

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY JANUARY 6, 2020

The Warren County Commissioners met for their first meeting of the month of January 2019.

Commissioners present for the meeting: Clay Andrews, Adam Hanthorne, Brian Jordan. Also, in attendance: Jud Barce, County Attorney; Jenny Hobough, Highway Department Office Manager; Matt Herndon, Highway Supervisor; Rusty Hart, Sheriff; John Kuiper, Zoning Director; Randy Haddock, Surveyor; Phil Astell, EMA Director. Public: Charity Shettle; Walt Wilson, E3 Bridge; Gerry White, Office of Community & Rural Affairs; Marci Burton; Hunter Armstrong; Andrews Joosten, GovDeals.com; Sophia Rosa; Perry Conrad; Lori Austin; Carolyn Straw.

1. The meeting was called to order by Brian Jordan.
2. Brian Jordan, Commissioner led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:
 - a. Approval of Meeting Agenda - Additions to agenda – OKRA grant, KIRPC 2020 reappointments, Bridge #66 bid opening, Gerry White – Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - b. Reorganization and Election of Officers for 2020:
 - i. Commissioner President – Adam Hanthorne made a motion to appoint Brian Jordan to President of the Commissioners with a second from Clay Andrews. All voted in favor.
 - ii. Vice President – Clay Andrews made a motion to appoint Adam Hanthorne to Vice President of the Commissioners with a second from Brian Jordan, all voted in favor.
 - iii. The Commissioners retained and appointed the following:
 1. Highway – Clay Andrews, Adam Hanthorne and Brian Jordan
 2. County Farm – Clay Andrews
 3. County physical facilities – Brian Jordan
 4. Ambulance – Adam Hanthorne
 5. Jail – Adam Hanthorne
 6. Tri Co. Drainage – Clay Andrews
 - c. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the December 16, 2019 meetings minutes with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - d. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the December 16, 2019 thru January 6, 2020 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - e. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the December 20, 2019 and January 6, 2020 payroll dockets with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - f. Bridge #66 Bid Opening – Hobough opened the one bid received from White Construction, Clinton Indiana. The bid is for \$1,100,000. Estimates submitted to INDOT \$466,100 of which \$349,575 Community Crossings Grant, \$116,525 county responsible. Many companies have requested more time to bid. Hobough stated the we must have submitted by February 4th. After much discussion, the Commissioners tabled the bid and will re-advertise for rebid opening on February 3rd. The Commissioners will review the bid prior to advertising.
 - g. Highway Department – Herndon, explained there will be someone in today to look at the bucket truck that burned. Discussed the Benton County Drainage Board meeting January 21st. Meeting with INDOT on Jan 9th for bridge #92 to discuss the federal grant. This is to explain the need, impact, etc. Herndon discussed the frost law signage and will present the artwork to the Commissioners in a coming meeting.
 - h. Andrew Joosten, GOVDEALS – Joosten explained and presented information concerning the sale of county surplus. The website helps sell surplus property. There are several counties currently using this service.
 - i. Gerry White, OCRA – White explained a planning grant for the comprehensive plan. Andrews inquired about the grant planning and if the County qualifies. White explained the grant approval qualifications and process. The income survey or census must be 51% or more low to moderate income, certified grant administrator such as KIRPC qualifies to do the income summary. White explained the broadband planning grant. The comprehensive plan maximum grant would be \$40,000 and county match of \$4,000. This document will help with decision making for county planning. The broadband grant would be to identify the gaps in the County in order to have better broadband coverage. The maximum grant amount for the broadband is \$50,000 with a 10% county match. The income survey will be paid by the county and good for 4 years. Comprehensive plan and broadband grants cannot be applied for at the same time. The Commissioners discussed the income survey and contact KIRPC.
 - j. WHIN Grant match for art work – Jordan discussed Michelle Stucky has requested \$500 from the County. LEDO \$500, Community Foundation \$500 and asking the county for \$500. This is an art project through the school. Clay Andrews made a motion to pay \$500 from the EDIT fund for the WHIN Grant with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - k. KIRPC 2020 appointments – Jordan explained the Commissioners appoint 2 people to the board each year. Jordan will discuss with Paula Max for reappointment as well. Clay Andrews made a motion to appoint Brian Jordan with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Decommissioning Bond for Jordan Creek Windfarm – Barce explained the decommissioning bond is required by the WEC siting regulations in the Zoning Ordinance. Further explained the decommissioning bond in detail. The ordinance does not state the salvage value. The bond would be for the salvage value overage. Jordan explained Benton County agreements one is \$25,000/turbine. The current Warren County is \$62,500/turbine Armstrong explained the total bond 7,925,400 and \$9,200,000 entire project. Hanthorne suggested increasing to have cushion. Jordan explained no option to increase per estimates. Armstrong stated to increase would not be prudent as the county would could out ahead. Hanthorne inquired about the limit of removal depth. Armstrong explained 4 feet and above only. Discussion concerning other windfarms not many decommissioned to compare to. Perry Conrad presented information concerning other project removal estimates from websites.

