

**WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**MONDAY JULY 17, 2023**

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Ben Dispennett, LEDO Director; Stephen Byerly, Lyn Martin; Leann Conrad; Cheryl Clark.

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Jud Barce, County Attorney; Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent; Jenny Hobaugh, Highway Department; Phil Astell, EMA Director; John Kuiper, Zoning Director; Justin Brummett, Coroner; Sean Sharma, Health Officer; Jill Wilson, HR Director; Ethan Foxworthy, Council; Randy Haddock, Surveyor

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 Resolution to Declare Personal Property Surplus. John Comer made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
  - b. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the July 5, 2023 Commissioner Meeting Minutes with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
  - c. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the July 5, 2023 – July 17, 2023 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
  - d. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the July 21, 2023 payroll with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
  - e. Highway – Herndon stated the new pickup truck from Enterprise was received. Weston-Hubner will look into the increased monthly invoice as it has increase on other leases. Andrews inquired about Division repair. Herndon stated the final paperwork has been completed. Hobaugh stated should know in approximately 2 weeks.
  - f. Resolution Accepting Donation of Personal Property – Andrews explained Pine Village School is donating Electric 2017 120 VAC sign to the County which will be placed at the Extension Office. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve Ordinance #2023-0717A accepting donation of Electric Sign seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
  - g. Resolution to Declare Surplus Personal Property – Andrews explained approving the sale of the old Jail Generator. Clay Andrews made a motion approve Ordinance #2023-0717B seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
  - h. 2024 commissioner Meeting Calendar, Accounts Payable & Payroll Schedules – Commissioners discussed maintaining 4 evening Commissioner meetings per year. John Comer made a motion to approve 2024 Commissioner Meeting Calendar, Accounts Payable & Payroll Schedules seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
4. Old Business:
  - a. SIHO Health Insurance GAG Clause Prohibition Compliance Attestation – Annual Submission – Weston-Hubner explained this is required by Internal Revenue Code and Public Health Service Act which states SIHO is in compliance with the laws and County is allowing can submit on behalf of the County. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the Clause allowing SIHO to submit on behalf of Warren County seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
  - b. Ordinance Establishing Forfeiture and Seized Assets Fund – Barce explained the process and funds to be created. Tabled until August 7<sup>th</sup> Commissioner Meeting.
  - c. St Vincent Tower MOU Convergence/Fire Tech – Tabled.
  - d. 2023 Grant Writer Contract – Tabled. Discussed the contract. Clay Andrews made a motion to pay \$6800.00 to Sharon Hutchison, Bactrian Continuity LLC, for Grant Writer contacted services that are under the previous contract for 2023 seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
5. Department Head:
  - a. John Kuiper, Zoning Director – Kuiper explained Van Pelt UBO hearing will be held August 7<sup>th</sup>. Morehouse has not made progress as the Commissioners required. Kuiper will have quotes to remove the house at the next meeting.
  - b. Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent – Discussed Rainsville Exhibitor traffic using green bridge. Herndon explained the bridge has not been changed making it narrow.
  - c. Phil Astell, EMA Director – Commissioner inquired if the sirens have been installed at Pine Village and State Line. Astell stated there is no electricity to the sirens, waiting on Towns to have electric installed. Old sirens will be donated to local camps.
  - d. Dr. Sean Sharma, Health Officer – Health Department will be installing a Nalox Box in the parking lot paid through opioid settlement fund with lifesaving opioid rescue kit. Health Board meeting Wednesday July 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00p.m. at St Vincent.
  - e. Justin Brummett, Coroner – Brummett reported 15 cases this year, past yearly average 15-20. Had to call in Benton County for use of trailer due to advance decomposed body. Coroner explained a grant opportunity which will cover the camera cost, possibly \$545 or more.
  - f. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor – Weston-Hubner explained Next Era is Appealing the Jordan Creek Wind Farm Abatement figures for 22 pay 23 and 23 pay 24. Barce is working on this with the County. The 2024 budget was discussed due to the appeal.

- g. School Resource Officer – Comer discussed with Pruitt, Shrader concerning additional SRO in future.
- h. Jud Baree, County Attorney – Baree explained the need for an Ordinance for Tax Sale Attendees. Baree will have this for the next meeting.

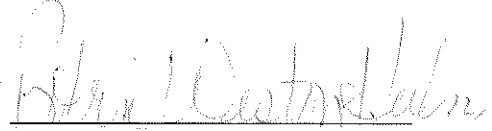
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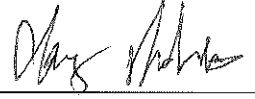
- a. Ben Dispennett, LEDO Director – Dispennett explained a letter of intent for READI 2.0 which will provide approximately 2.5 million in funding for broadband and a few other initiatives. Letter of intent to Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce which is in process of MOU with other counties after this. Next Level will round out 80/20 match for broadband. There are a few areas that would fit this program. OCRA requested a contact for County addresses. Ben Dispennett will be the contact for this information. Contract with JOINK is in the final stages as well as work on the construction plans.
- b. Leann Conrad – Inquired about BZA appointment. Andrews explained Neal Austin resigned and a new board member will be appointed at the next meeting. Please contact the Commissioners if interested.
- c. Lyn Martin – Martin inquired if a moratorium for wind companies not to come in could be signed. Andrews explained Ordinance was passed increasing the limitations.

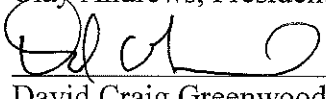
Next Commissioner meeting July 24, 2023 @ 8:15 a.m.

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

ATTEST:

  
Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor

  
Clay Andrews, President

  
David Craig Greenwood, Vice President

  
John Comer