

**WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Greg Robison, Michele Stucky, Brenda Leak, LeAnn Conrad, Lyn Martin, Brandi Coffman, Daniel Coffman, Jason James, Matt Barton, John Van Curen.

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Charity Perigo, Chief Deputy Auditor; Jud 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; Ethan Foxworthy, Council; Sam Hill, Sheriff Dept; Laci Frodge, Health Department Nurse.

1. The meeting was called to order by Craig Greenwood, President.
2. New Business:
  - a. Additions to Agenda: Community Foundation. John Comer made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - b. Discussed items approved prior to meeting due to emergency basis. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve mower \$5,600 paid from County General Custodial budget and ambulance chassis \$74,279 paid from Rainy Day Fund seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the August 19, 2024 and August 23, 2024 Commissioner Meeting minutes with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
  - c. John Comer made a motion to approve the July 15, 2024 – August 5, 2024 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - d. John Comer made a motion to approve the July 19, 2024 & August 2, 2024 payroll with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - e. LEPC Grant, Sesco Group Invoice – Grant applied through EMA grants for LEPC \$18,500 HEMP. John Comer made a motion to approve payment for HEMP LEPC Grant to Sesco \$18,500 seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - f. Highway – Herdon stated Reith Riley set to begin work on 900 the week of September 16<sup>th</sup>. Single axel dump truck sold for \$3,550 through GovDeals. Highway has completed 15 miles of chip and seal. Discussed laying stone.
  - g. Vacated Alley Rainsville – Kuiper stated REMC requested caution due to the electrical easements and utility lines. John VanCuren stated REMC usually informs the residents if any work is to be done. Barce explained easements. Discussed Bridge Street as has been previously closed. Discussed closing the alleys. Greenwood stated a letter from David Searcy was received requesting to not allow the alley closures. Barce explained if closed, no building in the alleys due to utility easement as utility company would need to get to the utility poles. Kuiper stated Rainsville is all zoned residential. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve Ordinance #2024-0903A Vacating Alleys in Rainsville seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
  - h. 2025 Payroll, Accounts Payable, Commissioner Meeting calendars and 2024 payroll Calendar Adjustment – Discussed the calendars. John Comer made a motion to approve the Calendars as presented seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - i. Resolution Authorizing Sale of Surplus Vehicle (EMA) to Pine Village Fire Department – John Comer made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-0903B seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - j. Warren County Community Foundation, Michele Stucky – Stucky explained a 217-acre parcel of land that a family is willing to sell to the Community as this would comply with Comprehensive Plan. Presented maps showing the parcel and possibilities for use. This could allow the community camping, hiking, canoe launch, kayak launch, etc. Michele explained how this would be a great opportunity for our community. The 5-year park plan sited the importance for the County. The acreage is being presented to the County for \$1.3 million. There is potential for return on investment. Several counties own parks as a revenue stream. The property can be accessed from Market and Grant Streets. Discussed the flood plain. Greenwood inquired if the purchase is made, will there be grant opportunities for later development. Stucky stated this is a possibility with timeline 6-9 months so this is a hard question to answer. Stucky will present the opportunity to the Council September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Old Business:

- a. Health Department/Jail Parking Lot – Table until next meeting.
- b. Auditor Copier Lease – John Comer made a motion to approve Cardinal Copier Lease in Auditors Office seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.

Elected Official/Department Head comments:

- a. Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff – Sheriff Pruitt stated Sheriff vehicles have been delivered this week. Tahoe being purchased by EMA is in process of changing decals but a radio is needed for the vehicle and is looking into a used radio. Next meeting paid for the vehicle. Greenwood stated Houston Electric will be doing a load check at the Jail.
- b. Lacy Frodge, Health Department Nurse – Fridge stated the cement has been poured and looks good.
- c. CORE Facilities – Craig Greenwood made a motion to pay CORE Facilities \$7,560 to begin Facility Improvement Plan seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
- d. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor – The 2025 board appointments will be sent to the commissioners.
- e. Craig Greenwood, Commissioner – Greenwood stated EMA will need a dumpster for cleanup. John Kuiper will work on this. Greenwood stated EMA Director resigned and Commissioners appointed Andrew Warrick, HD as interim EMA Director. Jill Wilson, HR Director, stated EMA position applications and resumes are due Sept 6<sup>th</sup>. EMA advisory board will choose the director Sept 11<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Public Comment:

- a. Brenda Leak – Leak inquired about a future dairy in the county. Commissioners stated they are aware that the company is looking for a location but not aware of a specific location. They would need State IDEM permits before applying for Warren County permits.

Next Commissioner meeting September 3, 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*  
Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor

*David Craig Greenwood*  
David Craig Greenwood, President

*John Comer*  
John Comer, Vice President

*Clay Andrews*  
Clay Andrews