

**WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**MONDAY DECEMBER 16, 2019**

**Commissioner's Room**

**125 North Monroe Street, Williamsport**

The Warren County Commissioners met for their second meeting of December 2019. Commissioners present: Clay Andrews, Brian Jordan, Adam Hanthorne. Also, in attendance County Attorney Jud Barce, County Attorney Ingrid Barce, Highway Office Manager Jenny Hobaugh, Sheriff Rusty Hart, Surveyor Randy Haddock, Zoning director John Kuiper, EMA Director Phil Astell, Council Sharon Hutchison, Greg Robison, Prosecutor John Larson. Public: Scott Hunter, Hunter Armstrong, Charity Shettle Carolyn Orr Straw and Matt Straw.

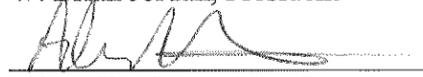
1. The meeting was called to order by Brian Jordan, President of the Commissioners.
2. Brian Jordan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:
  - a. Approval of Meeting Agenda – The Redevelopment Commission Appointments for 2020, County Farm Pasture Lease, Ambulance Service Agreement, Windfarm Building Permit Fund and West Lebanon Fire Department Extrication equipment were requested to be added 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 December 2, 2019 Meeting Minutes with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - c. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the December 2, 2019 through December 16, 2019 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - d. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the December 6, 2019 Payroll Dockets with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - e. John Larson, Prosecutor – Expenditure of discretionary funds. Larson explained the need for an additional employee. The position would be paid for through the Diversion and Deferral fund and reimburse partial salary through 4-D incentive funds. Additional appropriation for the salary will not be needed but the County funds might be impacted due to Medicare, PERF and insurance. Commissioners agreed to the additional employee.
  - f. Redevelopment Commission Appointments for 2020 – Weston-Hubner explained the Redevelopment Commission appointments. The Commissioners appoint 3 and the Council appoints 2 each year. Clay Andrews made a motion to reappoint Gene Fowler, Miles Stucky and Ethan Foxworthy to the Commission for 2020 with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
  - g. West Lebanon Fire Extrication Equipment – Hunter explained issues as well as request for extrication equipment. Hunter presented a quote from 5 Alarm in the amount of \$37,110 for demo equipment. Hutchison stated there are grants for this as well. Hunter explained the department is currently applying for several grants for other equipment. Commissioners discussed the purchase and decided to table until after discussion with the Council.
  - h. County Farm Pasture Lease – The Commissioners discussed the 2020 lease. Hanthorne stated he had a call concerning a washed-out area that he would like to have filled. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the 2020 pasture lease for \$900 to Herman Fink with as second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
  - i. Ambulance Service Agreement – Discussion concerning the 2020 agreement. Clay Andrews made a motion to continue the agreement with the EMS for \$350,000 with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
  - j. Windfarm Building Permit Fund – Discussion concerning the Jordan Creek Windfarm funds. The ordinance would make expense fund 4917 retroactive to July 1, 2019 to include the permit fees a non-reverting fund adding in the liaison salary. Mileage or vehicle was discussed. This will be tabled until the next meeting.
4. Old Business:
  - a. Access to Public Records Ordinance – Ingrid Barce explained the changes made to the ordinance and the Council will be presented with for approval.
  - b. Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission Appointment – Jordan read the request for the 2020 – 2021 reappointment of Steve Eberly with Louise Jewell alternate. Clay Andrews made a motion to appoint Steve Eberly and Louise Jewell to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission for a 2-year appointment with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
  - c. Jordan Creek Windfarm Decommissioning Bond. Barce explained the bond scrap metal cost will be reanalyzing every 5 years. There was much discussion concerning the bond. Hunter Armstrong, Jordan Creek Windfarm, explained the bond as well as the Decommissioning Agreement. The total \$7,925,400 for the Warren County portion. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to table the bond with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
5. Elected Official/Department Head Comment:
  - a. Randy Haddock, Surveyor - Drainage Board meeting tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.
  - b. Rusty Hart, Sheriff, discussed the public records ordinance. Returning 35K sheriff, \_\_\_ jail, \_\_\_ public safety. Would like to purchase a new water softener, modems for vehicles for first net compatibility \$5,700 and \$5,500 softener.
  - c. Phil Astell, EMA Director, discussed the generator. It was purchased through a grant PV Fire on their insurance, but owned by the County. Jordan has a repair person coming this week.
6. Public Comment:
  - a. Charity Shettle, County Resident – Concerns with the Decommissioning Bond.
  - b. Matt Straw, County Resident Ridge Wireless, is requesting AG-1 zoning districts put in the approved use towers for commercial use such as broad band 200 feet min and setback lines 15 feet as he has had to wait for many months. Residential is separate and commercial is a wait period. Barce discussed the changes excepted use no special exception or variance in an AG-1 zone. Hanthorne made a motion to send back of the Area Plan Commission with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.

Next Commissioner will be held January 6, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

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

ATTEST:   
Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor

  
W. Brian Jordan, President

  
Adam Hanthorne, Vice President

  
Clay Andrews