

**WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**MONDAY APRIL 7, 2025**

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Doug Hess, interim LEDO Director; Lyn Martin, LeAnn Conrad, Perry Conrad, Maggie Estes, Justin Brummett, Paul Coffman, Brenda Leak, Vickie Strickler, Tim Fellure.

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Ingrid Barce, County Attorney; Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent; Jenny Hobaugh, Highway Office Manager; Laci Frodge, Health Nurse; Jim Morson, EMA Director.

1. The meeting was called to order by John Comer, Commissioner President.
2. New Business:
  - a. Add Old State Road 55 Speed Limit, Warren County Pool Donation to the agenda. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
  - b. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the March 17, 2025 Commissioner Meeting minutes with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - c. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the March 17 2025 – April 7, 2025 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - d. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the March 28, 2025 payroll with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - e. Highway – Jenny Hobaugh presented a INDOT agreement for approval dust control reimbursement of \$1,260.
  - f. Ordinance Redistricting Council Districts – Greenwood explained the Council redistricting based on population splitting Washington 1 & 2 in half to make the districts equal as well as Pine dividing into 2 precincts. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve Ordinance #2025-0407A Ordinance Pursuant to IC 36-2-3-4 Dividing the County into Four Council Districts seconded by Clay Andrews
  - g. Sheriff Grant Application, Norfolk and Southern – Sheriff Pruitt explained the grant of \$6,010 is fully funded. This grant has provided funds for previous purchases over the years. This grant would provide funds to purchase an incinerator for Rx drugs and old evidence. The Rx drop is used for the community to properly dispose of Rx medications and normally has 300-400 lbs. of Rx drugs dropped off each year. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the Sheriff Grant Application seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
  - h. Agreement Donating Funds to Town of Pine Village – Comer explained Pine Village is pursuing the possibility of establishing a water utility in connection with Town of Oxford water utility. Commissioners discussed donating \$600,000 for professional costs involved in planning and construction of the regional water utility with the County holding the funds until provided invoices for approval to pay. Town is applying for READI grant funds and if awarded, the county funds possibly will not be needed. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the Agreement for Donation of Funds to Pine Village in the amount of \$600,000 from JCWF Economic Development Fund 4918 seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - i. EMS Ambulance Service – Justin Brummett and Maggie Estes, EMS explained the county ambulance status as delivery date has been changed to the middle of 2026. The signed agreement stated the end of 2025. Brummett explained exploring options as currently ambulances have had many repair issues in the past year. Options such as remount using the 2024 chassis and remount with another company. Canceling current agreement with Hoosier Fire was discussed as fees may be incurred to release the agreement. If remount is allowed, delivery could be this year. Commissioners asked what a remount included. Brummett explained new upholstery, floor, electrical, paint, etc. with cost of \$200,000 estimate. The 2025 chassis purchase price was \$74,000 and box for \$263,000 is approved with current agreement. Brummett requested if the remount is approved, the remaining \$63,000 funds be used for equipment replacements. Power cots are 12-15 years old and reaching the end of service life as well as replacement of CPR devices as not working properly. Explained new equipment costs and trade in values. Cost with maintenance plan CPR devices and cots \$46,160/year over 3 years. Opioid funds can be used and will discuss with Hunter. Discussed current agreement compared to all changes suggested. Brummett explained the repair amounts for all 3 ambulances. Commissioners stated the need for more information and set Executive Session for April 15, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.
  - j. Old 55 Pine Village Speed Limit – Discussed changing the speed limit of Old 55. Barce explained if permanently changing a speed study has been done with ordinance. Herndon stated a speed study was done March 2024. Sheriff Pruitt suggested a 30-mph speed limit. Discussed changing speed limit through the construction while Old 55 is being used for detour. Craig Greenwood made a motion to set speed limit on Old 55 to 30 mph seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - k. Warren County Pool – Discussed the funding requested of \$2 million and agreement with Town of Williamsport. Town is applying for READI grant and if awarded the County will only give \$1 million, otherwise \$2 million will be donated.
3. Old Business:
  - a. Annex/Old Extension Building Remodel – Greenwood stated progress is being made and should be finished mid-May.
4. Elected Official/Department Head comments:
  - a. Craig Greenwood, Commissioner – Greenwood presented a quote from Wabash Overhead Door for ADA automatic door of \$3,340. Funds for ADA projects in public safety. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the quote of \$3,340 paid from Public Safety ADA seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Greenwood explained the cannons in front of courthouse were painted and presented an invoice of \$1,900 from Tom Brown. Discussed America 250 Anniversary to rededicate them. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve \$1,900 invoice to be paid from Cumulative Capital Development fund seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - b. Doug Hess, Interim LEDO Director – Hess stated READI grant work continues.
  - c. Jim Morson, EMA Director – Morson stated all tornado sirens have been tested/activated in all towns and dispatch has the ability to activate the sirens now. Stated attending Storms/significant weather and public assistance class April 15-17 in Lafayette. Looking into applying for Norfolk and Southern grant and EMPG salary grant has been approved/compliance and monitoring portion will begin now. Letters going out concerning the north tower equipment must be removed that is not County owned. Changing door locks as items have been added to the building/tower without permission. Barce stated letters sent out giving until April 18<sup>th</sup> then equipment will be impounded. EMA expansion is moving forward and working on bids.
  - d. Prosecutor stipends – Weston-Hubner and Perigo explained Prosecutor would like to give a salary stipend to 2 employees splitting \$5,000 between them as per Prosecutor discretion. Previously approve \$5,000 stipend to Title IV-D employee. Craig Greenwood made a motion to change the salary ordinance to reflect \$5,000 stipend to the 2 other Prosecutor employees seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.

- e. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor - Stated taxpayer deductions are missing due to computer glitch on several tax bills and currently working to be sure that all are fixed. Clarification at the next Commissioner meeting after further information is collected.

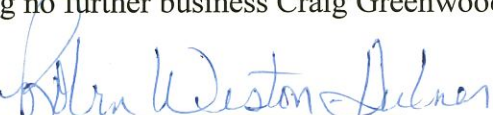
5. Public Comment:

- a. Leann Conrad/Perry Conrad/Lyn Martin – Inquired about a contact/resolution for battery storage. Commissioner stated there will be an ordinance regulating battery storage. Comer stated suspect NextEra storing power from windfarm. Barce stated APC meeting next week concerning the battery storage ordinance, possibly match the solar ordinance.
- b. Tim Fellure - Inquired about the Jordan Creek Wind Farm being overseen by the Commissioners. Comer stated not much oversight just roads, taxes paid, etc. Heavy equipment permits for repairing are requested through Highway.

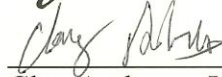
Next Commissioner meeting April 21, 2025 @ 8:30 a.m.

There being no further business Craig Greenwood made a motion to adjourn with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.

ATTEST:

  
Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor

  
John Comer, President

  
Clay Andrews, Vice President

  
David Craig Greenwood