

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY JANUARY 16, 2024

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Ben Dispennett, LEDO Director; Lyn Martin; Perry Conrad; Caitlin Little; Doug Beckett; Jonathan VanPelt; Ethan Foxworthy, Hoosier Associates; Blake Shoen, Hoosier Associates; Cheryl Clark.

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent; Jenny Hobaugh, Highway Office Manager, Jud Barce, County Attorney; Sharon Hutchison, Council/Grant Writer; Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff; John Kuiper, Zoning Director; Andrew Warrick, Warren County Health Department.

1. The meeting was called to order by Craig Greenwood, President.
2. Clay Andrews, Commissioner President led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:
 - a. Remove Health Department Health Officer Salary. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - b. John Comer made a motion to approve the January 2, 2024 Commissioner Meeting minutes with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - c. John Comer made a motion to approve the January 2, 2024 – January 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 January 5, 2024 payroll with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - e. Highway – Herndon presented 2 quotes for emulsion pad concrete in preparation emulsion tank which will be delivered in the spring from AJ Hetrick Enterprises \$4,300; Warrick Excavating \$6,985. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve bid from AJ Hetrick \$4,300 paid from MVH fund 1176 seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor. Herndon presented 3 quotes for wood chippers Morebark 2023 gas powered RMP Machinery 65,093.41; Vermeer Midwest 2024 gas powered BC1500 \$66,309.84 and diesel 2024 BC1500 \$82,641.34; Southeastern JP Carlton diesel 2012 Brush Chipper 91,650. John Comer made a motion to purchase chipper from Morebark \$65,093.41 paid from MVH Fund 1176 seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Discussed selling the oldest chipper when this is delivered.
 - f. Rezoning from Industrial 2 to Agricultural 1 – Kuiper explained Ruth Harkleroad is purchasing a home and for the mortgage the zoning needs changed. Property is located at 5357 W US Hwy 136 Covington. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve rezoning from Industrial 2 to Agricultural 1 parcel # 86-16-27-400-029.000-0085 seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - g. UBO, VanPelt – Kuiper explained there is an issue with ownership as current owner on record has passed away. Jud Barce explained affidavit to transfer property to family/heirs. John VanPelt will receive a portion of the parcel. Discussed extending for 90 days to get the transfer finalized. Clay Andrews made a motion to affirm the extension of 90 days to April 15th at 8:30 a.m. seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - h. Sheriff Grant Pay – Sheriff Pruitt explained the current rate of pay is \$43.25 for officers and other agency pay a flat rate of \$80/hour for traffic safety overtime. Sheriff Pruitt is requesting \$60/hour for traffic safety education and special traffic enforcement overtime such as grants, security, transporting, etc. John Comer made a motion to approve \$60/hour for Special Traffic Enforcement pay rate seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - i. 2024 Sheriff Contract – Sheriff Pruitt explained the contract which states no collection of tax warrants, etc. with salary set at State minimum. John Comer made a motion to approve 2024 Sheriff Contract seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - j. Hoosier Associates, County Insurance Review – Blake Shoes explained the insurance marketplace as such they remarketed the County insurance, reviewed all buildings and vehicles, current deductibles, coverage levels comparing several companies. Explained all of the premiums listed. The cyber is not included in the total premium. Clay Andrews made a motion to switch county liability and insurance to Travelers' Insurance seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - k. Community Crossing Grant 2024-1 – Hobaugh presented grant application review form for approval of the Community Crossing Grant. Applying for \$1.8 million and County portion is approximately \$400,000. Discussed where to take the County portion from. Weston-Hubner stated there is a 2024 budget of \$150,000 in the Economic Development Fund. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve current request for 2024-1 Community Crossing grant application seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.

Old Business:

Elected Official/Department Head comments:


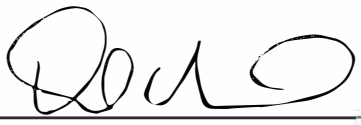


- a. Sheriff Anthony Pruitt – Sheriff Pruitt explained the K-9 learning is going great and should be finalized January 26th.
- b. Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent – Herndon explained the new dump truck has been delivered to Rohn for outfitting and will be here in a few weeks.
- c. Andrew Warrick, Health Department – Warrick presented a quote from Solar Eyeglasses \$1,251 for the Solar Eclipse paying from Fund 1161. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the purchase from GHP fund 1161 seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor. Warrick explained the State is in process of reviewing the Sewer Ordinance and is being informed the State will be kicking back septic ordinance. Health Board will be working on the changes requested.

- d. Sharon Hutchison, Council – Stated Judge Reece is looking to move the CASA office to the Annex and pay the County rent. Discussed the privacy in the office. The Commissioner will look into the building and let the Judge know.
- e. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor – Weston-Hubner explained the yearly Resolution is required by the State allowing the Treasurer to purchase investments with public funds. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve Resolution #2023-0116A seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
- f. Jud Barce, County Attorney – Barce explained the County Frost Law which begins February 15th, can be advertised if the commissioners so choose. Barce stated the penalty is \$250 for first offence and \$1,000 for the second. John Comer made a motion to advertise the County Frost Law seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
- g. EMA Building Repairs – Greenwood stated the new flooring, repair wall, paint would be approximately \$15,000. Discussed technology costs for the needed upgrades. Greenwood presented Rick Deardorff Invoice \$195 for the locks/codes changed in the EMA Building. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the \$195 invoice to be paid from Custodial Building Maintenance Budget seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Next Commissioner meeting February 5, 2024 @ 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