

**WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY AUGUST 3, 2026**

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

Also, In Attendance:

Public: Derik Helmerick, Tom Whitsman, Heather Deno, Cole Willis, LeAnne Conrad, Hunt Wiley, Perry Conrad, Cheyne Moses.

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Cori Herndon, Chief Deputy Auditor; Ingrid Barce, County Attorney; John Kuiper, Zoning Director; Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent; Ethan Foxworthy, Council; Dr. Sharma, Health Officer.

The meeting was called to order by Clay Andrews, Commissioner President.

Clay Andrews, Commissioner President lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. New Business:

- a. Add Commissioner Minutes for July 6, 23, 27, 28. John Comer made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
- b. John Comer made a motion to approve July 6, 23, 27, 28 July 20, 2026 Commissioner Meeting Minutes seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
- c. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the July 20, 2026 – Aug 3 2026 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
- d. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve the July 31, 2026 payroll with a second from John Comer, all voted in favor.
- e. Highway – Herndon requested additional appropriation for stone in Fund 1173, \$400,000. John Comer made a motion to approve this additional appropriation seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
- f. Ordinance Amending Regulations of Siting Data Centers – Andrews explained the APC proposed amendments to ordinance and all 4 were given favorable recommendation. Andrews explained the setbacks. John Comer made a motion to approve Ordinance #2026-0803A seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
- g. Ordinance Amending Regulation of Siting Data Centers Concerning Water Use – Barce explained switches requirement to a closed loop to minimize water use and waste water to min effects of water draws in the county. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve Ordinance #2026-0803B seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
- h. Ordinance Amending Regulation of Siting Data Centers to Prohibit Non-Disclosure Agreements – Barce explained county the non-disclosure prohibitions. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve Ordinance #2026-0803C seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
- i. Ordinance Amending Regulation of Siting Data Centers to Require Funding of Electric Grid Updates – Andrews explained this requires data center company to pay for electric grid updates. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve Ordinance #2026-0803D seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
- j. Ordinance Amending Building Permit Fees – Barce explained favorable from APC. Building permit fees have not been changed since 2014 and new law as of July 1st can only change after 5 years. John Comer made a motion to approve Ordinance #2026-0803E seconded by Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.
- k. Ordinance Amending Requirements for Building Permits – Barce explained requirements for building permit procedures. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve Ordinance #2026-0803F seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
- l. Ordinance Providing Prisoner Reimbursement Cost of Incarceration – Barce explained statutory increase to reimbursement rates from \$37.50 to \$42.00. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve Ordinance #2026-0803H seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
- m. Ordinance Providing for Inmate Medical Copayments – Barce explained statute changed for medical copay increased from \$15 to \$30 and from 60 days to 180 days to pay account. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve Ordinance #2026-0803H seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
- n. Ordinance Amending Ordinance #2019-1220 Creating County Farm Capital Improvement Fund – Andrews stated funds from rental of county farm and pasture will go into this fund for farm improvements and removing budget cap. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve Ordinance #2026-0803I seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
- o. Veregy, Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract – Willis explained Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract. Presented to both Comm and council last week. County would put out RFQ. No commitment to Veregy with this. Newspaper next week. Craig Greenwood made a motion to approve advertisement of RFQ to start process seconded by Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Barce will send RFQ to newspaper.

2. Old Business:

3. Elected Official/Department Head comments:

- a. Matt Herndon, Highway Superintendent – Herndon explained stone added to canoe area at Morre's Hill. Discussed dairy road 1000 W work and detour.
- b. Jim Morson, EMA Director – Morson Jim explained West Lebanon Fire Department purchased a boat for water rescue which can aid if issues with kayak project. MHMP workshop tomorrow at 9:00 in the Learning Center, engineering firm will be there. EMPG grant approved and paid out.
- c. Heather Deno, LEDO Director – Deno explained \$15,000 grant for Benton Dairy to train on safety and automation; \$2,500 grant from NIPSCO FOR community champions program and training for community projects. Working with Purdue to set up a round table. READI grant for pool still under review.
- d. Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff – Sheriff Pruitt stated all 5 leased vehicles are on the road as of last week, 4 months longer than anticipated. Enterprise will pick up old vehicles and sell.
- e. Robin Weston-Hubner – Weston-Hubner stated final 2027 budget meeting is tomorrow then work with the State to finalize.

- f. Additional appropriation – Discussed \$1.6 million 1000W road work, appraisals and right of ways. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve additional appropriation to fund 4918 \$1.6 million for 1000W seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.

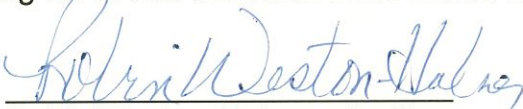
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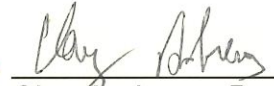
- a. Cheyne Moses – Moses inquired about property appraisals as previously discussed. Andrews explained 1000W needs widened 2 feet each 50 foot and right of way to build a better road and ditches from 650 to SR 26 on 1000W as well as to pay for the land if not donated.

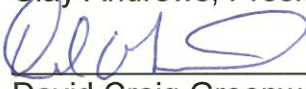
Next Commissioner meeting August 4, 2026 @ 8:00 a.m.

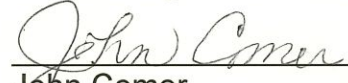
There being no further business John Comer made a motion to adjourn with a second from Craig Greenwood, all voted in favor.

ATTEST:


Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor


Clay Andrews, President


David Craig Greenwood, Vice President


John Comer