

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2025

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Kara Dewlen, LEDO Director; Lyn Martin, Cheryl Clark, LeAnn Conrad, Brenda Leak, Michelle Stucky, Ian Lesko, Josh Belser, John Butterman, Josh Belser.


Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Charity Perigo, Chief Deputy 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.


1. The meeting was called to order by Clay Andrews, Commissioner Vice President.
2. New Business:
 - a. Removing the UBO Wilmington, add Resolution Assigning Tax Sale Certificate to Pine Village. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - b. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the January 21, 2025 Commissioner Meeting minutes with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - c. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the January 21, 2025 – February 3, 2025 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - d. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the January 31, 2025 payroll with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - e. Highway – Herndon roads are soft and putting stone down when we can.
 - f. Michell Stucky, Lilly GIFT VIII Regional Grant – Stucky requested thoughts and ideas concerning the area to have canoe/kyak launch site project. Discussed the launch/landing locations for engineering or feasibility study. The northeast side is defined between the roads as the southwest side is overgrown and property lines are not defined. Stucky will look into moving forward with engineering studies and report back to the Commissioners.
 - g. Craig Hall, Nextlink – Hall explained NextLink has been in business 12-13 years. Currently exploring many projects across Indiana. Warren County 80-90% project area coverage for the county or homes not served with internet. BEAD project is a State funded program to allow areas not served with fiber. Cost per passing high enough that federal mandate is universal coverage to help all on the map. Andrews explained the County is currently working with the state and JOINK on projects. Joink is also applying BEAD funding. Hall explained hanging fiber has many benefits such as repairs, people digging, etc. Andrews currently not signed with Joink. Andrews explained the poles in the county are mainly owned by REMC and told Hall to contact them. Hall explained 100 mb \$50 range for fiber and 1 GB \$100 range for fiber. Hall asked for a letter of support from the County for the BEAD application which is due by Feb 10th.
 - h. Resolution Assigning Tax Sale Certificate to Pine Village – Redlin explained this parcel has been previously assigned to Pine Village, this clarifies due to new Treasurer, same cycle with others. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-0203A Assigning Tax Sale Certificates to the Town of Pine Village, property 205 E Fenton St Pine Village seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
3. Drainage Board Meeting: Clay Andrews, Drainage Board President, made a motion to suspend the Commissioner Meeting and opened the 2025 Drainage Board Meeting seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor. Haddock explained the need for election of 2025 officers. Election of officers: Craig Greenwood made a motion to nominate John Comer, President seconded by clay Andrew, all voted in favor. John Comer made a motion to nominate Clay Andrews Vice President seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor. Craig Greenwood made a motion to nominate Kegan Moore Secretary seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Craig Greenwood made a motion to nominate Barce and Redlin Drainage Board Attorney seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Craig Greenwood made a motion to nominate Review Republican newspaper for Drainage Board seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Haddock presented 2025 drains to be assessed for tax funding. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the 2025 Warren County Drains to be assessed seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor. Haddock stated currently working on a list for spring drain work. February 11th Zoning Meeting for the new Dairy will take place at 5:00 p.m. Discussed Drainage Boards need to approve the plans. No regulated drains in the area but Jordan Creek Conservancy will be involved, Comer has contacted the board. Since the Dairy will not be in a county drain, Commissioners are not involved. Haddock stated Snider will have 6 more corner sections finished this year. Discussed Kickapoo and Jordan Creek Conservation Districts. Craig Greenwood made a motion to adjourn Warren County Drainage Board Meeting seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
4. Old Business:
5. Elected Official/Department Head comments:
 - a. Sheriff Anthony Pruitt – Stated a Sheriff Deputy hit a deer and sheriff vehicle will be taken to Odle’s Repair. BT Reynolds repaired indoor rec area heating and cooling unit. Mother board went out costing \$600-\$700 and need to look at the other units as possibly need replaced due to heat and cool issues.
 - b. Jim Morson, EMA Director – Stated County tower located behind St Vincent Clinic has many issues to seal building and clean up, currently working on this. Morson would like to meet with St Vincent and commissioners about managing the tower building.
 - c. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor – Stated currently working on 2024 pay 2025 taxes but waiting on Assessor to roll mobile home values before property tax replacement/homestead credit and abstract work can begin. There have been many assessment issues that need resolved after abstract or calculation of tax bills.
 - d. Craig Greenwood, Commissioner – Stated Bryan Lanham walked through the Extension building last week and several ideas for renovation. Currently working on a final quote and will present in a coming meeting.
6. Public Comment:
 - a. LeAnn Conrad – Inquired about the tax funding impact on the County due to abatements and State legislative changes. Commissioners explained how abatements are given when company has increased employees which will bring local income taxes to the County. The legislative changes are yet to be determined but estimates to do look good for the County.


b. Brenda Leak – Inquired about who sent a letter concerning Warren Dairy. Commissioners explained letters go to adjoining landowners only as per code.

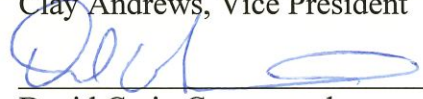
Next Commissioner meeting February 18, 2025 @ 8:30 a.m.

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