

**WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
MONDAY DECEMBER 16, 2024**

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Kara Dewlen, LEDO Director; Lyn Martin, Cheryl Clark, Tom Witsman, LeAnn Conrad, Brenda Leak, Jim Morson, Scott Hunter.

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Charity Perigo, Chief Deputy Auditor; Ingrid Barce, County Attorney; Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent; Jenny Hobaugh, Highway Office Manager; John Kuiper, Zoning Director; Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff; Jill Wilson, HR Director; Dr. Sean Sharma, Health Officer.

1. The meeting was called to order by Craig Greenwood, President.
2. New Business:
  - a. Add Judge Reece, Public Defender Salary to the agenda. 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 December 2, 2024 – December 11, 2024 Commissioner Meeting minutes with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - c. John Comer made a motion to approve the December 2, 2024 – December 16, 2024 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - d. John Comer made a motion to approve the December 6, 2024 payroll with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - e. Highway – Herndon stated bridge on State Road 28 between State Road 63 & 263 is open but might close again for a short time to finish and 900W is finished. Hobaugh stated INDOT will reimburse \$1,050 for control due to State Road 26 project detour.
  - f. UBO –Craig Greenwood opened the UBO hearing. Searcy – Barce stated Searcy had provided photos of the progress. Kuiper stated the property has been cleaned up and recommends releasing the UBO. John Comer made a motion to release Searcy UBO seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor. Clay Andrews made a motion to close the UBO hearing seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
  - g. Judge, Public Defender Salary – Judge Reece requested an increase of \$15,000 for public defender salary. Total \$45,000 current salary is paid by the State and grants. Judge is requesting a total salary of \$60,000 as cases have increased which requires more hours to cover and State has increased chief public defender pay to \$68,000. Increase FICA and social security to \$1,500. The 2026 Pauper Council budget may need increased due to workload as well. John Comer made a motion to approve the increase in salary seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - h. EMA Position – Greenwood explained EMA advisory board has reviewed several candidates and chose Jim Morson which was advertised as \$50,000 position. Commissioners are offering the position at \$57,500 but will need approval from the Council. John Comer made a motion to approve Jim Morson as Warren County EMA Director with a salary of \$57,500 seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Discussed vehicle and fuel which is paid for by the County.
  - i. LOW Tax Software – Weston-Hubner, Heidenreich and Bailiff explained Low Tax software would be linked to the Low Accounting software creating less errors, old treasurer's cashbook would be retired as part of the program, settlement would be streamlined creating a faster disbursement for taxing units, etc. The total bill is \$280,392 and Treasurer has earned over \$508,000 in investment interest which could be utilized to pay for this costing the County no money. The upgrade will need to happen in December/January due to the tax calendar. Current software, MVP, was purchased in 2005 and has not been upgraded for 10 years. Treasurer and Auditor explained this could be an issue if this program has problems as we are currently experiencing many problems. Commissioners discussed and tabled until next year.
  - j. Auditor Maximus Agreement, Title IV-D – Clay Andrews made a motion to approve Maximus Title IV-D Auditor CAP Agreement seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
  - k. 2025 Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement – Greenwood explained the agreement. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the 2025 Warren County Solid Waste Agreement seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
  - l. 2025 LEDO Contract – Craig explained agreement allows County to pay LEDO \$160,000/year. John Comer made a motion to approve the 2025 LEDO Contract seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.

Old Business:

Elected Official/Department Head comments:

- a. John Kuiper, Zoning – Kuiper stated the new dairy has applied for special exception which will be heard at the February 11<sup>th</sup> zoning meeting.
- b. Matt Herndon, Highway – Herndon stated the need for another dump truck and requested funding. Commissioners agreed and requested quotes. The truck received in 2024 was just over \$235,000.
- c. Dr Sharma, Health Officer – Dr. Sharma explained JOINK internet has not been installed at the Health Department.
- d. Sheriff Pruitt – Currently down 2 jail officers and part time kitchen help.
- e. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor – Commissioner Certificate Tax Sale is set for March 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Inquired about Fountain/Warren Dispatch Interlocal Agreement which expired April 30, 2024. Commissioners will inquire with Fountain County. Discussed quotes for highway items. Old Extension building inspection by Indiana Mold Remediation invoice of \$660.00 was discussed. Clay Andrews made a motion to pay from building grounds and maintenance custodial budget seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.

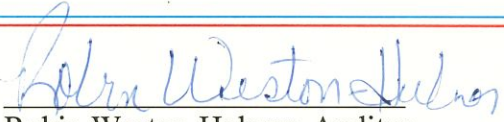
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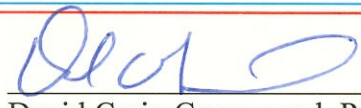
- a. Lyn Martin – Thanked Commissioners for their hard work.
- b. Mike Hutson – Inquired about 775W in Kent Township end of property owned by Connors. Discussed that the road needs to be repaired. There was a lawsuit with Rasmussen. Discussed the road is a right of way. Barce will look further into this.

Next Commissioner meeting January 6, 2025 @ 8:30 a.m.

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

ATTEST:

  
Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor

  
David Craig Greenwood, President

  
John Comer, Vice President

  
Clay Andrews