

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY AUGUST 19, 2025

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

Council present: Ethan Foxworthy, Brady Foster, Neil Ellis, Dwain Akers, John Hetrick, Nicolas Weston, Ben Dispennett

Also, In Attendance:

Public:

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Charity Perigo, Chief Deputy Auditor; John Comer, Commissioner; Craig Greenwood, Commissioner; Randy Haddock, Surveyor; Clay Andrews, Commissioner; John Kuiper, Zoning Director.

1. The meeting was called to order by John Comer, Commissioner President and Ethan Foxworthy, Council President.
2. John Comer, Commissioner President led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Agenda: Ben Dispennett made a motion to approve the Council agenda seconded by Brady Foster, all voted in favor. John Comer made a motion to approve the Commissioner agenda seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
4. New Business:
 - a. Clerk, Deb Hiatt – Hiatt explained every 4 years the County must be recertified voting machines, we will have to pay to have our machines updated before the end of the year. Discussed the tax levy for the 2026 budget. Fund balance estimated at \$338,280.60 as of 12/31/2025. Council discussed and opted to use full tax levy. No changes.
 - b. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor – Discussed the auditor deputies salary increase. No changes otherwise.
 - c. Kira Baiff, Treasurer – No changes
 - d. Melissa Drake, Recorder – No changes.
 - e. Sheriff/Jail – Sheriff Pruitt explained Sheriff Salary Matrix. Wilson explained a Resolution will be signed off next meeting. Ben Dispennett made a motion to approve the 2026 Sheriff Salary Matrix seconded by Neil Ellis, all voted in favor.
 - f. Surveyor – No Change.
 - g. Coroner – No Change.
 - h. Assessor – Greenwood stated postage is not being used due to Form 11 's not being sent out and explained the Form 11. PTABOA has not met in years as well. Explained the board as property tax payer's appeal. Discussed the appeals. Council added \$5,000 to the postage line for 2026. Discussed tax levy and will use full tax levy.
 - i. Prosecutor – Discussed rental rates of comparable buildings is close to the same amount budgeted. No changes.
 - j. Extension – Greenwood explained the Extension Educator and HSS positions. We are going to ask for \$8,000 back from Purdue as that position has not been filled in years. No changes.
 - k. VSO – No change.
 - l. Council – No change.
 - m. Commissioners – No change.
 - n. Zoning – BZA and APC Board \$100. No changes.
 - o. Animal control – No changes.
 - p. Custodial - Discussed the maintenance budget. No change.
 - q. Probation/Court – No change.
 - r. Donations – Change \$500 and \$500 Almost Home and Paws & Claws remove Humaine Society. No other changes.
 - s. EMS – Brummett explained one cardiac monitor will be purchased by a donor for \$8,000 to be used by paramedicine rather than part of trade in. Total contract for 7 years with 1st year \$68,511 and next 6 years \$60,511. If agreed to, EMS will receive equipment Fall 2025 and pay January 2026. August 31st is contract deadline. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the 7-year Stryker Contact seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - t. 911 Dispatch – Currently paying \$325,000 but budgeted \$350,000. Increase Fund 1170 Contract \$50,000 to \$225,000 with new total of Dispatch Contract \$400,000.
 - u. Human Resources – No Change.
 - v. LEPC – No Change.
 - w. EMA – Public Safety, Fund 1170, remove the Assistant Director \$20,000 due to no Assistant and leave the \$18,000 will pay for Part Time Help. EOC Build Out EMA remove \$60,000. Change account 40901 to Comms End User Equip down to \$100,000; \$32,000 remove for generator. After removals \$208,200 total 2026 EMA Budget.
 - x. County Park Board – No change.
 - y. Health Department – No change.
 - z. Cumulative Capital Development – Raise Capital Asset/Expense to \$100,000.
 - aa. Economic Development – Discuss Community Crossing Grant county share increase to \$250,000. KIRPC increase to \$4,642.
 - bb. Rainy Day – No Change.
 - cc. Highway – No Change.
 - dd. County Farm Capital Improvement- No Change.
 - ee. Health Insurance – Foxworthy explained County Employee Health Insurance.
 - ff. Salaries – After much discussion concerning the Auditor Deputy salary increase, Weston-Hubner withdrew the request as no decision could be made. Salary increases of 4% across all full-time employees.

Neil Ellis made a motion to approve the 2026 Budget seconded by Brady Foster, all voted in favor.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Next Commissioner Meeting July 21, 2024 @ 8:30 a.m.

Next Council Meeting August 19, 2024 @ 12:00 p.m.

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

There being no further business Dwain Akers made a motion to adjourn with a second from Nicolas Weston, all voted in favor

ATTEST: _____
Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor

Ethan Foxworthy, President

Dwain Akers, Vice President

Ben Dispennett

Brady Foster

Neil Ellis

Nicolas "Nic" Weston

John Hetrick

ATTEST: *Robin Weston-Hubner*
Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor

John Comer
John Comer, President

Clay Andrews
Clay Andrews, Vice President

David Greenwood
David Craig Greenwood