

**WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**MONDAY APRIL 3, 2023**

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Perry, Conrad, Cheryl Clark, Lyn Martin, LeAnn Conrad, Brad McCormick, Kevin Howard, Samantha Hill, Christa Petzke, Shane Kelleher.

Department Head/Elected Official – Charity Perigo, Auditor; Robin Weston-Hubner, Deputy Auditor; Ingrid Barce, County Attorney; Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent; Jenny Hobaugh, Highway Department; Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff.

1. The meeting was called to order by Clay Andrews.
2. Clay Andrews, Commissioner President led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:
  - a. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
  - b. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the March 20, 2023 Commissioner Meeting minutes with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
  - c. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the March 20, 2023 – April 3, 2023 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
  - d. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the March 31, 2023 payroll with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
  - e. Highway – Herndon stated Milestone will begin paving in Rainsville Monday continue to Greenhill, Pine Village area. Discussed where at Briscoe paving will be done on Rainsville Road. Highway has 2 pieces of equipment to declare surplus and sell on GovDeals. Greenwood stated the Jail generator will can also be on surplus list. Discussed fuel in old generator and disposal prior to removal. Several other small items from Highway and Solid Waste will be added as well. Discussed moving and selling furniture at John Larson office. Discussed Enterprise lease for highway pickup truck has been signed. Hobaugh will need another pickup as well. Commissioners signed lease agreement for Grade All.
  - f. Fountain/Warren Interlocal Agreement Emergency Communications Department – Andrews explained the agreement stated 7 Operation Board members, 5 Executive Board members and funding basically remains the same Pruitt inquired about 7<sup>th</sup> board member appointment. EMA and Law Enforcement Members will be appointed at next Commissioner Meeting. Discussed renewal date being moved to Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. Agreement is for \$325,000/year. Weston-Hubner stated budget is currently set at \$300,000 so additional appropriation will need to be processed. Discussed other like-sized county expenditures. John Comer made a motion to approve the Fountain Warren Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Communications Department seconded by Craig Greenwood, all in favor.

Old Business:

- a. 2023 Grant Writer Contract – Table until next meeting.
- b. PTO Warren County Employees – Table until next meeting.

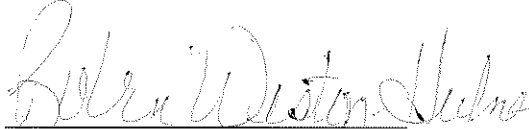
Department Head:


- a. Charity Perigo, Auditor – Jordan Creek Wind Farm Economic Development payment has been received. Discussed pickup trucks for highway. Weston-Hubner explained information concerning tax rate increase and LIT rate increase for Dispatch funding. New financial software training will be April 3-5 and live date is April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- b. EMA – Cody Craigin, Pine Village Fire Chief, explained a radio committee has been created as County emergency communication equipment is in need of upgrading. Craigin explained the history of the county emergency radio system and issues with failures that have occurred currently. The tower located behind the St Vincent Clinic has County owned equipment in the building and is owned by Convergence Technologies. Currently working on MOU with tower company. The tower currently has equipment for 4 county systems. The equipment was purchased 7 years ago and is obsolete. The equipment would take 6-8 weeks to replace. There currently is 1 VHF primary notification system for Fire Departments, Fire, EMS and Police are using State 800 MHZ. If equipment fails the link would be lost between surrounding Towns and Communities creating issues in emergencies. Proposing to redo the UHF system, finish County backup system for public safety as this would allow backup if system goes down. Investing in backup system would allow 911 communication to be maintained. The updated equipment would allow emergency personnel to only need 1 radio rather than 2. The State system only has from tower to tower without ability to be radio to radio. This must be maintained and a sunset schedule must be in place for future. This project would cost approximately \$50,000. Programming can be accomplished by County saving money. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve purchase RaComm radio backup system up to \$50,000 from Jordan Creed Wind Farm Expense Fund 4917 seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor. Phil Astell, EMA Director, stated the trailer for side by side will be picked up today. Explained there is not room for Coroner van in EMA building.
- c. Craig Greenwood, Commissioner – Stated Litzenberger Building has been removed and original quote of \$22,670 did not include stone, invoice from Dustin Gate for \$26,970. John Comer made a motion to approve the increase paid from JCWF Expense Fund 4917 seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
- d. SRI Tax Sale Support Addendum – Perigo explained the increase from SRI to facilitate Tax Sales increased to \$125/parcel. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve SRI Tax Sale Support Addendum seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.

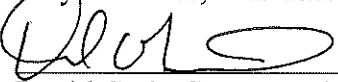
Public: No public comment.

Next Commissioner meeting April 17, 2023 @ 6:30 p.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 President

  
John Comer