Hanthorne inquired about copies of decommission agreements from other windfarms. Charity Shettle presented information concerning decommission research, speed limit during project and other concerns. Jordan explained the road use agreement will address the speed limits during the project. Jordan explained the agreement that was signed in 2016 limits the decisions that can be made today. Carolyn Orr inquired about researching other project decommission agreements in other states. Much discussion concerning the details in the agreement. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to table. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the Decommissioning Bond with a second from Brian Jordan, Andrews and Jordan voted in favor. Hanthorne voted against.

5. Elected Official/Department Head comments:

- a. Randy Haddock, Surveyor – Haddock explained the Benton County Drainage Board meeting Jan 21st concerning the new drain. The reconstruction fees of \$120 per year to the County as well as maintenance fee of \$30/year for the county road right of way. Haddock inquired about the electric service at the County Home site for electric fence, gain bin. Sheriff would like to use the electric at the gun range and will help pay the monthly fees. Electrician will need to look at this as this was disconnected when the County Home was removed. Herndon will remove the tree obstructing the electrical panels. The project will be looked into for costs.
- b. John Kuiper, Zoning Director – Kuiper explained Sofia Rosa filled out a property maintenance claim. The landowner is deceased and a family member living there. The sheriff's department delivered a letter to the house, but no response and no way to determine that they actually received it. Kuiper inquired of a better way to deliver letters. Barce stated it is considered served when delivered to the address. Sofia stated there is a lot of trash and many rats that are coming into her house due to the trash. Kuiper stated he has investigated the claim. Barce explained unsafe building order and ordinance violation fee. Kuiper has other claims filed in the County as well. Barce stated that the County can litigate the 3 items for ordinance violations. Brian Jordan made a motion to approve a zoning violation for 9149 E 2nd Ave Pine Village with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor. Jordan inquired about the zoning ordinance for solar. Kuiper stated solar is not in the zoning ordinance. Barce will look to add this. APC permitting of towers and solar farms Barce will address.
- c. Rusty Hart, Sheriff – Hart informed the Commissioners that Klinger Engineering will be closing their business and will no longer service generators. Jordan will contract Buckeye Power to check on maintenance of the jail generator. Hanthorne inquired about the repair work at the Jail. Jordan explained the engineering service quote has been received previously and will need to be approved to move forward.
- d. Phil Astell, EMA Director – Astell explained the EMA Board Representatives must be from the council and commissioners, civil air control, etc. The next meeting will be Jan 15th.
- e. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor – Discussed internal controls as required by the State. An oversight committee will need to be setup. Job descriptions for all county employees. Timesheets for appointed positions will be signed by the Commissioners prior to being paid per SBOA.
- f. Jud Barce, County Attorney – Barce explained the advertising bill for the Griffin alley vacation has not been paid. The bill will be paid by commissioners and the Auditor will add to the tax bill from the vacated alley advertisement.
- g. Security Ordinance – Need to have the changes made that were requested.

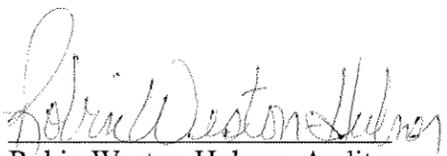
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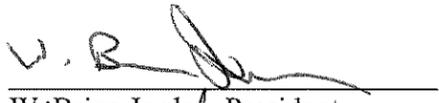
- a. Charity Shettle – Inquired about the solar zoning ordinance, discussed issues with the wind agreements, concern with Steve Eberly being appointment to county boards.

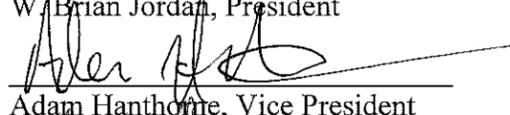
Next Commissioner January 21, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

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