

**WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY OCTOBER 21, 2024**

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Steve Leatherman (online); Cheryl Clark; Tom Witsman; Patty Smith, EGIS/BLN; Lyn Martin; John Krzystof; Pam Krzystof; LeAnn Conrad.

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; Sharon Hutchison, Council (remote); Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff; Jill Wilson, HR Director; Dr. Sharma, HD; Ben Dispennett, Council; Laci Frodge, Health Department; Julie Clark, Warren County Soil & Water; Ethan Foxworthy, Council.

1. The meeting was called to order by Craig Greenwood, President.
2. New Business:
 - a. UBO Wilmington Bank added to agenda. 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 October 7, 2024 Commissioner Meeting minutes with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - c. John Comer made a motion to approve the October 7, 2024 – October 21, 2024 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - d. John Comer made a motion to approve the October 11, 2024 payroll with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - e. Highway – Herndon stated the chipper that was totaled in an accident will cost \$54,000 and insurance should pay \$51,000 – \$1,000 deductible. New chipper has been ordered and should arrive in about a week. Reith Riley will begin paving this week on 900W. Bridge work on SR 28 west continues. Receiving millings from SR 41 work and should be able to use.
 - f. UBO – James and Bank of Wilmington – Greenwood opened the UBO hearing.
 - i. James, 239 E Water Street Rainsville – Barce stated Kuiper reviewed the parcel last week. Kuiper stated not much work has been completed. Clay Andrews made a motion affirming and extending the James UBO 30 days and fine if no progress has been made seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - ii. Bank of Wilmington, 3060 E 650 – Barce stated Kuiper reviewed this parcel. Kuiper stated that no progress has been made. Barce explained UBO will go with the parcel if sold to a new buyer. John Comer made a motion to affirm Bank of Wilmington UBO and modify to extend until Nov 18th, impose a fine of \$1,000 to be held in abeyance seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Greenwood closed the UBO hearing.
 - g. WTH Next Generation 911 Grant – Steve Leatherman, WTH, explained the origin of the grant which will allow 911 to have more accurate address location and parcel layers. State legislature provided for this purpose. Software program will run the addresses through and anything deviating from the standard, which make the data more accurate. Grant from the State with no match. The 911 layers are priority 1 and priority 2 is improving parcel layers. Grant is provided by geographic information office at \$30,000 maximum for all 92 counties. The program has monthly application period for 15 months approving 8 grants per month. Time period to complete is 1 year from time of award. Total time would be a little over 2 years. State looking for is the 911 layer up to be at 98% accuracy. Leatherman requested to identify lead grant facilitator. Commissioners state Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor would be the lead grant facilitator who will submit the application and represent the County. Data Storage will be overseen by Data Director, Karen Brooks. WTH presented proposal for \$19,010 leaving remainder of \$30,000 for work on other layers. Benefit to the County is more accurate 911 and parcel information. State is not requiring the PSAP to use this locally. This is nationwide project. Discussed with public. John Comer made a motion to approve WTH Next Generation 911 work and SEED grant seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - h. Warren County Fire Ban – October 11 2024 fire ban was added. Craig Greenwood made a motion approved burn ban retroactive to October 11 2024 and remain until is lifted seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - i. EMA Director Position – Comer explained County Council approved a full-time position. Cody Craigin and Sheriff Pruitt were there to discuss with Council. Greenwood explained the job needed to be changed to meet the requirements and full time is needed at this point. Wilson stated EMA advisory board required more changes and requirements. EMA board will give recommendations to Commissioners for fulfillment of the EMA Director position. Discussed making the deputy hourly position. John Comer made a motion to advertise EMA Director full time position second by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Wilson will advertise the job.
 - j. HGAC Interlocal Agreement, Ambulance - Greenwood explained HGAC Interlocal agreement would ratify County and HGAC working together concerning ambulance purchase. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the Warren County and HGAC Interlocal Agreement seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - k. 2025 Purdue Extension – Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve 2025 Purdue Extension contract with only salary the change from 2024 seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - l. CORE Facilities – EMA Building, 3rd Floor Restroom Remodel Agreements – Greenwood explained the agreements. Discussed finding office space being more important possibly at this point. Barce stated the only issues with the agreements are no exhibit included and no delivery date. Discussed building a new building would take a lot of work to organize compared to remodeling the EMA building. Hutchison stated old extension office could be a brownfield with possibility of a grant to tear down through OKRA funding. Table until next meeting. Weston-Hubner will get with CORE Facilities for end date and exhibit.
 - m. 2025 Employee Health Insurance – Brandy Pardo, Apex, explained the \$2.1 million renewal, proposed Anthem plan having better services for members at \$1.6 million saving approx. \$500,000. Better benefits for PPO no copay up to \$4,500 and member \$1,850 to reach out of pocket max. HSA \$3,625 max out of pocket. Members will be saving more money as less out of pocket. Apex will work with Jill for open enrollment organization. No insurance premium increase for employees. SIHO runout in 2025 showing all pending and in process change. Wilson checked with area hospitals found all are in network. Foxworthy explained the out of network deductible increase but better coverage. Wilson explained more mental health benefits are included as well. Discussed the difference card benefits. Dental and vision offer better benefits and cheaper. County Paid Life Insurance increased to \$25,000 with sheriff double to \$50,000. Open Enrollment period will

