

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY JUNE 15, 2020

The Warren County Commissioners met for their second meeting of the month of June 2020.

Commissioners present for the meeting: Clay Andrews, Adam Hanthorne, Brian Jordan.

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Teleconference: Derek Puterbaugh; Charity Shettle; Hunter Armstrong, NextEra; Craig Greenwood.

In person: Michelle Stuckey (LEDO), Greg

Officials/County: Jud Barce, County Attorney; Ingrid Barce, County Attorney; Matt Herndon, Highway Supervisor; John Kuiper; Zoning Director; Rusty Hart, Sheriff; Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Michelle Hetrick, Clerk.

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 – Clay Andrews requested Louise Overpeck 100-year milestone sign to be added. Adam Hanthorne requested billboard zoning to be added. 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 June 1, 2020 meetings minutes with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - c. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the June 1, 2020 thru June 15, 2020 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - d. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the June 5, 2020 payroll dockets with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - e. Highway Department – Herndon presented a quote from Reith Riley concerning post construction paving. The quote states \$120,650 per mile for 2020 and \$124,000 per mile for 2021 with a 3” hot mix asphalt. Option 2 is 1.5” overlay at \$69,939 per mile 2020, 2” overlay \$89,000 per mile and 2021 price add approximately \$3,000 to each mile. Jordan stated Reith Reilly is 20 – 30 % less cost than Milestone. The millings from bridge repairs will be used to save funds as well. Herndon explained New Bridge will possibly open 7/4. The old bridge on Cole Hollow Road was discussed as had been placed next to the new bridge years ago. Herndon will look into cleaning up the area. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the Reith Riley quotes to lock in for post construction work with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - f. Second Amendment to Jordan Creek Wind Farm Road Use Agreement: Jud Barce explained the Second Amendment. Clarifications were made, repairs during construction and section 9 stating who is responsible to be sure repairs done before post construction. Jordan stated the preconstruction to post construction is not spelled out. Hunter Armstrong explained this is in the original agreement. Discussed the original agreement which states that Highway Supervisor must approve roads prior to post construction events. Jud Barce explained section 9 has not been changed so this remains unchanged. Barce requested clarification of paragraph 4 which states NextEra’s repair obligation. Armstrong explained Exhibit D, proposed with this amendment, the roads in green are preconstruction and would receive the upgrade. Andrews questioned the repairs by NextEra coming from the bond. Armstrong explained repairs will done before the County resume responsibility but the bond will not be used for this. The post construction reports will be done by West Wood and the County. To determine the condition of the roads. Barce requested clarification of Exhibit A, B and D. Armstrong explained the maps include roads that are being added for the road work and roads they will not be using removed. Barce explained the 2016 agreement will still apply to the new roads added or roads removed. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to table until all documents are received from NextEra with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. The culvert on 600W north of 300 is now on and had been discussed not to use, now need to be sure that NextEra will be responsible to repair.
 - g. Billboard Zoning – Kuiper explained the zoning ordinance for billboards in the County. Ordinance for signage or off premise signs, billboards (advertising devices) in AG1 must receive written from INDOT and public meeting for county permit. The issue is on State Highway and is within the right of way for the State. The structure is in the yard on a trailer and INDOT still says illegal. Clarified by Kuiper if the business is on the property, it is on premise sign and okay, but the State will not allow non-premise signage in the right of way.
 - h. Louise Overpeck 100-year sign – Louise Overpeck is celebrating her 100th birthday and Andrews requested a sign in West Lebanon on Warren Street if possible. Herndon will look into having a sign posted.
 - i. 2021 Budget Information: Weston-Hubner explained the budget books will be given to the Commissioners this week. The budget books are a compilation of office holder/department head requests. The Council and Commissioners are set to meet on July 21st to review the budget with the Office Holders/Department Heads. The location will need to be changed as social distancing is not possible in the courthouse commissioner’s room. Suggestions were discussed and will be decided at a later date.
4. Old Business:
5. Elected Official/Department Head comments:
 - a. Michelle Hetrick, Clerk – Additional Appropriation for Election budget. Hetrick explained due to the election changes this year per the COVID restrictions, the postage budget, legal notice budget lines do not have enough funds for the fall election. Hetrick is informing the Commissioners that she will request approval from the Council at the next meeting. The additional request will be for \$1500 postage and \$1,000 legal budget lines.
 - b. Rusty Hart, Sheriff – Hart explained parking issues at several County areas that have had more than normal traffic this year. Hart and Herndon have been working together on this issue.

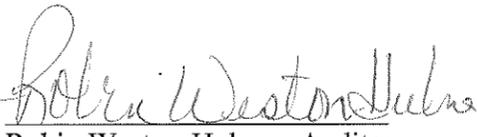
c. ~~Brian Jordan, Commissioner – Explained the repairs that are needed at the Sheriff Department and Courthouse. Jordan will present a quote for the repairs to the Council at the next meeting.~~

6. Public Comment:

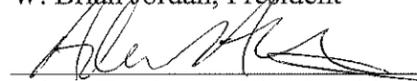
- a. Michelle Stuckey, Warren County Community Foundation – Fleming Scout Ranch is approximately 35 acres located west of West Lebanon off 3rd Street. The Community Foundation has been helping them over the years with donations. The trustees for the Fleming Scout Ranch is looking at making this a county park. The Boy Scouts will possibly camp there a few times a year but would like to create a nature walk area. The trustees are interested in deeding this over to the County. This would be the second county park. As the insurance premium is due the end of July, they are looking to move forward quickly. Funding was discussed as well as the Warren County Park Board.

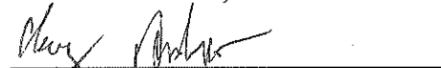
Next Commissioner meeting June 18, 2020 @ 9:00 a.m.

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