Warren County Commissioners Reorganizational Meeting January 2, 2024, 1:00 p.m. Commissioners Conference Room

Commissioner Tricia Durbin called the meeting of the Warren County Commissioners Reorganizational meeting to order with Commissioner Daniel Glotz and Commissioner Kenneth Klakamp present.

Staff Present: Staff Present: Pamela Matve, Chief Clerk, and Solicitor Nathaniel Schmidt

Citizens Present: Josh Cotton (WTO)

Announcements: Commissioner Tricia Durbin announced that this meeting is being recorded.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda: None

Old Business:

New Business:

Choosing of Positions: Commissioner Tricia D. Durbin stated that she has been chair for the past 18 months, as Benjamin Kafferlin wanted to rotate the position. Historically the chair has been chosen by the highest votegetter in the general election.

Commissioner Daniel Glotz made the motion to nominate Commissioner Kenneth Klakamp as Chair, Commissioner Tricia D. Durbin as Vice Chair, and himself as Secretary. Adding that the chair should rotate every 16 months.

Commissioner Kenneth Klakamp seconded this nomination. The motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Chief Clerk: Commissioner Tricia D. Durbin stated that she has been very pleased with the work Pam has done as Chief Clerk during her tenure and would like to see her stay on.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daniel Glotz, seconded by Commissioner Kenneth Klakamp to approve the appointment of Pamela Matve as Chief Clerk for another four years. The motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Solicitor: Commissioner Tricia D. Durbin stated that she has worked with Solicitor Nathaniel Schmidt during her time and now it is time to appoint our solicitor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kenneth Klakamp, seconded by Commissioner Daniel Glotz to retain Nathaniel Schmidt as the Solicitor for Warren County. The motion carried unanimously.

Appointments to the Tax Appeals Board: Commissioner Tricia D. Durbin stated that currently the Tax Appeals Board is held by Bernard Hessley Sr., Joseph Whipp, and Dale Forbes.

Pamela Matve, Chief Clerk stated that they are all willing to serve again for another term.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daniel Glotz, seconded by Commissioner Kenneth Klakamp to approve the reappointments to the Tax Appeals Board as presented above. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Seats on Various Boards: Commissioner Tricia D. Durbin stated that there was a discussion held, and the list before you is a list of all the various boards and the Commissioners that will sit on those boards.

Commissioner Kenneth Klakamp stated that the list and those chosen for the various boards play on each of our strengths.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kenneth Klakamp, seconded by Commissioner Daniel Glotz to accept the various boards and the commissioner seats as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Nathaniel Schmidt commented that on some of the boards, the Commissioner is a statutory board member.

Department Liaisons: Commissioner Tricia D. Durbin explained that being the liaison for a department is where a commissioner takes the lead and brings concerns to the other two Commissioners.

Commissioner Daniel Glotz stated that while this is a good thing, he does feel that each commissioner should take time to visit each office randomly so that it shows we all care.

Commissioner Tricia D. Durbin then stated that she would like to see the departments that work under the Commissioners come to at least one meeting a year to highlight the activities of their office.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Daniel Glotz stated that he is looking forward to the next four years and this board is well rounded with our various experiences. To which both Commissioner Tricia D. Durbin and Commissioner Kenneth Klakamp agreed.

Josh Cotton of the Times Observer asked the board what are your priorities or what would you like to see happen during these next four years.

Commissioner Tricia D. Durbin stated that she will continue to advocate to bring broadband to the county. And while economic development is not the role of the county, she will do anything in her power to help Warren County grow.

Commissioner Kenneth Klakamp stated that he is excited for the next four years. He has a background in law enforcement, and if anyone has any issues, or concerns about anything; his door is always open.

Commissioner Kenneth Klakamp then stated that he would like to see the Commissioners visit the outlying areas of the county and let them know the services that are available to them.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Commissioner Daniel Glotz, seconded by Commissioner Kenneth Klakamp to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Matve

Chief Clerk

Approved:

Daniel Glotz

Warren County Commissioner