

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY JUNE 16, 2025

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Doug Hess, interim LEDO Director; Lyn Martin, Perry Conrad, Brenda Leak, Clint Stoddard, Cindy Williams, Daniel Johnston, Erica Johnston, Marty Kutsenkow, Ben Dispennett, Bill Straub, Derik Helmerich, Matthew VanHoesen, Tim McCombs, Ron Haston, Greg Robison (virtual).

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Ingrid Barce, County Attorney; Charity Perigo, Chief Deputy Auditor; John Kuiper, Zoning Director; Jenny Hobaugh, Highway Office Manager; Laci Frodge, Health Nurse; Jim Morson, EMA Director, Jill Wilson, HR Director; Ethan Foxworthy, Council.

The meeting was called to order by John Comer, Commissioner President.

1. New Business:

- a. Add UBO Stoddard and Dyer; JOINK Broadband Update. 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 June 2, 2025 Commissioner Meeting minutes with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
- c. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the June 2, 2025 – June 16, 2025 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
- d. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the June 6, 2025 payroll with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
- e. Highway – Jordan stated normal work continues with no new developments.
- f. UBO – Comer opened the UBO Hearing.
 - i. Jarvis – Barce stated UBO for 1544 Main St Attica. Daniel Johnston attending. Barce asked for updates. Kuiper stated photos taken on Friday were sent showing a small amount of cleanup. The property in process of being sold on contract to Johnston. Barce inquired from Johnston of plans for property. Johnston stated working on scrapping metal, cleanup the home, etc. Due to work schedule process will be a slow. Kuiper suggested 60 days as there is a lot of work. Clay Andrews made a motion affirming the UBO and extending 60 days for review on August 16th seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - ii. Smith – Barce stated UBO for 11008 W 2nd Street. Kuiper stated looks like no progress has been made. Smith could not attend until 9 am. Barce explained options are fine for noncompliance \$100-\$5,000, hold in abeyance for time or can enforce and cleanup by County charging fees to tax statement. Kuiper stated plates are current on the vehicles but, have been sitting for approximately 10 years. Williams explained photos taken from April thru June show only porch has been worked on and there are issues with varmints. Hastin inquired about the UBO. Barce explained the UBO is for the home but also cleanup around the home. John Comer made a motion to affirm and modify extending 2 weeks until July 7th meeting and fine \$1,000 in abeyance if nothing accomplished to the home then fine will be imposed seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - iii. Straub – Barce stated UBO for 1317 W 300 N. Helmerick and Straub are present. Helmerick stated working on the property clean up and explained the progress. Kuiper inquired property plans. Helmerick is working to clean up the property but currently the home is vacant. Helmerick asked for clarification on request for cleanup. Kuiper explained the photos sent from Friday and what is requested in the UBO. Commissioners discussed options and things needed to be done. Craig Greenwood made a motion to affirm and modify extending 30 days with progress report at July 21st meeting seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - iv. Stoddard – Barce stated UBO for 2786 E Third St. Stoddard is present. Kuiper sent photos on Friday stating lots of work has been accomplished and neighbors are impressed with work completed. Stoddard stated plans are to replace the building eventually but repair the roof immediately and work on the home. Clay Andrews made a motion to affirm and modify extending 60 days to August 18th meeting with progress report seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - v. Dyer (Mickle) – Barce stated UBO for 1523 N VanBuren set for April 21st needs reset to July 21st. Kuiper explained the property has been cleaned up and is zoned industrial to intention to make the pole barn into a shop also cleanup trucks across the street.
- g. UBO Notice, Jones and Dyer –
 - i. Jones – Barce stated UBO for 3707 State Road 263. Jones is not present. Kuiper explained the bank holding the mortgage, Midland Mortgage of Oklahoma City, requested copies of UBO and criminal charges against Jones. Grass is tall and neighbor mowing part of it. Vehicles are still on the parcel. Barce explained options publish in newspaper 3 times then UBO can be enforced, wait for more information from the bank or send a letter to the bank asking for information. Discussed fines. Clay Andrews made a motion to affirm the UBO and modify extending for 30 days with a fine of \$2,500 imposed today seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
- h. Ordinance Regulating Posting on Utility Poles – Barce explained REMC attorney made a change and this limits the number of advertisements on electric poles in the county and allows county to remove the signs. A fine of \$50 per occurrence can be imposed. REMC can enforce as well. The funds from fines will go to County General if imposed. John Comer made a motion to approve Ordinance #2025-0616A seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
- i. 2026 Budget Information - Weston-Hubner distributed the 2026 Requested Budgets to the Commissioners. The joint budget meeting will be held July 14th.
- j. JOINK Broadband Update – VanHoesen and McCombs representatives stated locating issues are slowing the project down. Stated will finish West Lebanon first week in July, Williamsport mid-August, Pine Village end of July other than part of SR 55 area with laterals as working with INDOT currently on this. Currently have 94 signed up for JOINK in the County. Comer inquired of the May 31st deadline with no update until today as the County could penalize JOINK. VanHoesen stated 811 locates are behind which will not allow drilling until this is complete as well as RR communication delay. McCombs requested information for better communication. Weston-Hubner will send emails for weekly updates. Kutsenkow, West Lebanon, explained he signed up September 24, 2024 and called several times without a returned phone

