

**WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY APRIL 15, 2024**

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Greg Robison, Cheryl Clark, Lyn Martin, LeAnn Conrad, Bill Sylvester, Jonathan VanPelt.

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Jud Barce, County Attorney; Jenny Hobough, Highway Office Manager; Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff; Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent; Ethan Foxworthy, Council; Ben Dispennett, Council; Dr. Sean Sharma, Health Officer; Jill Wilson, HR Director; John Kuiper, Zoning Director.

1. The meeting was called to order by Craig Greenwood, President.
2. Craig Greenwood, Commissioner President led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:
 - a. Items to add to agenda: Van Pelt Property Ownership, Stellar Letter of Intent. John Comer made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - b. John Comer made a motion to approve the April 1, 2024 Commissioner Meeting minutes with a second from Clay Andrew, all voted in favor.
 - c. John Comer made a motion to approve the April 1, 2024 – April 15, 2024 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - d. John Comer made a motion to approve the April 12, 2024 payroll with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - e. Highway – Herndon stated Janssen and Spann suggested the County purchase land around bridge 39 which would allow the speed limit to be 55 mph. Discussed and decided not to move forward with expanding the area. Bridge 39 grant will be paid in 2025. Set to receive the new tandem truck this week. Discussed replacing 1 truck in 2025.
 - f. Resolution Declaring Surplus Personal Property – Clay Andrews made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-0415A to sell 2003 International tandem dump truck seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - g. County Employee Health Insurance Consultant – Comer explained the process of interviewing Health Insurance Consultants by the Health Insurance Committee. First Person/NFP has been our provider for many years. Apex Benefits is the top choice from the Committee. John Comer made a motion to switch from First Person/NFP to Apex Benefits as Health Insurance Consultant Group seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - h. Jordan Creed Wind Farm LLC and Warren County Abatement Settlement Agreement – Greenwood explained the reason for the agreement of 50/50 AV with concern to the abatement. John Comer made a motion to sign Abatement Settlement Agreement seconded Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Barce explained the agreement.
 - i. Van Pelt Parcel – Barce asked Van Pelt now that the parcel is transferred into your name what are your plans. Van Pelt stated he has been cleaning up the property over the past few weeks and the people living in home are moving out May 1st. Work will then begin on the home and his grandson will be living there when complete. Clay Andrews made a motion to extend the UBO 30 days until May 20th meeting seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - j. Stellar Program Letter of Intent – Dispennett explained the Stellar Program funding from the State. The Commissioner Letter of Intent is due by May 1st if they chose to move forward. State will choose a community with \$50,000 from OKRA for planning. Nov 2nd final communities are chosen with \$5-\$6 million in OKRA funding. Items for consideration are downtown revitalization, blithe elimination, recreational such as pool or community center and items from comprehensive plan. All projects must go through approval process even after community is chosen. Dispennett has reached out the incorporated towns but only Williamsport has responded. The match is 25%. John Comer made a motion to endorse with Letter of Intent seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.

Old Business:

- a. Park Board Appointment – Comer explained the Warren County Park Board appointment and Kelly Pearson has agreed to serve. John Comer made a motion to appoint Kelly Pearson to the Park Board seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.

Elected Official/Department Head comments:

- a. Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff – Sheriff Pruitt stated Jail inspection has been completed by DOC and Jail passed.
- b. Jill Wilson, HR Director – New Doctor has started at the We Care Clinic.
- c. Dr. Sharma, Warren County Health Officer – Dr. Sharma explained Health Department is looking to purchase point of care testing services offering blood sugar, cholesterol screening. This will be purchased with Health First, Fund 1161. Services will be offered to public for a cost of approximately \$15. This service is not clinical care or interpretation of the numbers, mainly for those who do not have health insurance or cannot afford labs. Cost will be reviewed by the Warren County Health Board and then to Commissioners to approve schedule. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve \$2,676 to purchase Cholestech testing machine from Fund 1161 seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor. Dr. Weaver, State Health Officer, will be at the Warren County Health Department Friday, April 19th 11:15-12:15. Warren County Health Department Board meeting is April 17th 7:00 in the St Vincent board room. Kevin Thomason has been working on the landscaping.
- d. Craig Greenwood, Commissioner – Greenwood presented a quote from NAG for sidewalks and drainage at Health Department as well as sidewalks at old extension building. The Health Department removal of concrete under old

drive through area is \$2,000 extra. Total quote for \$19,000. Wilson stated ADA budget can be used for this. John Comer approved up to \$20,000 for the repairs paid from ADA Budget seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.

- e. John Comer, Commissioner – Comer stated he attended a class on evaluating county facilities to prioritize, plan and budget for repairs, construction, etc. Discussed adding to the 2025 budget.
- f. John Kuiper, Zoning Director – Kuiper inquired about the leak in the courthouse. Greenwood stated he has been in contact with contractors who worked on courthouse in 2018.
- g. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor – Presented RaComm bill \$4,116.00 for St Vincent Tower, tabled until next meeting. Discuss county owned property near Covington bridge, tabled until next meeting. Discussed the need for lighting in the stairwells of the Courthouse. Greenwood stated he will discuss this with Hall Electric for stairwells of courthouse and EMA lighting needed.

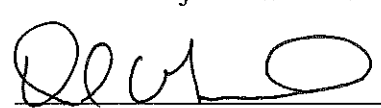
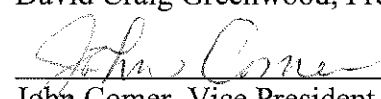
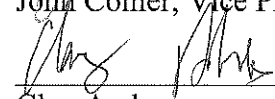
Public Comment:

- a. LeAnn Conrad – Inquired about JCWF funding and how much we have spent on Attorney fees over the year with all of the issues. Inquired about the turbine cranes. Herndon stated he approves the roads that can be use. Conrad inquired Tenaska start date for testing. Herndon stated after planting season.
- b. Lyn Martin – Martin stated Invenergy has been signing lease agreements in the County. Pence had another rocket launch last weekend with many attending

Next Commissioner meeting May 6, 2024 @ 8:30 a.m.

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

ATTEST: 
Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor


David Craig Greenwood, President

John Comer, Vice President

Clay Andrews