

**WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Owen Snedeker, Ben Dispennett, Cheryl Clark, Michelle Stuckey, Mary Greene, Morgan Cooksey, Lyn Martin, LeAnn Conrad.

Department Head/Elected Official – Charity Perigo, Auditor; Robin Weston-Hubner, Deputy Auditor; Jud Barce, County Attorney; Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent; Jenny Hobaugh, Highway Department; Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff; John Kuiper, Zoning Director; Ingrid Barce, County Attorney; Jill Wilson, HR Director; Ethan Foxworthy, Council; Justin Brummett, Coroner; Phil Astell, EMA Director.

1. The meeting was called to order by Clay Andrews.
2. Clay Andrews, Commissioner President led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:
  - a. Add Bonnie Adams, Prosecutor, Warren County Youth Council and Judge Reece Opioid Funds. John Comer made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
  - b. John Comer made a motion to approve the February 1, February 6, February 14, 2023 Commissioner Meeting minutes with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - c. Andrews questioned highway purchase. Herndon explained this was a roll chain purchased for repair. John Comer made a motion to approve the February 6, 2023 – February 21, 2023 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - d. John Comer made a motion to approve the February 17, 2023 payroll with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - e. Highway – Herndon explained the wood stove has been received. Estimate \$900 for guardrail repair north of division due to accident then file with insurance.
  - f. Warren County Youth Council – Stuckey explained the students applied for a grant. Students explained the program began in 2017 with several completed projects achieved. The grant is 2023 My Community/My Vision program, fund raising goal with a 1/1 match. HWC and student participated groups to create the plan. Nonprofit coffee shop location at 110 North Monroe called Common Grounds Coffee Company. Platform for locals to sell products in the shop which will also provide decor. Explained sustainability, nonprofit with any profit going to more youth projects in the future. Budget has been set with insurance, Wi-Fi, utilities, etc. Stuckey explained the concept fits into the school curriculum with internships, interior design classes, etc. to get involved. Andrews asked a timeline. Green stated late summer, early fall is the goal. John Comer made a motion to donate \$10,000 to the Warren County Youth Council for grant match paid from JCWF Expense Fund seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
  - g. Property Maintenance, Moorehouse – Andrews called the hearing to order. Barce explained this started in September, discussed in December to remove trash and debris, vehicle possibly, but has not been done. Options to have county complete work or contractor, ordinance violation for maintaining a nuisance, impose fine, county/contractor pay and county will create a tax lien for Moorehouse to pay. Moorehouse explained issues that he has had. A trailer has been sold, should have key to car next week with possibility of grandson moving into maintain. Barce explained the UBO issued on structure. Commissioners discussed the delays, County remove trash debris but not car, trailer or house. Andrews inquired about the other 2 trailers. Moorehouse stated he will be using the trailers. Commissioners discussed photos taken Monday by Kuiper. UBO hearing was held Oct 17<sup>th</sup> for the house. Discussed removing the house. Clay Andrews made a motion to affirm property maintenance extending to March 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. and UBO extending to March 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor. Clay Andrews closed the hearing.
  - h. Rezoning Hearing, Yates – Andrews opened the previously tabled rezoning hearing. Andrews explained the rezoning request. Commissioners discussed agriculturally zoned property was not appropriate among residential zones. Craig Greenwood made a motion to deny the request to rezone from residential to agriculture by Steven Yates seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
  - i. Cyber Security Policies – Table until March 6<sup>th</sup> 2023.
  - j. Drainage Board Meeting, Election of Officers, Review of 2023 Ditch Assessments – Andrews temporarily adjourned the Commissioner meeting and called the Drainage Board to order. Reorganization of the 2023 Drainage Board. Clay Andrews made a motion to appoint Craig Greenwood Chair seconded by John Comer, Comer and Andrews voted in favor. Craig Greenwood made a motion to appoint Clay Andrews Vice Chair seconded by John Comer, Greenwood and Comer voted in favor. Clay Andrews made a motion to designate Drainage Board attorney Barce & Redlin, newspaper Review Republican seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor. Clay Andrews made a motion to appoint Kegan Moore Secretary of the Drainage Board seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor. Haddock explained the drains that will be taxed for 2022 pay 2023. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the 2022 pay 2023 Drains seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Weston-Hubner explained the revenue and disbursements for ditches. Clay Andrews made a motion to adjourn the Drainage Board seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor. Andrews reconvened the Commissioner Meeting.
  - k. Highway Department On-Call Pay Resolution – Discuss on call pay for Highway and Solid Waste. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve Ordinance #2023-0221A Amending Pay and Time Off Policies for Highway and Solid Waste seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
  - l. Sheriff, Cloths Dryer Purchase – Sheriff Pruitt explained issues with the Jail clothes dryers. One will need to be replaced immediately and the other in the fall. Pruitt presented quotes from Dienhart \$13,907.86 and Indiana Laundry \$5,028.48. Currently working on 3 quotes for new jail cameras.

