

**WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**MONDAY AUGUST 19, 2024**

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Kara Dewlen, LEDO Director; Cheryl Clark, Tim Seeley, LeAnn Conrad, Lyn Martin, Tom Witsman, Jason James, Pam Krzystof, John Krzystof, Diane Hubbard, Trey Barton, Michele Stucky, Matt Barton, Suan Barton, David Searcy, Ronald Searcy, Greg Searcy.

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Charity Perigo, Chief Deputy Auditor; Ingrid Barce, County Attorney; Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent; John Kuiper, Zoning Director; Sharon Hutchison, Council (remote); Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff; Jill Wilson, HR Director; Laci Frodge, Health Department Nurse; Ethan Foxworthy, Council.

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. John Comer made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - b. John Comer made a motion to approve the August 5, 2024 Commissioner Meeting minutes with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - c. John Comer made a motion to approve the August 5, 2024 – August 19, 2024 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - d. John Comer made a motion to approve the August 16, 2024 payroll with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - e. Highway – Herndon stated chip and seal will be finished this week, emulsion tank is working great. Fire Department requested to use the sign boards for the car show, Commissioners approved. Reith Riley will begin work on 900 W mid-September.
  - f. UBO Hearing – Greenwood called the UBO Hearing to order.
    - i. Searcy – Barce stated UBO for 6885 N Rainsville Rd, property owner Searcy has been served and present today. Barce admitted Exhibit A photos taken by Kuiper. John Comer made a motion to accept Exhibit A seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Barce requested information concerning progress. Kuiper explained the photos with overgrowth, holes in roof. The yard has been mowed. Mr. Searcy stated he resides in Texas and is obtaining a contractor with plans to remove the trailer leaving garage portion. Barce requested update by mid-September and Mr. Searcy agreed. Clay Andrews made a motion to affirm and modify Searcy UBO 30 days, September 16, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor. Barce informed Mr. Searcy a letter will be sent concerning extension.
    - ii. James – Barce state UBO for 239 E Water St Rainsville, property owner Jason James has been served and present today. Barce admitted Exhibit A photos taken by Kuiper. John Comer made a motion to accept Exhibit A seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Kuiper explained a lot of progress has been made. Barce inquired a timeline from Mr. James. Mr. James explained due to family sickness and disability the progress has been delayed but with cooler weather should be able to make progress. Kuiper explained the alley closure request has been made but there is an issue with Mr. James having ability to get a dumpster into his parcel. Kuiper will contact Van Curren about moving items to allow a dumpster down the alley. Clay Andrews made a motion to affirm and modify James UBO 60 days, October 21, 2024 @ 8:30 a.m. seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor. Barce informed Mr. James a letter will be sent concerning extension.
    - iii. Wilmington Bank – Barce state UBO for 3060 W 650 N Boswell, property owner is not present and service has been difficult. Barce will publish notice and extend 30 days. Kuiper stated the people living in the house have now moved out. Krzystof stated the electricity has been turned off and grass has not been mowed. After publication of notice, the commissioners can add a lien to the parcel.  
John Comer made a motion to close the UBO Hearing seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - g. Ordinance Setting Document Fee for Certain Tax Abatement Requests and Penalty for Failure to File – Barce explained many companies try to do their own abatements this would allow a fee for certification and publishing. Also, late or incorrect reports create more work for County, this will allow a penalty. John Comer made a motion to approve Ordinance #2024-0819A seconded by Clay Andrews, all in favor.
  - h. Michelle Stucky, Warren County Community Foundation – Stucky explained Community Foundation applied for Lilly Endowment grant with 90 grants submitted and down to 50. Requesting a letter of support for Wabash River Blueway Project. Community letters of support will give a stronger chance to receive the grant. This will allow public access point on Pine Creek as well as other plans. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve a letter of support for Wabash River Blueway proposal seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor. Stucky stated grant will be announced in December.

Old Business:

- a. Sheriff/Jail and Health Department Parking Lots – Greenwood will have Hessler Paving contract for Sheriff/Jail Parking lot repair and estimates for HD, Annex/HR soon.
- b. Auditor Copier – Tabled until next meeting.

Elected Official/Department Head comments:

- a. Sheriff Anthony Pruitt – Sheriff Pruitt stated received 2 new patrol vehicles last week with 1 trade. Both will go to be outfitted today. Discussed additional Tahoe for EMA Director. Trade in prices are \$13,000 and \$10,000. Discussed removing Sheriff emblem and adding EMA to one Tahoe. Pine Village Fire Department is interested in purchasing EMA truck that has been repaired.
- b. Kara Dewlen, LEDO Director – Dewlen explained Steller Grant Open House is scheduled for Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 5-7 at Learning Center for community to hear the projects, progress, etc.
- c. John Kuiper, Zoning Director – Discussed the alley vacation in Rainsville. Barce explained easement utilities.


Public Comment:

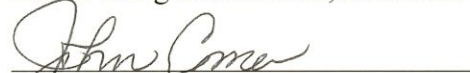
a. Diane Hubbard, Congressman Jim Baird Office – Hubbard explained she will not be serving Warren County in the future and introduced new representative, Trey Barton, who will be facilitating for Warren County.

Next Commissioner meeting September 3, 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