

**WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
MONDAY MAY 18, 2026**

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public:

Eric Estes, LeAnn Conrad, Cheryl Clark, Lyn Martin, Sheila Lucas, Polet Senesac, Jason James, Brenda Leak.

Department Head/Elected Official –

Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Cori Herndon, Chief Deputy Auditor; Jud Barce, County Attorney; Dr. Sean Sharma, Health Department; John Kuiper, Zoning Director; Jill Wilson, HR Director; Jenny Hobough, Highway Office Manager; Jim Morson, EMA Director; Heather Deno, LEDO Director.

The meeting was called to order by Clay Andrews, Commissioner President.

Clay Andrews, Commissioner President lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. New Business:

- a. Add UBO Straub, Resolution Personal Property, Pine Village Fire Dept OCRA Grant. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
- b. John Comer made a motion to approve May 4, 2026 Commissioner Meeting Minutes seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
- c. John Comer made a motion to approve the May 4, 2026 – May 18, 2026 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
- d. John Comer made a motion to approve the May 8, 2026 payroll with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
- e. Highway – Herndon stated road work continues, finding a lot of trash along the roads.
- f. UBO, Dicken – Andrews opened the UBO hearings. No in attendance for Dicken. Barce explained recommended by Kuiper to move out 30 days, continue cleanup. Discuss photos sent by Kuiper. John Comer made a motion to reaffirm the UBO and extend 30 days for reinspection by Kuiper seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
- g. UBO, Smith – Barce asked for a copy of the Health Department Report. Kuiper sent the information. Smith called for report 3 times and not able to get the report from Warrick. Also discuss variance or special exception with Kuiper. Smith inquired about rezoning. Barce state flood plane is federal so rezoning will not fix the issue. Andrews stated Warrick sent a letter stating the property is not permissible for septic. Smith stated an above ground septic can be place by State info but that was before Warrick started with Health Department. Andrews stated Smith and Warrick need to discuss the septic before the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Clay Andrews affirmed and extended the UBO 30 days to June 15<sup>th</sup> seconded by Craig Greenwood.
- h. Judge Reece Employee Salary Stipends – Andrews explained salary stipends are from grant funds. Judge Reece explained 100% grant funded which includes salary and taxes so no County funds are used for the stipends. John Comer made a motion to approve the salary stipends of \$26,000, Additional Appropriations and Salary approved seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
- i. APC Appointment – Andrews explained Jim Willett is retiring from the APC. Clay Andrews made a motion to appoint Sam Verhoven, Jr to the APC seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
- j. Redevelopment Commission Appointment – Andrews stated Collin Brier resigned from the RDC. Clay Andrews made a motion to appoint Nate Budreau to RDC seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
- k. Rejection of Milestone bid for 1000W – Andrews explained HWC work and only 1 bid received from Milestone which was twice what was budgeted. Reletting bid with original specs. John Comer made a motion to relet the bid and reject the Milestone bid seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Clarification original bid from Milestone is in the Clerk's Office.
- l. Resolution Amending On Call Policy, Warren County Highway Dept – Barce adds a time limit to on call response time as issue with employees away from county when on call. John Comer made a motion to approve Resolution #2026-0518A seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
- m. Pine Village Fire Department Rescinding OCRA Grant – Craigin explained began working on the expansion of the Fire Department first week in March and federal funding took time. FD wants to expand the building, lease with the town as they own the building. Currently \$350,000 of equipment is sitting outside and \$150,000 in old station at replacement value. All equipment needs to be stored inside. Fire Department has purchased the lot to the north of the station for expansion. A grant administrator, Jerrell Consulting, is needed and requesting to hire. Federal grant cannot go through Pine Village as they already have federal grant funds so this will need to go through the County. Fire Department will be subrecipient with 10-20% match up to \$750,000 cost. Currently Fire Department is down to about a dozen members so this will allow volunteers to stay at the Fire Department which will help with staffing. Craigin stated fear if this is not done, may have to close FD eventually and with growth in the area it is imperative to do something. Weston-Hubner explained if over \$750,000 in federal funds are spent in a year this will put the County into a federal audit which is approximately 3x a normal audit at \$90,000 – \$100,000. Barce stated a MOU is needed for this project. Craigin is requesting permission to file for the OCRA grant using Jerrell Consulting on behalf of the county with FD as subrecipient. John Comer made a motion to approve salary study seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
- n. Resolution Dispose of Personal Property – Resolution #2026-0518 taking retired sheriff laptops off of inventory. John Comer made a motion to approve Resolution #2026-0518B seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
- o. UBO Straub – Barce asked for progress on repairs over the winter. Straub stated windows boarded up as requested approximately 2 weeks ago with scrap plywood, cleaning up vegetation. Barce inquired of a timeline from Straub for repairs, renovations, tear down. Straub stated eventually would like to remodel but family issues waiting as parcel is owned by his father. Discussed code violation due to number of cats at the property. Straub questioned the cat issue. Andrews stated due to business and complaints as the number of cats is an issue. Discussed vacant home with broken

windows, cleanup vegetation, trash cleaned up. Clay Andrews made a motion to affirm the UBO and extend 30 days to June 15th, Straub will need to contact Kuiper for reinspection prior, vehicles to be registered and running seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.

2. Old Business:

- a. Building Repairs/Remodeling – Greenwood explained painters will be working in the Commissioners Room and hallway repairing walls and painting this week. Water issue in the upstairs corner of the building coming inside the building, working on this project.

3. Elected Official/Department Head comments:

- a. Jim Morson, EMA Director – Morson explained on May 11<sup>th</sup> applied for a \$5,000 Duke Energy grant for emergency vehicle equipment. EMPG grant is in process, mitigation plan moving forward.
- b. Sheriff Anthony Pruitt – Pruitt stated 1 vehicle from last year received, 1 more today of the 2025's then 2026's will be here soon. New vehicles are 2 tone brown and white.
- c. Heather Deno, LEDO Director – Deno explained PCRD Purdue and Lilly grant funds will be used for carpooling program to help employers here, granting a vehicle for them to use which will allow carpooling. The program is 100% paid for by Purdue and Lilly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wabash valley power business extension program received, \$5,000 intern to aid with surveys/ phones call/ in person visits with local businesses to explain state of the climate in warren county. Traveling to Washington DC through Lafayette Greater Commerce.
- d. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor – Weston-Hubner explained SBOA Auditor Conference is this week, settlement will be processed on May 27<sup>th</sup> with Low Software coming to train. Thompson Electric invoice for Commissioner Room work was presented. John Comer made a motion to pay Thompson Electric invoice from Cumulative Capital Development Fund at \$5,817.39 seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
- e. Smith Scholarship Alternates – John Comer made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Smith Scholarship alternates remove Kirsten Forestall and Jack Puterbaugh, replace with Connor Winder and Abrianna Spear seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.


4. Public Comment:


- a. Michelle Stucky, Community Foundation – Stucky explained Moores Hill Road site has been delayed a few weeks due to weather. Kayak kiosk, Barce reviewed the contract/license location agreement and install will be about 10 weeks beyond the approval. Mural projects a few years ago, Moores Hill Road mid-July paint the mural. Commissioners will pick the mural. Funds go to the Comm foundation. Discussed the murals. Will discuss at the next meeting.

Next Commissioner meeting June 1, 2026 @ 8:30 a.m.

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

ATTEST:   
Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor

  
Clay Andrews, President

  
David Craig Greenwood, Vice Presi

  
John Comer