

Warren County Commissioners Public Meeting
October 9, 2024, 12:04 p.m.
Jackson Courtroom

Commissioner Kenneth Klakamp called the public meeting to order, with Commissioner Tricia D. Durbin and Commissioner Daniel Glotz present.

Staff Present: Pamela Matve, Chief Clerk, Holly Wescott, Director of Finance, Solicitor Nathaniel Schmidt, Kim Slocum, Krystle Ransom, Director of Elections, Kenneth McCorison, Director of Public Safety, and Phil Gilbert, Director of Tax Claim.

Citizens Present: Josh Cotton (WTO), Dani Flasher, and Jane Dunshie

Announcements: Commissioner Kenneth Klakamp announced that this meeting is being recorded.

Executive meetings held since the last meeting: There has been one executive session to discuss various legal matters.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: Jane Dunshie spoke as a resident and voter in Warren County. She spoke her view on the process to cure ballots, (allowing voters to correct their errors).

After some research, she found that 36 counties in the state provide some notice to the voter if there is an error, whether it be by postcard, phone call etc. 10 counties do not take any actions to cure a ballot, but if an email is provided by the voter, the state can send them a notification, and 16 do not offer any notice for correction.

Jane went onto state that Warren does provide some ways to notify the voter, especially when they are in the office. The missing date is immaterial, this is no reason to disqualify the ballot.

Krystle works very hard in the Election Office to ensure the elections go smooth for the poll workers, and the voters.

Consent Agenda

Minutes from the September 25, 2024, public meeting and public hearing: No corrections or additions to be made.

Finance Report: Holly Wescott, Director of Finance stated that revenues continue to come in and we are still in the middle of preparing the 2025 budget.

Monthly Dept. Reports: Commissioner Tricia D. Durbin thanked all the offices for submitting their reports and the good work they are doing.

Krystle Ransom, Director of Elections stated that last week the logistics & analysis was done on all the machines, and the ballots have all been sent to those who applied for an absentee or mail in ballot.

There were 3,400 ballots sent out and already we have 111 returned, and a full tote to get scanned in. There were 800 changes made to either the voters address, part affiliation etc.

She then stated that the office is returning calls as fast as they can so, please be patient, they are very busy right now.

Phil Gilbert, Director of Tax Claim stated that the upset sale had 53 properties and 60% of those sold at the sale.

Proclamation(s):

A motion was made by Commissioner Tricia D. Durbin, seconded by Commissioner Daniel Glotz to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Radio System Proposal: Kenneth McCorrison, Director of Public Safety stated that with the help of the grant writer we submitted an application through DCED for a STMP grant. This allowed for a study to be completed on the need for a radio project for what is needed currently and in the future. The shared cost of this project is 5.2 million dollars.

He then stated that the study does not include the assessment of properties and parcels that may be needed,

Resolution #3272 Authorizing the submission of an LSA Grant for the jail roof repair project: Kim Slocum, Grant Writer stated that the project will cost approximately \$354,550.00. The work will be completed through Tremco Roofing who is a co-star's participant.

Commissioner Comments :

Adjournment: A motion was made by Commissioner Daniel Glotz, seconded by Commissioner Tricia D. Durbin to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Matve

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Chief Clerk



Approved:

Daniel Glotz

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Warren County Commissioner