begin November 1st. John Comer made a motion to adopt new County Health Insurance Plan with Anthem as well as vision, dental, life insurance with Standard Inc seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.

- n. 2025 Court Salary Stipends – Clay Andrews made a motion to approve Circuit Court Salary Grant stipends seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
- o. Interlocal Agreement Greater Lafayette Public Transportation and Warren County – Discussed the agreement which will allow carpooling for work which does not overlap with IV. Subsize carpooling for residents which will allow someone to get a rental car allowing transpiration to work. County companies can use this. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve Interlocal Agreement between Greater Lafayette and Warren County seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.

Old Business:

- a. Stellar Grant – Comer explained a letter of support from the Commissioners for the Stellar Grant of \$3 million. John Comer made a motion to sign a letter of support for the Stellar project seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.

Elected Official/Department Head comments:

- a. John Kuiper, Zoning Director – Kuiper and Barce explained Stalcup was sent an ordinance violation letter and is supposed to break ground this week currently living in a camper and camper needs removed. Discussed Tab issue as well. Kuiper mobile home used for storage also needs a permit. RV registered must have plate.
- b. Julie Clark, Soil and Water – Clark stated Soil and Water Annual meeting, 80th anniversary for Warren County Soil and Water February 27th at Beef House, sign up soon. Urban soil and health site visits for soil test continues which is state funded through a grant and free to landowners with gardens, orchards, raised beds, etc. Matt Akers will be put up a new sign soon with all 3 agencies on the sign. Officially have a district conservationist for NRCS and soil conservationist as well.
- c. Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent - Discussed property maintenance in Independence issues with plowing snow as items are in the right of way. Barce has not restated these yet but will in near future.
- d. Sean Sharma, Health Officer – Sharma explained Youth Summit 2024 report will be presented with information from summit.
- e. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor – Weston-Hubner explained Auditor Conference is Tuesday – Friday this week, SBOA audit exit conf will be October 29th. JCWF Economic Development final payment has been received.
- f. Jenny Hobaugh, Highway – Hobaugh explained Bridge 39 inspection scoring has been received.

Public Comment:

- a. Patty Smith, Beem/Longest/Neff – Smith introduced herself.
- b. Tom Witsman – Witsman asked the process of the County to choose which roads to be paved, Frye Hill road has many new homes. Greenwood explained this year 900W from 350 to 850 is have a 3-inch cap added. The Commissioner will keep this mind when the CCG comes around again.
- c. Lyn Martin – Martin inquired full time EMA Director will have health insurance coverage. Wilson stated full benefits will be provided.


Next Commissioner meeting November 4, 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