

**Warren County Commissioners  
Work Session  
Commissioners Conference Room  
September 25, 2023 12:00 p.m.**

Commissioner Tricia Durbin called the work session of the Warren County commissioners to order with Commissioner Benjamin Kafferlin and Commissioner Jeff Eggleston present.

Staff Present: Pamela Matve, Lisa Hagberg, Finance Director, and Kenneth McCarrison, Director of Public Safety

Citizens Present Josh Cotton (WTO), Andy Close (your daily local), Jim Decker, Andrew Sokolski, Gregory Austin, and Shawn Walker

**Announcements:** Commissioner Tricia Durbin announced that the meeting is being recorded

**Public Hearings:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Old Items:** None

**New Items of Discussion:**

**Warren Worx:** Andrew Sokolski started the presentation by stating that the direction of WCCBI is to align with county and city purposes along with members. How do we support population growth and become a community to enjoy?

There are two platforms, Community Development and Economic Development. Some efforts of the city and some efforts trying to be done do not meet with the city or the county government; that is where Warren Worx comes in.

Shawn Walker continued by stating Warren Worx is a way to bring everyone together to remove redundancy. Each stakeholder will have a part, and resources should be shared. Also, a key brand is needed for Warren.

Commissioner Tricia D. Durbin asked, "Was this part of a comprehensive plan?" Shawn stated yes; this also follows the model of Kane Sparks.

He then reviewed what the next steps would be: define the goals and find the stakeholders. An RFP has been put out to nine agencies for the Branding & Communication Plan along with marketing.

Jim Decker stated that this is not a move for WCCBI to be the project manager but to be the facilitator to bring the stakeholders together.

Shawn then stated that they will be visiting the City Council with their budget in a few weeks, and will then ask to meet with the Commissioners again for their financial aid.

**Agenda change:** At this time Commissioner Tricia D. Durbin stated that the item of tree removal has been removed, and replaced with the radio maintenance agreement.

**CAC Agreement:** Kenneth McCarrison, Director of Public Safety stated that the radios are currently maintained by PAStarnet, and this will run out in December 2023. Rather than each department getting their own maintenance for their department's radios it just makes sense to have one agreement to cover all the radios. The cost would be \$120 per mobile unit, \$96 for each portable unit, and \$150 for the consolette radios.

Commissioner Tricia D. Durbin asked who is covered by this. Kenneth McCarrison stated that this would cover Juvenile and Adult Probations, Sheriff, Dist. Attorney, Detective, and Public Safety.

Ken has provided Lisa Hagberg, Finance Director a breakdown of the cost for each of those departments.

**Policies & Procedures:**

**Projects:**

Commissioner Tricia D. Durbin stated that there were some ISPs that have applied for broadband grant funding but

at this time we have no news on who was awarded funding for broadband.

Commissioner Jeff Eggleston stated that he will be following up with Pamela Matve, Chief Clerk regarding going back out for bid on the courthouse Rehabilitation Phase II project.

**Upcoming Commissioner Meeting Review:** The agenda for the Public Meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, was reviewed.

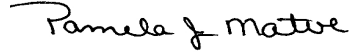
It was decided that the Capital Area Communications agreement would be added.

**Department/Committee Updates:**

**General Discussion:**

With nothing further, the work session was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Respectfully,



Pamela J. Matve  
Chief Clerk

