

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY JULY 1, 2024

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Lyn Martin, Greg Robison, Kara Dewlen, John Prescott, James Lanham, Tim Fellure, Perry Conrad, Jim Willett, Tom Witsman, Kayla Witsman, Burt Etchison.

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Ingrid Barce, County Attorney; Laci Frodge, Health Department Nurse; Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent; Jenny Hobough, Highway Office Manager; Ethan Foxworthy, Council; 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. Opioid Settlement Kroger, JCWF Attorney Fees, Big Shawnee Water Shed, Sheriff Commissary Report, Election grant, July 18th Joint Meeting. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - b. John Comer made a motion to approve the June 17, 2024 Commissioner Meeting minutes with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - c. John Comer made a motion to approve the June 17 2024 – July 1, 2024 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - d. John Comer made a motion to approve the June 21, 2024 payroll with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - e. Highway – Herndon stated 2 estimates for CCG-2 have been received. Estimates are adding on to existing 900 W paving to 850 S, around Greenhill area around \$500,000. Both options were discussed. New truck has been titled and maintenance issue fixed for free.
 - f. United States 250th Celebration - Terri Wargo explained 250th America Anniversary in 2026. Wargo is representing Warren County. Organizing a meeting by September and is asking for ideas. Also, 2027 Indiana celebrating 250th Anniversary. Wargo is putting together a committee. Ideas from United States Celebration are a mural or tree planting. Wargo will present ideas to the Commissioners. Next Celebration meeting in August in Indianapolis.
 - g. WeCare Health Clinic Contract – Discusses increase in fees over the next 2 years as fees have not changed in the past 3 years. John Comer made a motion to approve the WeCare Health Clinic 2-year contract seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - h. Covered Bridge Certification – Weston-Hubner explained this is a yearly certification. Craig Greenwood made a motion to certify Warren County has 0 covered bridges seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - i. Opioid Settlement, Kroger – Barce explained the County can join the settlement as has the previous. John Comer made a motion to a approved Warren County to participate in the Opioid Settlement, Kroger seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - j. JCWF Attorney Fees – Weston-Hubner presented invoice from Barnes and Thornburg for Jordan Creek Wind Farm abatement attorney fees. This was budgeted in 2023 but no budget for 2024. Commissioners discussed. Craig Greenwood made a motion to pay Barnes and Thornburg \$6,917.50 from County Attorney in Commissioner Budget seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - k. Big Shawnee Water Shed – Lori Jordan, Fountain County Soil and Water explained Big Shawnee Creek, Wabash River water quality assessment project. Partnering with Fountain, Montgomery, Tippecanoe Counties. Jordan explained the project and asked for a letter of support from Warren County. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve a letter of support for Shawnee Water Shed Project seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor,
 - l. Sheriff 1st half 2024 Commissary Report – Commissioners reviewed the report. John Comer made a motion to accept Sheriff Commissary Jan – June 2024 Report seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - m. Clerk Election Grant – Weston-Hubner explained Clerk Debbie Hiatt is requesting to apply for a \$4,620 Election Grant. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the Election Grant seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.

Old Business:

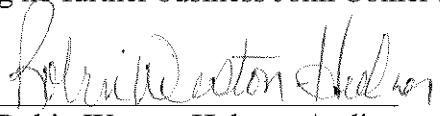
Elected Official/Department Head comments:

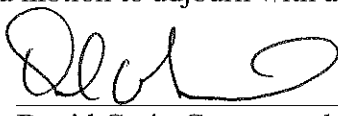
- a. Jill Wilson, HR Director – Wilson explained ADA signage needed in Courthouse such as multi-lingual signs, courthouse layout, etc. Work continues with Apex for Health Insurance Consulting and Insurance Board will meet in near future.
- b. Kara Dewlen, LEDO Director – Dewlen explained Stellar grant work is ongoing.
- c. Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent – Herndon stated the dump truck listed on GovDeals has sold twice but both times buyer did not follow through. Going to relist or sell locally.
- d. Julie Clark, Warren County Soil and Water – Clark stated the office is back open with remodel almost done. Next meeting is set for July 10th 8:30 a.m. with location to be announced. New programs currently are urban soil health program, Warren/Fountain partnering for FLASH (Friend Leaning About Soil Health) . FLASH has had about 12 site Vitis in both counties, soil samples for growing vegetables, program is free to residents as grant funded. Field Day will be August 21st. Newsletter will be out soon with all information. Third annual Pond Class and Fish Sale possibly in September. Woman for the land woodlands and forestry workshop on closing garden for the year. State has new RITA (Resilient Indiana Tech Assistance) program, technician Jordan Young was introduced.
- e. Ingrid Barce, County Attorney – Barce explained several previous property maintenance orders in Independence are not being complied with and will need to be started again.
- f. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor – Weston-Hubner stated the Net Assessed Values have been rolled from the Assessor. Balancing is not complete but preliminary NAV for 2024 pay 2025 has increased 6%. Taxpayers did not receive Form 11's this year leaving taxpayers to discover the increase on the 2024 pay 2025 tax bills that will be received in March 2025.

Public Comment:

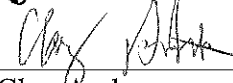
- a. Greg Robison – Robison inquired about the Joink broadband connections in the County. Dispennett explained State Line should be live in mid-July.
- b. Tim Fellure – Fellure questioned paving of county roads in State Line area due to a new TIF District. Greenwood explained the Community Crossing Grant funding and each year the County will explore resurfacing or gravel to asphalt.

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