

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2025

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Lyn Martin (online), Cheryl Clark, Tom Witsman (online), LeAnn Conrad, Brenda Leak, Cody Craigin, Tim Fellure, Greg Robison.

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Mallory Redlin, County Attorney; Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent; Jenny Hobaugh, Highway Office Manager; John Kuiper, Zoning Director; Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff; Jill Wilson, HR Director; Randy Haddock, Surveyor; Jim Morson, EMA Director; Kara Dewlen, LEDO Director; Laci Frodge, Health Department Nurse; Julie Clark, Warren County Soil and Water; Ethan Foxworthy, Council.

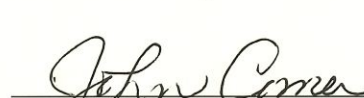
1. The meeting was called to order by John Comer, Commissioner Vice President.
2. New Business:
 - a. Add Sheriff SIA Grant to agenda. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - b. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the February 3, 2025 Commissioner Meeting minutes with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - c. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the February 3, 2025 – February 18, 2025 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - d. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the February 14, 2025 payroll with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - e. Highway – Herndon presented a quote for a used berm cutter. Berm cutter has 80 hours on it with total cost of \$185,000. Quote is for 5-year lease paying yearly at \$41,954.82 or monthly at \$3,603.57. Discussed lease options. Commissioners tabled until next meeting. Herndon stated 4 leases will be paid in full soon allowing budget to be used. Jenny Hobaugh presented Woolpert Engineering on bridge 39 inspection agreement \$412,155 down to \$300,000 and need to accept proposal, official will be sent to INDOT then INDOT has to approve before Commissioners sign off. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the contract with Woolpert Engineering for \$300,186.25 to be sent to INDOT seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - f. Ordinance Council districts – Commissioners tabled until next meeting.
 - g. Sheriff SIA Grant - Sheriff Pruitt explained SIA grant is fully funded with no County match. Grant is to purchase 4 new mobile radios at \$3,005.75 x 4. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the application for Sheriff SIA Grant seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
3. Old Business:
 - a. Annex Building (old extension building) Remodel - Greenwood explained waiting on bid for exact amount and added dumpster fees. Building should be finished a month and a half after remodel begins.
4. Elected Official/Department Head comments:
 - a. Kara Dewlen, LEDO Director – Dewlen explained READI update. Pine Village water project READI 2.0, IEDC needs confirmation of the County providing match of \$600,000. Commonwealth Engineers are working on plans for infrastructure for Pine Village water and Oxford water treatment located on Benton and Warren county line allowing water to be piped to Pine Village for a water system. Greenwood inquired due to the large cost, will Pine Village have loans or another grant. Dewlen stated Pine Village is currently discussing with Commonwealth Engineering on this subject. Discussed the loan for the sewer system, Dewlen will reach out to Pine Village and get back to the Commissioners. Dewlen will get more information concerning the next steps. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve READI 2.0 water project county match of \$600,000 paid from Fund 4918 seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - b. Jim Morson, EMA Director and Cody Craigin – Morson presented quotes for backup radio project, still working on the final quote from J & K Communications and Ra-Comm for radio project and ema operation center. Craigin stated EMA Advisory Board has discussed a contract for radio communications and centralize for emergency services. In 2023, \$50,000 was spent on the Williamsport tower and are asking for appropriations to move forward with the final project. Craigin explained EOC is EMA building if Fountain County EOC/Dispatch is down. Asking commissioners to evaluate and appropriate funds for this setup. Ridge Wireless will allow us to use their towners and put buildings at each in tower in Pine Village, Williamsport, West Lebanon. Discussed equipment being out of date quickly. Craigin explained the older technology must be maintained as a backup. Morson requested approval of quote for EOC vehicle and backup equip of \$100,000. The building at the Williamsport north tower will need HVAC, security and repairs. Clay Andrews made a motion to purchase radios for EOC and command vehicle of \$32,800 paid from public safety seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - c. Julie Clark, Warren County Soil and Water – Clark stated WCSW annual meeting 80th anniversary will be held at the Beef House on February 27 2025 at 6 pm in the oak room. Discussed county separated from federal could mean need for an office for WC Soil and Water.
 - d. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor – Weston-Hubner explained work on taxes continues as there have been issues with the taxing software that has setback the process.
 - e. Clay Greenwood, Commissioner – Greenwood presented the 2024 Purdue Extension Annual Report. Discussed being short 1 educator in the office for over a year. Job is being advertised currently. Discussed having Barce review the Extension agreement.
5. Public Comment: No public comment.

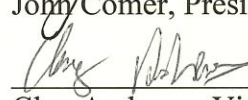
Next Commissioner meeting February 21, 2025 @ 8:30 a.m.


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

ATTEST:


Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor


John Comer, President


Clay Andrews, Vice President


David Craig Greenwood