

Warren County Commissioners Public Hearing
June 12, 2024, 12:00 p.m.
Jackson Courtroom

Commissioner Kenneth Klakamp called the Public Hearing to order Commissioner Tricia D. Durbin and Commissioner Daniel Glotz to present.

Staff Present: Pamela Matve, Chief Clerk, Holly Wescott, Director of Finance, Michael Lyon, Director of Planning & Zoning, Benjamin Mahaffey, Zoning Officer, and Solicitor Nathaniel Schmidt

Citizens Present: Josh Cotton (WTO), Brian Hagberg (Your Daily Local), Jackie Palmar (ENN), Susan Stout (LWV)

Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan: Michael Lyon, Director of Planning & Zoning stated that the Comprehensive Plan was first adopted in September 2023.

The driver of this amendment is the large land purchases by the PA Game Commission. The county is losing hundreds of tax dollars when they buy large parcels of land.

Currently, 32% of Warren County is owned by the ANF, PA Forest, and the PA Game Commission.

We have been working with a consultant on this issue. All letters were sent out to the municipalities, school districts, and even surrounding municipalities not in our county.

We have reviewed other counties that have done this similar thing in their Comprehensive Plans. There are challenges, but we can make it an action item in our plan.

Keep in mind, that we cannot stop the sale of land, but maybe this will be a deterrent.

Commissioner Tricia D. Durbin stated that we are not the only county to do this.

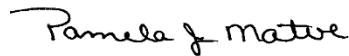
Public Comment :

Susan Stout stated that while she does represent the League of Women Voters, today she is here as a private citizen. She stated that she does like this strategy to consider all trade-offs from the sale. ANF has Jakes Rocks.

With nothing further, a motion was made by Commissioner Daniel Glotz, seconded by Commissioner Tricia D. Durbin to close the public hearing.

The public hearing was closed at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela J. Matve
Chief Clerk



Approved:



Daniel Glotz
Warren County Commissioner