- m. Health Department, Grant – Frodge explained request to apply for a Tobacco Prevention and Cessation grant. The grant period is July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025. The dollar amount is unknown at this point. Tobacco prevention, 20-25 hours week looking to hire someone to facilitate this grant and help with the school. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the application for Tobacco Prevention and Cessation grant seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor. Frodge explained the proposed Local Health Department funding by State which legislation to increase the State funding.
- n. Bonnie Adams, Prosecutor – Table march 6<sup>th</sup> 2023.
- o. Pence Water Donation – Greenwood explained the funding to help with patches on the system. John Comer made a motion to approve Joint Resolution #2023-0221 donating \$50,000 from Jordan Creek Wind Farm Economic Development Fund to Town of Pence seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
- p. Extension Repairs – A quote from NAG Excavating to repair the Extension building for \$8,600. The claim has been turned in to the Insurance Company. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve quote from NAG Excavating for \$8,600 which will be reimbursed by Insurance seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
- q. Judge, Hunter Reece Opioid Grant – Andrews explained the state has introduced matching grant funds for this which will give extra funding for JRAC. Clay Andrews made a motion to allow the Judge to apply for a grant using matching funds from opioid settlement seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor. John Comer made a motion for Clay Andrews to be signature for this grant seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.

Old Business:

- a. 2023 Warren County Board Ordinance, KIRPC – Greenwood explained the KIRPC funding/board meetings. Clay Andrews made a motion to appoint Lyn Martin to the KIRPC Board seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
- b. Ceres Survey – Barce explained motion to approve \$5,000 to Ceres for the land. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve \$5,000 to Ceres Solutions to compensate for the environmental study and gain deed to parcel seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
- c. 2023 Grant Writer Contract – Table until next meeting.
- d. MJ Electric Claim – In process, remove until more information.
- e. Fountain Warren Interlocal Agreement 911/Dispatch – Remove until further information is received.
- f. PTO Warren County Employees – Barce will work on this for next meeting.

Department Head:

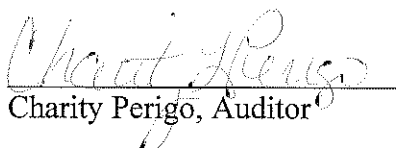
- a. Phil Astell, EMA Director – Astell explained the siren computer must be replaced, explained change in price of side by side for grant and paying from 2023 budget. Presented computer quote.
- b. Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff – The body cameras are on back order until May 9<sup>th</sup>. Evidence Library bugs are being worked out currently.
- c. Justin Brummett, Coroner – Coroner stated the Expedition has been received from Montgomery County who also loaned a cot for the vehicle. Brummett explained cosmetic items that need repaired to avoid a rust issue, rims are rough, tires, etc. Commissioners requested quotes for vehicle wish list, cot, etc. Brummett requested to park the vehicle inside the EMA building. Brummett has the key to County body cooler located at Grady's. New pathologist using Dominic Raspberry Battles. Brummett has created a Coroner Facebook page.
- d. Ben Dispennett, LEDO Director – Dispennett explained READI 2.0 legislation changes and current funding. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve \$50,000 donation to LEDO for attorney fees paid from JCWF Economic Development Fund 4918 seconded by Craig Greenwood, all in favor. Perigo presented an invoice from LEDO for \$160,000 yearly budgeted donation requesting full payment. Clay Andrews made a motion to pay invoice #301 to LEDO from Fund 1112 \$160,000 seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
- e. Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent – Herndon explained leases in July to purchase out loader, 1 grader is 10 years needs replaced, excavator and loader off lease this year, cat grader this year lease buy out. Herndon will present bids to replace grader.
- f. Charity Perigo, Auditor – Perigo presented an invoice for remainder of Health Department furniture from Sharp School Services for \$315 and \$190. John Comer made a motion to pay Sharp School Services from Cumulative Capital Development seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve Axxess PC invoice \$571.00 to pay from Commissioners Budget rather than Cumulative Capital Development seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
- g. Laci Frodge, Health Department Administrator, mileage and supplies – Frodge will be requesting additional appropriation for mileage and supplies due to the budget will not be enough for the year. Inquired about the front door handicap accessibility. Greenwood will follow up with this.
- h. Craig Greenwood, Commissioner - Fire alarm system for courthouse equipment will be delivered today. Greenwood will have invoice sent to Auditor. Health Department fire system is still in process of quotes. Smoke alarms have been installed currently.

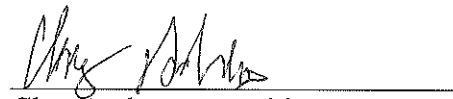
Public: No Public Comment.

Next Commissioner meeting March 6, 2023 @ 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:

  
Charity Perigo, Auditor

  
Clay Andrews, President

  
David Craig Greenwood, Vice President

  
John Comer