

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 2, 2024

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Ben Dispennett, LEDO Director; Tom Witsman; Kayla Witsman; Jennifer Gick; Bryan Crabb, Tenaska; Lori Austin; Matt Lambert; Cheryl Clark; Suzi Etchison; Greg Robison; Lyn Martin; Kevin Howard; Cindy Howard; Jim Prescott; LeAnn Conrad; Perry Conrad; Ellen Pence.

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Jenny Hobaugh, Highway Office Manager; Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent; Jud Barce, County Attorney; Sharon Hutchison, Grant Writer (Remote); Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff; John Kuiper, Zoning Director; Adam Hanthorne, EMA Director; Laci Frodge, Warren County Health Administrator/Nurse; Randy Haddock, Surveyor.

1. The meeting was called to order by Clay Andrews.
2. Clay Andrews, Commissioner President led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:
 - a. John Comer made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - b. Reorganization and Election of Officers for 2023:
 - i. Commissioner President – Clay Andrews made a motion to appoint Craig Greenwood 2024 President of the Commissioners seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor, Craig Greenwood abstained.
 - ii. Vice President – Clay Andrews made a motion to appoint John Comer 2024 Vice President of the Commissioners seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor, John Comer abstained.
 - iii. The Commissioners retained and appointed the following: Clay Andrews made a motion to approve all appointments with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
 1. Highway – Clay Andrews, John Comer and Craig Greenwood
 2. County Farm – Clay Andrews
 3. County physical facilities – Craig Greenwood
 4. Ambulance/EMS – John Comer
 5. Jail – John Comer
 - c. John Comer made a motion to approve the December 18, 2023 Commissioner Meeting minutes with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - d. John Comer made a motion to approve the December 18, 2023 – January 2, 2024 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - e. John Comer made a motion to approve the December 22, 2023 payroll with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - f. Highway – Herndon presented 8,000-gallon tank quote \$88,990 payable in 2025 with approximate delivery in 6 months. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve purchase from Equipment Marketing Co \$88,990 paid from 1176 in 2025 budget seconded by John Comer, all in favor.
 - g. Highway Right of Way Permit – Discussed conditions of the roads to be used. Greenwood explained we do not want to see this but the State and Federal law allow. Explained the Road Use/Right of Way permit. This permit will protect the County against liability. If not signed off, the County cannot stop Tenaska from continuing. Explained the commissioners may not be for this agreement but the only way to stop is if 70% owners do not agree to sign with Tenaska. Clay Andrews explained this is not a commissioner motion but Commissioners will state Highway Superintendent did not approve the permit. Comer explained many meetings the Commissioners have attended basically are being told the State is moving forward with this project. Barce explained the Commissioners do not need to motion on this.

Old Business:

- a. 2024 Grant Writer Contract – Clay Andrews approve the 2024 Grant Writer Contract seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.

Elected Official/Department Head comments:

- a. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor – Weston-Hubner explained the 2024 County Attorney, Barce & Redlin; Publisher, Kankakee Valley; Banks, Farmers & Merchant, First Financial. Clay Andrews voted to approve the above listed seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
- b. Adam Hanthorne, EMA Director – Hanthorne explained a new truck and work to change the EMA over to the new Director and Assistant Director.
- c. Craig Greenwood, Commissioner – Greenwood stated the County will not shut down for the April 8th Solar Eclipse.
- d. John Kuiper, Zoning Director - Kuiper stated the APC Meeting will be held January 9th at 5:0 p.m. to discuss the ordinance. Kuiper has discussed this with several other states who stated the Ordinance should be as restrictive as possible.

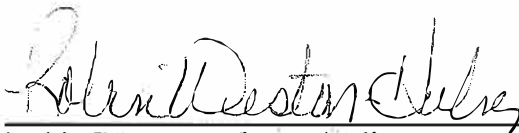
Public Comment:


- a. Suzie Etchison – Etchison asked for clarity on the 70% landowner agreement for the CO2 Project. Commissioner explained the requirement of 70% of landowners to agree. Jim Prescott, Tenaska, explained this is just surveying to see if a project is possible and 5 wells for the entire project.
- b. Perry Conrad – Conrad stated understanding the commissioners are not able to stop this. Concern with Illinois allowing this into Indiana.

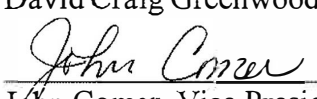
- c. Doug Beckett – Beckett inquired who will benefit from this project. Greenwood explained it will depend on where the project area is located.
- e. Lyn Martin – Martin stated understanding the Commissioner pressure and thanked them for working with the taxpayers. Martin asked who at the State level to contact. Commissioners stated your State Representatives.

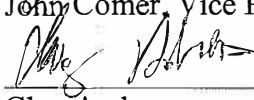
Next Commissioner meeting January 16, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

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


David Craig Greenwood, President


John Comer, Vice President


Clay Andrews