

**WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
MONDAY APRIL 1, 2024**

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Lyn Martin, Perry Conrad, LeAnn Conrad, Dwain Howard, Tim Fellure, Keith Stewart, Brenda Leak.

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Jud Barce, County Attorney; Jenny Hobaugh, Highway Office Manager; Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff; Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent, Sharon Hutchison, Grant Writer/Council;

1. The meeting was called to order by Craig Greenwood, President.
2. Craig Greenwood, Commissioner President led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:
  - a. John Comer made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - b. John Comer made a motion to approve the March 18, 2024 Commissioner Meeting minutes with a second from Clay Andrew, all voted in favor.
  - c. Discussed highway accounts payable. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the March 18, 2024 – April 1, 2024 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
  - d. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the March 29, 2024 payroll with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
  - e. Highway – Herndon stated concrete pad for emulsion tank is finished and new dump truck will possibly be delivered this week. Herndon explained a calcium shortage for dust control and the people that received calcium last year will get it this year.
  - f. JOINK Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement – John Comer made a motion to approve the Agreement in Lieu of Taxes Agreement between the County and JOINK Broadband seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Dispennett explained the JOINK PILOT agreement stating funds will go into a separate fund. Project progress report stating INDOT has allowed JOINK to bore under 74 allowing connections to State Line which will go live soon. Running fiber currently West Lebanon, Pine Village areas. Tanner Utilities is running fiber from Williamsport to Pine Village. Barce explained the tax abatement for County and towns.
  - g. INDOT SR 28 over Fall Branch Bridge Repair – Herndon explained this repair is replacing the rip rap only. Clay Andrews made a motion for Barce to notify the State of no County environmental problems seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.

Old Business:

- a. Park Board Appointment – Discussed options, tabled until next meeting.
- b. Smith Scholarship – Greenwood explained there is 1 Smith Scholarship opening this year. Clay Andrews made a motion to offer the Smith Scholarship to Joanna Salt and alternate Riley Nern seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.

Elected Official/Department Head comments:

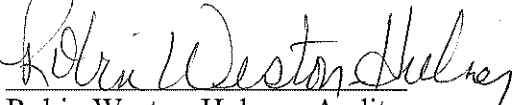
- a. Craig Greenwood, Commissioner – Greenwood presented a quote for landscaping at Health Department, Thomason Landscaping \$1,845 for plants, mulch, etc. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve Thompson Landscaping up to \$2,000 from Health Department funds or Followell Fund seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor. Greenwood presented an invoice from Flook Electrical for \$694.00. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve payment from Custodian Grounds Budget seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor. Greenwood presented an invoice for cannon repair from Rabers Wheel Works for \$1,477.50. John Comer made a motion to approve \$1,477.50 paid from Custodian Grounds seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
- b. Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff – Pruitt stated the Jail inspection will be in few weeks and they are prepared for this.
- c. Sharon Hutchison, Council – Hutchison inquired about County Innkeepers Tax being added. Discussed this a few years ago and was decided not to tax innkeepers. Council will discuss at their next meeting.
- d. Jenny Hobaugh, Highway Department – Hobaugh stated there are several Township Trustees struggling with Gateway, compliance issues, etc. Most Trustees hired an accountant that processed all books but he has passed away leaving several Trustees in a tough predicament. There are several county residents that are helping the Trustees, but this is a very difficult situation. Weston-Hubner will get with the DLGF to see if there is anything we can do to help as Auditor's Office has been taking the time to help several of the Trustees.
- e. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor – Weston-Hubner stated the Fountain Warren Dispatch Agreement will expire 4/30/24 and has not heard back from Fountain County concerning this. Tax Collection has been very busy per Heidenreich and Bailiff.

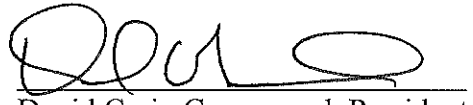
Public Comment:

- a. Keith Stewart - Discussed issues for neighbors around the Oak Grove Motel finding syringes in their yards. Sheriff Pruitt stated the area is being patrolled. Discussed options.
- b. Duane Howard – Howard inquired about the Warren County Sheriff Department body camera policy. Sheriff Puritt explained a Public Records Request form can be filled out in the Auditor's Office.

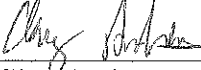
Next Commissioner meeting April 15, 2024 @ 8:30 a.m.

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

ATTEST:   
Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor

  
David Craig Greenwood, President

  
John Comer, Vice President

  
Clay Andrews