

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY JANUARY 21, 2025

Commissioners present for the meeting: Clay Andrews, Craig Greenwood

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Matthew Van Hoesen – Joink; Tim McCombs – Joink; Perry Conrad, LeAnn Conrad, Brenda Leak, Tim Fellure, Pam Krzystof, John Krystof, Paul Connor, Joe Connor, Nancy Huston, Mike Huston, Phil Halsema, Roger Brushaber.

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Charity Perigo, Chief Deputy Auditor; Ingrid Barce, County Attorney; Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent; Jenny Hobough, Highway Office Manager; Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff; Laci Frodge, Health Administrator.

1. The meeting was called to order by Clay Andrews, Vice President.
2. New Business:
 - a. Joink Future Broadband Opportunities, Sheriff Annual Report, Health Department Grant, Resolution Tax Sale Certificate, UBO 360 E 650N, Resolution to Dispose of Personal Property. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - b. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the January 6, 2025 Commissioner Meeting minutes with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - c. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the January 6, 2025 – January 21, 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 17, 2025 payroll with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - e. Joink, Future Broadband Opportunities – Ben Dispennett introduced Matthew Van Hoesen and Tim McCombs. Van Hoesen explained first project was for 2,000 addresses, all projects combined 4,000 address and Next Level additional 400-500 address. BEAD program federal program funding high-speed broadband is a new program that Joink is working on to allow funding for more broadband fiber in the County. Currently there are 6 projects in the County. Completion of projects is expected by May 31st. Tim McCombs stated Joink is excited to light up remote in West Lebanon. Working on West Lebanon construction in near future after signal from Terre Haute through Stateline City is complete. Please call Joink any time for questions concerning location availability.
 - f. Health Department Grant, SIA Foundation – Frodge explained the grant is through SIA paramedicine, working with Dr. Franz and EMS service with a pilot program allowing home visits by EMS for patients who are ER repeats. Health Department will be doing the financial portion of the grant and EMS will be doing the visiting. This is a no match grant of \$15,000. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the SIA Foundation Grant application for the Health Department seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Frodge stated Joink internet is live and working great at the Health Department.
 - g. Highway – Herndon presented a 2014 chip spreader quote of \$40,000, old 1991 spreader will be sold on GovDeals. Hobough presented agreement with INDOT for reimbursement of 725E dust control for \$1,260. Commissioners will need a working meeting to discuss engineering firm for Bridge 39 construction inspection proposal. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve Southeastern quote for 2014 chip spreader of \$40,000 paid from funds 1169 and 1176 seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - h. 2025 Sheriff Contract and Annual Report – Sheriff Pruitt explained the Sheriff Contract and Annual Report. Commissioners had no questions. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve 2025 Sheriff Contract and Annual Report seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - i. Prosecutor Adams Intern – Weston-Hubner explained the request for an intern in the Prosecutor's Office with \$17.00/hour rate of pay. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the intern, additional appropriation 2510 and 2515 \$13,000 total and \$17.00/hour seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - j. Judge Reece Part Time Probation – Commissioners discussed Judge Reece email requesting Part Time Probation Office paid at State required salary of \$28.11/hour, \$5,000 additional appropriation to Fund 2000. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve Part Time Probation Officer pay of \$28.11/hour and additional appropriation seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - k. Michelle Stucky, Lilly GIFT – Stucky explained Community Foundation donated \$6,000 to Potawatomi Springs mural project and is requesting permission to complete the mural. Cleanup paid for by County has been completed. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the mural work at Potawatomi Springs seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor. Stucky explained a controlled burn at Cicott Park had been completed but the park is in need of another due to overgrowth of prairie grass and invasive species. Craig Greenwood made a motion to allow controlled burn at Cicott Park seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Stucky explained the Lilly GIFT. Inquired of interest in big pine launch site on county owned parcel which has 2 options for a launch site. Discussed the site options. Tabled until next meeting.
 - l. Resolution Tax Sale Certificate – Barce explained the resolution. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-0121A Assignment of Certain Tax Sale Certificates to the Town of Williamsport, 702 Warren Street seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - m. UBO, 360 E 650 N – Barce explained if the land is transferred the UBO will transfer to the new owner. Discussed taking fines off as new owner is not responsible but leave the UBO on this parcel as progress must be achieved. Clay Andrews made a motion to release fines and extend UBO for 60 days to March 17th meeting seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - n. Resolution to Dispose of Personal Property – Weston-Hubner explained the personal property are old computers that have been replaced and are no longer viable. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-0121B to Dispose of Personal Property computers seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.

Old Business: No old business.

Elected Official/Department Head comments:

- a. Craig Greenwood, Commissioner – Greenwood presented quote for new Sheriff parking lot lights. Lights attached to the Jail Sheriff Pruitt will pay for with his budget. Total quote is \$7,185 with county responsible for \$1,980.00. Craig Greenwood made a motion to pay \$1,980 from Courthouse Maintenance budget seconded by Clay Andrews, all in favor.
- b. Broadband BEAD Representative – Discussed assigning a one Commissioner representative for BEAD broadband expansion grant. Craig Greenwood made a motion to assigned Clay Andrews as representative for BEAD broadband expansion seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.

Public Comment:

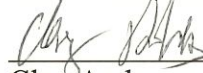
- a. Roger Brushaber – Requested enforcement of zoning ordinance to AJ Hetrick due to debris and fence placed in his yard, trees down. Brushaber stated disruption of home life due to AJ Hetrick working late in the day, noise, etc. Many items that were supposed to be accomplished due to next to residence have not been done. Barce will look further into the complaint.
- b. Mike Hutson – Hutson stated he attended the December 16th Commissioner meeting and is requesting a report on 775 W status. This parcel is on the closed road list. Barce will look further into.

Next Commissioner meeting February 3rd, 2025 @ 8:30 a.m.

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

ATTEST: 
Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor

John Comer, President



Clay Andrews, Vice President



David Craig Greenwood