

Warren County Commissioners Public Meeting
May 11, 2022 12:32 p.m.
Jackson Courtroom

Commissioner Benjamin Kafferlin called the meeting of the Warren County Commissioners to order with Commissioner Tricia Durbin and Commissioner Jeff Eggleston present

Staff Present: Pamela Matve, Chief Clerk, Lisa Hagberg, Finance Director, Attorney Nathaniel Schmidt, Lorri Dunlap, Michael Lyon, Dan Glotz, Krystle Ransom, Director of Elections, and Phil Gilbert, Director of Tax Claim,

Citizens Present: John Lasher, Richard Lindell, David Krogler, Kathy Kemp Jensen, David Onoretti, Kelli Knapp, Angie Dart, Nancy Freenock, Chad Yurisc, Randy Rossey, Mike Holtz, and Ashley Frederick

Announcements: Commissioner Benjamin Kafferlin announced that there will be two more townhalls this year.

Meetings held since the last meeting: Commissioner Benjamin Kafferlin stated that there were 3 meeting for which all three commissioners were in attendance since the last meeting, this included two executive and one informational.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment:

Angie Dart asked that the Commissioners support the City of Warren regarding the Riverfront project for additional funding.

Nancy Freenock requested that the Commissioners use their ARPA funds that they have received so that they can possibly give more than the \$500,00.00 they are considering. This project will benefit all of Warren County.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes from the April 27, 2022 Public Meeting: No corrections or additions to be made.

Finance Report: Lisa Hagberg, Finance Director gave the financial report stating that after all expenses are paid, to which she reviewed the balance in the general fund is \$986,485.00, and in the Erie Bank is \$745,073.00.

Human Resource Report: Lisa Hagberg, Finance Director gave the report of the personnel changes for the prior month.

Proclamation(s): Emergency Medical Services Week and National Foster Care Month

Motion was made by Commissioner Tricia Durbin, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Eggleston to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

New Business:

Resolution #3213 Authorizing Allocation to the Library Renovation Project: Commissioner Jeff Eggleston stated that library is short on their funding by \$100,000.00. He is asking that the commissioners allocate \$25,000.00 to the library as a matching fund to help with grants applications.

Kelli Knapp reviewed the project and where it is, and is asking the commissioners to consider contributing to this project.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeff Eggleston, seconded by Commissioner Tricia Durbin to approve Resolution #3213 for the allocation of \$25,000.00 to the library renovation project. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #3212 Authorizing Allocation to the Riverfront Redevelopment Project: Commissioner Benjamin Kafferlin stated that if this resolution is approved today, the funds will not come from the ARPA funds as we are still reviewing the broadband costs.

Commissioner Tricia Durbin stated that she lives within walking distance, and she is looking forward to this project. ARPA funds are a bigger challenge because the goal is to look at infrastructure to get people here, therefore we are looking at broadband.

Commissioner Jeff Eggleston stated that while the city has asked for an increase in the amount of funding they are requesting, he strongly feels that there are various funding sources out there to get the remaining funds needed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tricia Durbin, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Eggleston to approve Resolution #3212 authorizing the allocation of \$500,000.00 to the Riverfront Redevelopment project. Motion carried unanimously.

Award the County Engineering Firm: Commissioner Jeff Eggleston stated that a while ago we requested RFPs for an engineering firm; we received several good applications. He then thanked the Planning Department for their help in reviewing

these applications. After careful consideration Commissioner Jeff Eggleston stated that he recommends the county to stay with E&M Engineering; they have done a good job for the county.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tricia Durbin, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Eggleston to appoint E&M Engineers as the county engineering firm.

Commissioner Tricia Durbin stated that this does not mean that if we are doing a project that takes a special kind of engineer, we have to use them; we can use a different engineering firm for specialized projects.

After no further discussions the above motion was called and the motion carried unanimously.

Recess: Commissioner Benjamin Kafferlin stated that we will take a recess until 1:10 so that we can talk with our solicitor on the rezoning request. We will reconvene in the commissioner's conference room.

Approve Ordinance 259 for the Rezoning of Parcel WN-005-196300: Commissioner Benjamin Kafferlin stated that after seeking legal counsel, he suggested that the size of the rezoned parcel be smaller than the entire 84 acres.

Michael Lyon, Zoning Officer stated that this can be done, as this was also discussed as an option with Mr. Lindell. He stated that we can change the request to be 200 feet from Hatch Run Road for the length of the parcel. This was acceptable to Mr. Lindell.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeff Eggleston, seconded by Commissioner Tricia Durbin to approve Ordinance 259 rezoning parcel WN-005-196300 with adjustment as 200 feet from the road (Hatch Run) for the length of the parcel. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Resolution #3211 Fair Housing: Motion was made by Commissioner Tricia Durbin, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Eggleston to approve Resolution #3211 Fair Housing. Motion carried unanimously.

Repository Tax Bid(s): Motion was made by Commissioner Tricia Durbin, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Eggleston to accept the following Tax Repository Bids: Parcel WN-864-559400-000 in the amount of \$250.00 from Todd and Jennifer Rarey, and \$1.00 for parcel WN-575-417600-000 from Warren City Redevelopment Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve the agreement with Lake Shore Community Services for Payment in Lieu of Taxes: Motion was made by Commissioner Tricia Durbin, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Eggleston to approve the agreement with Lakeshore Community Services for payment in lieu of taxes for the taxing year July 1, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

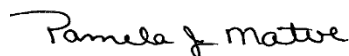
Approve the agreement with the Corp of Engineers for Kinzua Dam Patrols: Motion was made by Commissioner Tricia Durbin, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Eggleston to approve the agreement with the Corp of Engineers for the patrolling of Kinzua Dam area. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Comments:

Adjournment: Motion was made by Commissioner Tricia Durbin, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Eggleston to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela J. Matve
Chief Clerk



Approved:



Jeff Eggleston
Warren County Commissioner