

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY OCTOBER 16, 2023

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Ben Dispennett, LEDO Director; Johnny Park, WHIN; Eva Ford, Tommy Kleckner; Lyn Mart, Tom Witsman, Kayla Witsman, LeAnn Conrad, Cheryl Clark, Doug Hubner.

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; Jill Wilson, HR Director; Sharon Hutchison, Council/Grant Writer (remote); Phil Astell, EMA Director; Julie Clark, WC Soil & Water; Hunter Reece, Judge.

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 add Resolution to Declare Personal Property Jail/Sheriff, WHIN, Health Insurance renewal 2024. John Comer made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - b. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the September 18, 2023 Commissioner Meeting Minutes with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - c. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the September 18, 2023 – October 2, 2023 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - d. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the September 29, 2023 payroll with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - e. Highway – Herndon stated work continues 875E lining, piling of millings is still good, grading roads, hauling stone. Greenwood inquired about chloride for ice. Herndon stated salt barn half full of sand and 2 tanks chloride.
 - f. Hunter Reece, Judge – Judge explained 2024 salary stipends from grant funds for court and probation employees. Requested amendment to salary ordinance. Stipend is due to the extra grant reports, claims, etc. Council approve October 30th meeting. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve salary stipends from grant funds for court and probation employees seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - g. READI 2.0 – Comer explained MOU with Greater Lafayette Commerce Community and Economic Development Foundation establishing Grater Lafayette Region with 17 other Counties, Towns and Colleges. John Comer made a motion to approve MOU for READI 2.0 seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - h. Johnny Park, CEO WHIN – Park explained WHIN regional impact over the past 6 years. WHIN was launched with support by Lily Endowment Inc. Park further explained WHIN impact in Warren County. WHIN is requesting contribution of \$25,000/3years from County. Doug Hubner, AG Alliance Member, shared the impact WHIN has helped his business. Hubner Industries, AG Alliance and Manufacturing Alliance introducing AG MRI, Inteleair for field scouting, etc. Hubner Industries utilizes high school and college interns through the season teaching seed production. Hubner explained many AG innovations such as spray robots, grain weevil robot to aid in grain bin safety. Park stated WHIN serves 10 counties and is requesting support from Warren County \$25,000/year for 3 years. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve \$25,000 per year for 3 years in support of WHIN seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - i. Resolution to Declare Personal Property Jail/Sheriff – Sheriff Pruitt explained the old camera system, DVR are to be destroyed with DVR held for 180 days. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve Resolution #2023-1016A Destruction of Sheriff/Jail Personal Property seconded by John Comer, all in favor.
 - j. 2024 Employee Health Insurance – Comer, Weston-Hubner and Perigo explained the changes. Max out of Pocket increase HDHP to \$4000/\$7500, PPO \$4000/\$7,000 with no change to deductible. Employee Contributions increase PPO 10% and HDHP 3%. John Comer made a motion to approve the 2024 Employee Health Insurance changes seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor. Wilson explained Voluntary Vision, Life and County paid Group Life move to Principal Inc. John Comer made a motion to amend prior motion to include approval of Voluntary Eye/Life Insurance and County Paid Life Insurance seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - k. Tommy Kleckner, Indiana Landmarks – Kleckner explained Indiana Landmarks is a nonprofit preservation Indiana landmarks. Kleckner commended the County for the rehabilitation of New bridge #36. Bridge #36 was voted endorsement of the National Registry. In 2008, Warren County Courthouse was listed in the National Registry. John Comer made a motion to Support and Endorse the nomination seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Ordinance Tax Sale – Tabled.
 - b. St Vincent Tower Convergence/FireTech MOU – Tabled.
5. Department Head:
 - a. Julie Clark, Warren County Soil and Water – Clark explained upcoming Soil and Water events. On October 26th a pond workshop at the landing on Division Road partnering with Fountain County. Applied for soil conservation grant partnering with Fountain County Soil and Water. State Soil Conference will be held January 7-9 at the Westin hotel one topic on the agenda is carbon sequestration. Indiana State Department of AG is conducting soil testing paid by a grant for hay fields, pastures, garden spots and crop fields with acreage

restrictions. Eric Shidler, Vermillion County Soil and Water is holding a meeting in Newport Indiana October 25th 10-2 concerning the LEAK project, aquifer recharge rates, etc.

- b. Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent – Inquired of the progress on guardrail insurance damaged. Barce has not heard back but will follow up again.
- c. Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff – Pruitt explained work on end of year items, new Tahoe's will be received this week from outfitter.
- d. Phil Astell, EMA Director – Astell explained 2 new sirens are operational, maintenance on all others. West Lebanon siren is good, Williamsport siren needs a new antenna, Pine Village siren is still too loud. Pine Village, State Line sirens are fire/ambulance/weather; West Lebanon and Williamsport are only weather. Comer inquired about the equipment for clinic tower. Astell stated someone to climb tower to install antenna.
- e. Jill Wilson, Human Resources – Wilson stated Employee Health Insurance open enrollment will be November 6-17. During open enrollment will update internal control training, ADA and Title X training with employees. Wilson will meet with employees during open enrollment.
- f. Ben Dispennett, LEDO Director – Dispennett explained Next Level 4 is due in January and a project will be submitted, local government input from OKRA for projects, BEAD federal funds will roll out soon. JOINK Next level 4 would like to submit broadband for the entire county.
- g. Dr. Sean Sharma, Health Department – Sharma stated Health Department Board meeting will be held Wednesday, October 18th at 7:00, discussion concerning new state septic requirements is on the agenda.
- h. Craig Greenwood, Commissioner – Greenwood stated Access PC is working on the Extension digital sign connecting to Comcast internet; public WIFI in meeting room quote for \$206.71. Invoice from IMI for \$150.00 for parking bumpers in the parking lot; Perfection Painting quote to paint the digital sign and building \$8,665.00; just sign \$395.00. Quote from Stewart Sign for new name graphic on digital sign for \$2,467.00. John Comer made a motion for up to \$2,500 sign graphic to be paid from Custodial Budget seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve Perfection Painting \$365.00, IMI 150.00; Access PC \$206.71 paid from Custodial Budget seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.

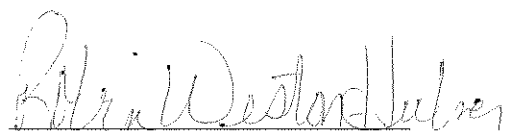
6. Public:


- a. Lyn Martin – Inquired of zoning meeting Oct 17th for carbon sequestration. Andrews stated there will be a presentation from Tenaska and discuss the ordinance.

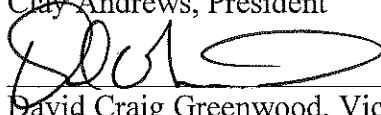
Next Commissioner meeting November 6, 2023 @ 8:30 a.m.

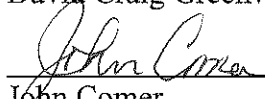
There being no further business John Comer made a motion to adjourn with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.

ATTEST:


Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor


Clay Andrews, President


David Craig Greenwood, Vice President


John Comer