

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

MONDAY OCTOBER 2, 2023

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Suzi Etchison, Reena Potter, Lyn Martin, Greg Robison, Perry Conrad, Adam Hanthorne, Cheryl Clark, John Schroch, LeAnn Conrad, Brian Hargon, Ben Dispennett.

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Jud Barce, County Attorney; Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff; Phil Astell, EMA Director; Sharon Hutchison, Grant Writer/Council; Andrew Warrick, Health Department.

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 add Additional Appropriation Community Crossing Grant County Share, Grant Applications Health Department and Sheriff, Resolution to Declare Personal Property Highway. 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 nothing to report.
  - f. Property Maintenance, Crary – Clay Andrews opened Property Maintenance hearing. Andrews explained Crary property only has brush remaining to be cleaned up. Clay Andrews made a motion to extend the Crary Property Maintenance 60 days to the December 4<sup>th</sup> Commissioner Meeting seconded by John Comer, all in favor.
  - g. Additional Appropriation, Clerk Perpetuation Fund – Weston-Hubner explained the Clerk requested to digitize marriage books for \$5,960 from Clerk Perpetuation Fund. Craig Greenwood made a motion of additional appropriation to Clerk Perpetuation Fund for digitizing marriage books by IRA in the amount of \$5,960 seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
  - h. Additional Appropriation – Weston-Hubner explained the Community Crossing Grant 2023 was approved and finalized. Reith Riley invoice \$1,065,271.68, Grant \$806,858.25 and County Share \$258,413.43. Budget from Economic Development of \$150,000 leaving \$108,413.43. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve additional appropriation of \$108,413.43 from Fund 1173 seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
  - i. Grant Application Health Department and Sheriff – Sheriff Pruitt explained the grant is from Norfolk Southern for \$5000. Last year the grant was used to purchase a camera and this year to use for the K-9 funding. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the Norfolk Southern Grant application from Sheriff Department seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor. Andrew Warrick explained the grant application is for health issues with 2 different pots of funding including community health worker such as transportation for county residents of \$129,500 and funding of \$41,700 for paramedicine program with EMS/Paramedics for residents released from hospital to help with medications and care. The grant cycle is to start immediately through June 30, 2024. John Comer made a motion to approve Health Department Grant Application seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
  - j. Resolution to Declare Surplus Personal Property Highway – Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-1002A surplus of 2011 Chevrolet Silverado ¾ to sell on GovDeals seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
4. Old Business:
  - a. Ordinance Tax Sale – Barce explained work continues and will have for 2024 Tax Sale.
  - b. St Vincent Tower Convergence/FireTech MOU – Barce explained letter sent to Convergence stating MOU is needed. Highway cleaned up area to the building but more cleanup is needed and Convergence is required to do this. Comer stated the new equipment is in the building but cannot install on the tower until UBO is signed. Discussed issues with mice in the building. Comer stated Terminix will service the building for additional \$25.00/month to our County contract. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the addition of \$25.00 to Terminix contract for maintaining the tower building that houses County equipment seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
5. Department Head:
  - a. Sheriff Pruitt – Sheriff stated the sheriff storage cage in the EMA building has been cleaned out. Currently working to have the old cameras and equipment disposed through ordinance.
  - b. EMA, Phil Astell – Astell stated the sirens are wired in State Line and Pine Village, programming will be completed in 1-2 weeks. There is an issue with Dispatch connecting and should have this resolved soon. The sirens in the county will be tested next Tuesday.
  - c. Grant Writer, Sharon Hutchison – Hutchison stated the County did not get the camera security grant and is reviewing the possibility to apply next year. Currently working on EMA salary grant. A Duke energy grant is available. Sheriff Pruitt is currently applying for this grant. EMA and LEPC grant for needed equipment are available.
  - d. LEDO, Ben Dispennett – Dispennett stated OKRA next level funding submissions soon. Broadband connectivity program and OKRA will award quarterly. JOINK has gotten funds for all rounds. State Line will go live around December.

- e. Auditor, Robin Weston-Hubner – EMS new Team Lead is Maggie Estes. John Comer made a motion to approve the EMS Director Maggie Estes, Team Lead seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Barce stated JCWF Tax abatement information was sent to Rick Hall, Barnes and Thornburg on Sept 20<sup>th</sup> and resent email to schedule a time to meet. Weston-Hubner stated the SBOA audit moving along very well.
- f. County Attorney, Jud Barce – Barce stated MJ Electric hearing is set for tomorrow with motion to dismiss from 1 of the parties involved. After hearing will let the Commissioner know the decision.
- g. Commissioner, Craig Greenwood – Extension sign has been wired and should be receiving a bill from Flook Electric. Axxess PC is working to connect the sign to the County internet. To change the name on the sign to Warren County Extension, cost is \$2,467.00. Extension can cover part of the cost but not all. Discussed options for companies that can change this.

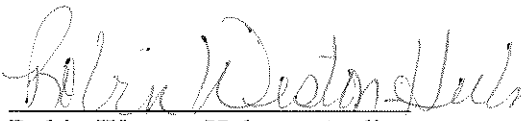
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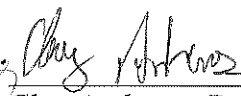
- a. Suzie Etchison – Etchison inquired if the current Ordinance/Resolution for the Windfarm is located on the County website. Andrews showed the resolution to Etchison. Discussed the height of turbines in the 2015 resolution restricting to 350’.
- b. Lyn martin – Martin stated Pence is slowing moving forward and thanked the County for helping fund the project. Discussed carbon sequestration.

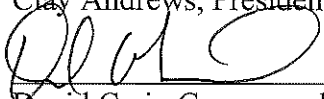
Next Commissioner meeting October 16, 2023 @ 8:30 a.m.


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