

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 3, 2025

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

Also, In Attendance: Public: Kara Dewlen, LEDO Director; Lyn Martin, LeAnn Conrad, Shawn Walker, John Boerman, Jacob Achen.

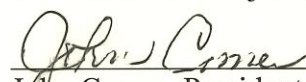
Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Ingrid Barce, County Attorney; Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent; John Kuiper, Zoning Director; Randy Haddock, Surveyor; Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff; Jill Wilson, HR Director; Dr. Sean Sharma, Health Officer.


1. The meeting was called to order by ^{John Comer} ~~Clay Andrews~~, Commissioner ~~Vice~~ President.
2. New Business:
 - a. Add February 21st, 24th and March 3rd minutes to agenda. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - b. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the February 18, 2025, February 21, 2025, February 24, 2025 and March 3, 2025 Commissioner Meeting minutes with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - c. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the February 18, 2025 – March 3, 2025 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - d. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the February 28, 2025 payroll with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - e. Highway – Herndon explained quote for used Berm Cutter lease to own at \$41,954.82/year for 5 years at 6.710% interest. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the 5-year lease to own of berm cutter paid from 1176/1169 seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor. Andrews explained the Enterprise lease program for 7 highway pickup trucks. A new lease for approval with 5 new pickup trucks with estimated monthly payment of \$3,329. Total monthly bill will be approximately \$5729.19/mo. with additional delivery fees and plow mounts. Weston-Hubner explained many issues with the billing and questioned leasing versus purchasing on a laddered budget. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the Enterprise lease agreement for 5 new highway pickup trucks seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
 - f. Community Crossing Grant Bid Opening – Comer opened the sealed bids for repaving sections of 875W, 900W, 950S and 875W. Bids were read with Milestone \$874,840.55; Reith Riley 904,507.00. Commissioners tabled until a later meeting.
 - g. Dairy Road Use Agreement – Clay Andrews presented Road Use Agreement with Warren Dairy II/Benton Dairy and explained BZA approved with stipulation Commissioners need a RUA. John Boerman, Benton Dairy LLC, hazmat fees will be paid by Benton Dairy and would like to proceed without a bond. Discussed the Road Use Agreement, road repairs, etc. Herndon explained cement stabilizer cost for 2 ¾ mile as ½ mile has already been completed, approximately \$400,000 at 20 ft wide 12 inch deep at 6%. Discussed when to apply the cement stabilization. Boerman stated it will several weeks before heavy equipment will be used. Commissioners stated 1000 is only road to be used for Dairy and construction, fines written otherwise. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the Road Use Agreement for Warren Dairy II/Benton Dairy LLC seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
3. Old Business:
 - a. Annex Building Construction/Remodel – Greenwood presented a quote from Bryan Lanham for \$34,119.22 which is \$18,000 and \$16,119.22 materials. ADA opening device on the door is not included in quote, Lanham is working with Wabash Door on this. Ceiling open for Access PC to run cables, cameras, etc. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve quote paid from 2025 budget line in Fund 1138 for \$34,119.82 seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
4. Elected Official/Department Head comments:
 - a. Antony Pruitt, Sheriff – Sheriff Pruitt explained Eberhardt replaced a water heater last week. Brad Thompson will start this week or next week on updating the jail parking lot lights.
 - b. Jill Wilson, Director HR – Wilson inquired about ADA parking at the Annex. Greenwood will work on this. County Employee benefit day after the building is completed.
 - c. Jim Morson, EMA Director – Morson stated great response for accident last week, attending class March 18-20 in LaPorte, still working on north tower.
 - d. Craig Greenwood, Commissioner – Greenwood explained GoGov app with links to several offices, county website, etc. Michele Stucky, Community Foundation, will work on building and maintaining the app. Health Department will fund for 1 year at \$3,900. Craig Greenwood made a motion to sign the GoGov agreement and pay from Health First Fund 1161 seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - e. Robin Weston-Hubner – Weston-Hubner explained discussions to help Redevelopment Commission with TIF district questions/creation by Tom Pittman, Attorney giving \$100,000 to help with this effort. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve \$100,000 for RDC Attorney/TIF Specialist paid from JCWF Economic Development Fund 4918 seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor. Discussed 250 Federal and 200 County celebrations. Terri Wargo will meet with group March 17th 10:00 in Commissioner Room. Discussed Township Trustee issues. Weston-Hubner explained the SBOA audit fees are high and some townships do not have the funds to pay as no budget and tax rates low with most coming to Auditor Office for assistance. Weston-Hubner presented an email from Community Foundation, Michelle Stucky requesting Art Along the Waterways to paint art pieces on county bridge abutments. Craig Greenwood made a motion to give Community Foundation permission allowing art pieces to be painted on County bridge abutments seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Weston-Hubner state Certificate Tax Sale will be March 10th at 10:00. Weston-Hubner explained MVP Tax software issues are delaying the process to begin printing. Currently we are 1 week behind schedule and looks to be another couple of weeks to fix the issues.
5. Public Comment:
 - a. Lyn Marting – Trustee for Jordan Township, Josheph Silver is an amazing trustee.

Next Commissioner meeting March 17, 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