call, months later called customer service who stated no coverage south of 3rd Street, after much discussion with Commissioners and Dispennett he now has service as of last week.

2. Old Business:

- a. Randy Wurtzbaugh, Highland Cemetery – Barce explained many types of cemeteries State Codes differ. Highland Cemetery is a cemetery association so township may provide funding but is not obligated to assist the cemetery association. Martin stated Jordan Cemetery is an association but trustee is paying for mowing. Hobough stated Washington Township trustee has requested Wurtzbaugh to contact him.
- b. Township Trustee – Discussed setting a trustee meeting for budget info in the coming month.
- c. Annex Building Construction/Remodel – Greenwood stated Axxesspc made connections in the building. Wilson stated carpet is finished and will move back to the building on Wednesday. Greenwood stated install of handicap restroom toilet will be done soon and Eric Wetly will be painting stripes on the parking lot area as well as at the Health Department. Wetley estimated less than \$1,000.

3. Elected Official/Department Head comments:

- a. Craig Greenwood, Commissioner – ADA issue discussed. Greenwood suggested an ADA board to help with decisions and requirements. Wilson explained Accessibility Coalition with ordinance to form ADA accessibility board is required. Board will consist of commissioner, council, Highway Admin, HR, Custodian to create the board.
- b. Jim Morson, EMA Director – Morson explained the speed limit signs at the High School for the detour are not working as of May 16th, the State will be removing them and project set to be completed in August. EMPG Salary Grant requirements from previous year are not met but the State is working to allow the grant. Morson assisted with a bin fire in New Town last week. NIPSCo grant is due June 25th which will be used for smoke/carbon monoxide detectors to hand out to the community. Commissioners agreed.
- c. Doug Hess, Interim LEDO Director – Hess stated Williamsport Town opened bids for pool and HWC reviewing. Town will announce bid winner on Thursday. Opening bids for the trail and working on READI 1.
- d. Laci Frodge, Health Department Nurse – Frodge explained still taking resumes for Environmentalist position, currently have received 4 resumes.
- e. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor – Weston-Hubner inquired if Commissioners will be reviewing the Williamsport Pool bids. Commissioners stated they will not.

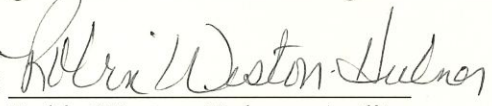
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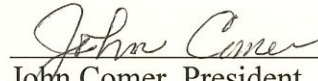
- a. Brenda Leak – Leak thanked the Commissioners for the continued information concerning 1000W.
- b. John Comer – Comer explained the Warren County Courthouse Cannon Rededication that was organized and facilitated by Craig Greenwood. Comer thanked Greenwood for his work on the entire project.

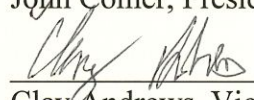
Next Commissioner meeting July 7, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

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