

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2023

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Ben Dispennett, LEDO Director; Lyn Martin, LeAnn Conrad, Cheryl Clark, Adam Hanthorne, Pam Krzystof, Jane Craigin.

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Charity Perigo, County Attorney; Jud Barce, County Attorney; Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent; Jenny Hobaugh, Highway Department; Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff; Jill Wilson, HR Director; Sharon Hutchison, Council/Grant Writer (remote); Phil Astell, EMA Director; John Kuiper, Zoning Director; Laci Frodge, Health Department; Dr. Sean Sharma, Health Department; Greg Robison, LEPC.

1. The meeting was called to order by Clay Andrews.
2. Clay Andrews, Commissioner President led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:
 - a. Discussed removing pool and personal property solid waste. 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 November 6, 2023 Commissioner Meeting Minutes with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - c. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the November 6, 2023 – November 20, 2023 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - d. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the November 10, 2023 payroll with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - e. Highway – Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent stated estimate for repairs to truck that hit a deer are in process and he is working with the insurance company on this.
 - f. 2024 County Board – Clay Andrews explained Sam Cody and Steve Eberly Alternate are willing to serve on the Wabash River Corridor Board for the County. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve Resolution #2023-1120A to confirm Sam Cody and alternate Steve Eberly to 2024 Wabash River Corridor board seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - g. County Pasture, Clink Fink – Fink introduced himself and explained the county pasture history. Fencing has been an issue and would like to refence the area. Approximate cost to put up new fence 5.50/foot woven wire; clearing \$17/foot allowing bushhog around the fence. Discussed starting new fence next to the fields to protect from cattle road and protect crops. Possibility of logging some of the larger trees to help pay for the fencing. Currently Fund 4800 County Farm Cap Improvement Fund balance is \$48,505. As per Resolution, the balance will be \$50,000 at the beginning of the year. Andrews will look at the funding. Fink will give Andrews the name of a logging company.
 - h. Additional Appropriations – Weston-Hubner explained additional appropriations. Commissioner budget AIC Meetings \$1,500; Awards/Retirement \$1.750; County Attorney \$20,000. Reduction Local Road & Street \$220,000. John Comer made a motion to approve additional and reduction of appropriations seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - i. Auditor Plat Fund – Weston-Hubner explained the current Ordinance allows \$10/deed for a plat fee. The number of deed/transfers has increased considerably over the past year creating more work for the Auditor's Office. In addition, the number of departments, employees, grants, etc. has increased approximately 30% in most cases. With that in mind, Weston-Hubner requested to increase the salaries of the Auditor Deputies using the Plat Fund costing the County no funds. Commissioners stated salary increases will possibly be looked at later. Commissioners agreed to allow the increase in plat fee to \$10 per parcel as of Jan 1, 2024.
4. Old Business:
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5. Department Head:
 - a. John Kuiper, Zoning Director – Discussed rezoning of all incorporated towns. Discussed rezoning request to residential for a taxpayer due which will be discussed at the BZA meeting Dec 19th and to the Commissioners Jan 4th.
 - b. Julie Clark, Warren County Soil and Water – Clark explained grant opportunity, working group for urban soil committee for soil health. Annual meeting is set for February 21st 9 a.m. at West Lebanon Christian Church. Indiana State Department of Ag has a program for residential free-soil testing. Soil and Water Board meetings are held 2nd Wednesday each month at 8:30 a.m. at USDA office. Soil and Water District purchased a new laptop to ensure continue to work for County if there is a federal shutdown. This was purchased at no cost to the County.
 - c. Phil Astell, EMA Director – Sirens are all in and meeting with company Fountain County uses to resolve issues. Retired EMA laptops will be delivered to the Annex.
 - d. Dr. Sharma, Warren County Health Department – Dr. Sharma stated the Health Board approved the new septic ordinance which will to TRP State after Commissioners approved to ensure compliance with State law approved this year. Health Board submitted for reappointment of Becky Jones by Commissioners.
 - e. Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent – Herndon explained estimates for Community Crossing Grant submissions need to be discussed.
 - f. Jenny Hobaugh, Solid Waste Director – Hobaugh explained applying for IDEM grant tire recycling up to \$10,000.
 - g. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor – Weston-Hubner explained settlement will be submitted this week and should be approved by early next week for disbursement to the taxing units. Discussed Teladoc fee for HDHP plan

currently and can be free to participants in 2024. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the HDHP Teladoc free fees in 2024 seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.

- h. Craig – Flook Electric ran electric and communication cable to extension sign for \$694 craig and john Russ budget. Carpet in Surveyor office. Jane mentioned the ambulance, led times 500 days replacing an ambulance that would be very old at that time possibly pursue working with jane as waiting will put us too far out. John will discuss with Jane.


6. Public:

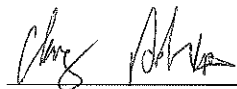
- a. Lyn Martin – Indiana Rocket Society held the National Association of Rocketry 2023 National Sport Launch in Pence on Nove 10-12. Martin explained the launch and Astronaut Woody Hoburg attendance.

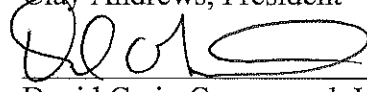
Next Commissioner meeting December 4, 2023 @ 8:30 a.m.

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