions – Barce explained the agreement and ordinance for a parcel located in Washington Township. The agreement allows the zoning to go back to C-2 zoning if no longer used. Jones and Brown, Ceres Solutions explained the need for storage expansion to facilitate customers. Greenwood stated appreciate doing business in the County. John Comer made a motion to approve the rezoning Ordinance #2023-0103A seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - g. Highway – Herndon and Commissioners discussed the frost law and road situation in the County. Discussed Community Crossing Grant 2023-1 and areas to put on application. Discussed advertising the frost law. Barce will have this advertised.
 - h. 2022-2 Community Crossing Grant Bid Opening – Hobaugh opened the 1 bid received. Bid from Milestone for 16 sections which include Rainsville streets, Greenhill streets and streets outside of Pine Village for \$362,590. County Share 25% match is \$90,647.50. Clay Andrews made a motion approve bid from Milestone for 2022-2 Community Crossing Grant with County Share from Fund 1176 seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - i. County Insurance, Hoosier Associates – Schoen explained the renewal and changes for 2023. Quotes will be presented January 17. Discussed training that is offered.

Old Business:

- a. 2023 Warren County Board Ordinance –
 - i. APC/BZA – Clay Andrews made a motion to nominate Tony Briles to the APC and Lane Sells to the BZA seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - ii. KIRPC –County resident position will be tabled until January 17, 2023.
 - iii. District 4 Planning Committee – John Comer made a motion to nominate Clay Andrews seconded by Craig Greenwood, Comer and Greenwood voted in favor, Andrews abstained.
- b. CTI Tower Contract – Hobaugh presented information concerning the lease contract. Discussed the 4% increases with same provisions to 5-year lock in which will allow termination if other options are available. Clay Andrews made a motion to ratify the CTI Tower Contract approved December 19, 2022 seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
- c. Ceres Property Survey – Barce is working on this, table until next meeting. No invoice for survey.
- d. County Farm Maintenance – Tabled until next meeting. Greenwood discussed original landfill and restrictions.
- e. 2023 Grant Writer Contract – Schedule Executive Session January 6, 2023 to discuss contract.
- f. MJ Electric Damage Claim – Extension and still waiting on answer to complaint due to 30-day extension.
- g. Fountain Warren Interlocal Agreement 911/Dispatch – Table until next meeting.
- h. Johnsonville County Owned Parcel, Lease Agreement Elliott – Clay Andrews made a motion to approve lease agreement for 2 acres in Johnsonville with Rob Elliott seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.

- i. Warren County Health Department Renovations – Health Department opens today. Greenwood presented a quote for fire alarms from Koorsen approximately \$19,000. Looking at other options to reduce the cost. Discussed the ADA requirements once fire alarms are installed. Discussed the door locks. Greenwood will look into cost for rekeying the building. Discussed the front door for ADA purposes, tabled until next meeting. Discussed the assets shared with Fountain County.
- j. County Employee PTO Policy – Barce presented information for review. Tabled until next meeting.

Elected Official/Department Head comments:

- a. Justin Brummett, Coroner – Brummett explained items such as a camera will need to be purchased and will present a quote at a coming meeting as well as Tyvek suits, shoe covers, etc. which EMA currently has stock of these items. Brummett explained getting shirts for the Deputy Coroners. Brummett will be going to training February 7th for new coroners. Brummett stated his deputies are Maggie Estes, David Greer, Bill Miller. There is 1 open case from 20 years ago, unidentified baby and looking to get the case closed. Discussed the Tippecanoe County bill which Barce stated must be paid by Indiana Code. Brummett stated he is looking for a different coroner's office to do the autopsies. Barce explained an MOU will be needed.
- b. Phil Astell, EMA Director – Astell will present the Emergency Closure from December for signatures and Auditor filing at the next meeting.
- c. Randy Haddock, Surveyor – Haddock stated the Drainage Board Meeting will be January 17th with election of officers and 2023 ditch rates.
- d. Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent – Discussed the CTI tower and possibility of moving to a different tower. Working with crane companies to get reports of when in the County.
- e. Ethan Foxworthy, Council – Discussed the Jordan Creek Wind Farm abatement and NextEra deadline to respond is January 13th. Council will be sending a letter of support to Fountain County Council concerning the Radio Dispatch/911.
- f. Jenny Hobough, Solid Waste Director – Hobough stated a grant application approximately \$27,000 for a bailer has been submitted.
- g. Robin Weston-Hubner, Chief Deputy Auditor – Presented a bill from Eco Shred for Prosecutor Office shredding in December. Inquired if radios going to the Fire Departments has been decided.
- h. Clay Andrews, Commissioner – Discussed hiring Baker Tilley to look at the JCWF abatement. Comer will contact Baker Tilley. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve up to \$10,000 paid from Fund 4917 to hire Baker Tilley seconded by John Comer, all in favor.

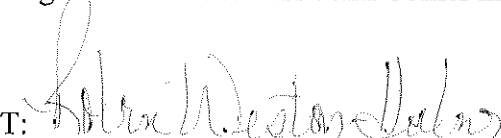
Public Comment:


- a. Ben Dispennett, LEDO Director – LEDO is reviewing proposals and will negotiate then come back for public presentation to County and request funding. READI projects are kicking off in 2023. Quarter 4 update was sent out. Presented 2023 LEDO service contract. John Comer made a motion to approve the 2023 LEDO contract seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.

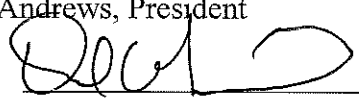
Next Commissioner meeting January 17, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

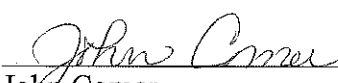
There being no further business John Comer made a motion to adjourn with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.

ATTEST:


~~Charity Perigo, Auditor~~
 Robin Weston-Hubner,
 Chief Deputy Auditor


 Clay Andrews, President


 David Craig Greenwood, Vice President


 John Comer