

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

MONDAY DECEMBER 4, 2019

Commissioner's Room

125 North Monroe Street, Williamsport

The Warren County Commissioners met for their first meeting of December 2019. Commissioners present: Clay Andrews, Brian Jordan, Adam Hanthorne. Also, in attendance County Attorney Jud Barce, County Attorney Ingrid Barce, Highway Superintendent Matt Herndon, Highway Office Manager Jenny Hobough, Sheriff Rusty Hart, Surveyor Randy Haddock, Zoning director John Kuiper, Purdue Extension Jon Charlesworth. Public: Darrell Smith.

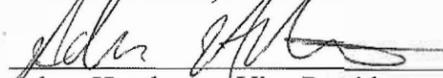
1. The meeting was called to order by Brian Jordan, President of the Commissioners.
2. Brian Jordan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:
 - a. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Clay Andrews requested to add County Farm Capital Improvement Fund to the agenda. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - b. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the November 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - c. Hobough and Herndon requested an additional claim for warranty of the two 2020 dump trucks at \$7,000. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the November 18, 2019 through December 2, 2019 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets and additional highway claim with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - d. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the November 22, 2019 Payroll Dockets with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - e. Bid Opening Community Crossing Grant 2020 – There were no bids for bridge #66. Hobough opened the bid for 100 E, Hospital Road and Town of Hedrick streets. Milestone with a total bid of \$506,695.00 for all locations. Hobough explained the bids are good through April 2020 which must be to INDOT by end of February. After much discussion, the bridge #66 will be advertised again as no bids were received and open new bids on January 6th. Clay Andrews made a motion to accept the bid from Milestone with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - f. Highway Department – Jordan inquired about the bridge #36 preconstruction conference on Dec 16th and recall received for 2014 Silverado truck. Herndon and Hobough will attend the meeting as well as have the recall checked. Jordan explained he is checking with the Department of Revenue concerning MVH 2020 funding which is lower than 2019.
 - g. Purdue Extension Contract – The 2020 contract was presented to the Commissioners. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the extension contract with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - h. Warren County/Cicott Park Board Appointment – Nathan Smiley is resigning from the park board. The Park Board has suggested Miles Stucky to be appointed. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to appoint Miles Stucky to the Park Board with a second from Clay Andrews, all in favor.
 - i. Employee Contracts – Barce discussed the current employee contracts. Barce explained that as county employees, a contract is not necessarily needed. The EMS and county pasture contracts will be presented for the Dec 16th meeting.
 - j. Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission Appointment – Steve Eberly and Louise Jewell are current appointments. Jordan will discuss with Eberly and Jewell. Tabled until the next meeting.
 - k. County Farm Capital Improvement Fund – The ordinance was discussed. The net profit from the county farm and pasture rent will be transferred into this fund from June 2019 and after up to \$50,000. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve ordinance #2019-1202A with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Farming Right of Way Ordinance – The Commissioner explained the financial penalty has been removed, but cost of repair remains. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve Ordinance # 2019-1202B with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - b. Longevity/Salary Compensation Study – Much discussion concerning longevity compared to salary compensation study. Brian Jordan made a motion to increase the longevity to \$500 for over 5 years, \$750 for over 10 years, \$1000 for over 15 years, \$1250 for over 20 years, \$1500 for over 25 years with a second from Clay Andrews, Andrews and Jordan voted in favor and Hanthorne voted nay as he would like to see more of an increase.
 - c. Access to Public Records Ordinance – Tabled until later meeting.
5. Elected Official/Department Head Comment:
 - a. Randy Haddock, Survey, reminded the Commissioners of the Dec 17th Benton County Drainage Board meeting.
 - b. Rusty Hart, Sheriff reminded the Commissioners of the 911 Board meeting Friday Dec 6th at 1:00 p.m. Courthouse security ordinance will need amended.
 - c. John Kuiper, Zoning Director explained there will be 2 openings on the APC Board. The Council and Town of West Lebanon will have appointments. Kuiper inquired about the Property Maintenance Complaint form change. Barce explained the form and process as per the ordinance. There was discussion concerning several ordinance violations.
 - d. Windmill Permit Fees – Discussion concerning permit fees going to the Jordan Creek Windfarm Economic Development Fund to cover the liaison salary. Decommission Bond was discussed.
 - e. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor explained the surrendering of the Congressional School Fund to the State. The report showing the fund balances was presented to the Commissioners for review. Brian Jordan made a motion to revert the Congressional School Fund #1124 and #1125 in the amount of \$65,503.82 with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
6. Public Comment: No public comment.

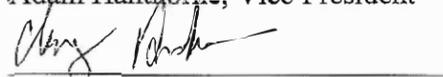
Next Commissioner will be held December 16, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

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

ATTEST: 
Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor


W. Brian Jordan, President


Adam Hanthorne, Vice President


Clay Andrews