

**WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY APRIL 26, 2021**

Council Members present for the meeting were: John Comer, Derek Puterbaugh, Matt Commons, Ethan Foxworthy, Sharon Hutchison, Neil Ellis (teleconference) and Brian Jordan

Also, in attendance:

Public: Ben Dispennett, LEDO Director; Jud Barce, County Attorney; Tom Wagner, Liquid Feed Transport Inc.

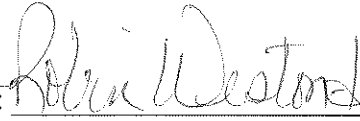
Elected Official/Department Head: Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Jill Wilson, HR Director; Michelle Hetrick, Clerk; Phil Astell, EMA Director.

1. The meeting was called to order by John Comer, Council President.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Comer, Council President.
3. New Business:
 - a. Meeting Agenda Approval – Remove the Birkey’s Abatement. Derek Puterbaugh made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second from Sharon Hutchison, all voted in favor.
 - b. Minutes – Brian Jordan made a motion to approve the March 23, 2020 Council Meeting and March 23, 2020 Commissioner/Council Meeting Minutes with a second from Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
 - c. Election Budget – Hetrick explained the Secretary of State Office position concerning electronic poll books. April 6th the election board met with 2 vendors as the election board must approve the change. At this meeting the Election Board voted to go to electronic pole books. Hetrick explained as the Election Board must approve the change, she is requesting payment of \$800/board member for the April 6th meeting as well as a training for the new voting machines which will take place on May 20th and 21st. Additionally, Hetrick requested payment of Peggy Brenner and Margaret Fink, early voting crew. Brian Jordan made a motion to pay \$800 election board, board members are Donna Lyon, Michelle Hetrick (Clerk) and Debbie Hiatt (Deputy Clerk) as well as Peggy Brenner and Margaret Fink at hourly rate of \$13.00 with a second from Ethan Foxworthy, all voted in favor.
 - d. Job Study – Review and Price Increase – Discussed the overage of \$1,406.10 over and above the agreed to amount of \$27,640. Ethan Foxworthy made a motion to approve the \$1,406.10 from Fund 1112 with a second from Sharon Hutchison, Matt Commons abstained, all others voted in favor.
 - e. Park Board Appointment – Sharon Hutchison made a motion to appoint Brian Jordan to the Warren County Park Board replacing Jeremy Davis with a second from Matt Commons, Brian Jordan abstained, all others voted in favor.
 - f. Comprehensive Plan/Strategic Plan – Ben explained the Strategic Plan then a Comprehensive plan next year. HWC 25,000 and American structure point \$30,000. There would be several meetings which will include council and commissioners. This plan has not been rewritten since 1979. Matt motion to approve the strategic plan from edit for 24,900 HWC with a second from Brian Jordan, all voted in favor.
 - g. Fountain County Billing Health Department – Weston-Hubner explained the meeting with SBOA and will report back when further information is received.
 - h. American Rescue Plan – Barce explained the ARP ordinance that was signed by the Commissioners and the plan that will need to be created.
 - i. 2022 Budget Calendar Review – Weston-Hubner explained the dates for the budget calendar. There were no objections.
4. Old Business:
5. Elected Official/Officer Holder Comment:
 - a. Weston-Hubner - Discussed the financial report. Judge Reece will have quotes for repair of the courthouse plaster and courtroom chairs.
6. Public Comment:
 - a. Ben Dispennett, LEDO Director – Explained the broad band task force and the survey results. Dispennett explained the work that is taking place currently to get the community ready for broadband. The Commissioners have been working on several items such as an infrastructure development zone to allow abatements to aid in bringing broadband business to the County. The 9-county area is working together possibly. Available funds concerning the broadband such as ARP funds 1.6 million, Wind Farm EDIT, etc.
 - b. Tom Wagner and Barce discussed an abatement for Liquid Feed Transport Inc. Dispennett explained the business as well as abatement being requested. Barce explained the abatement SB-1 forms Discussed creating an ERA. CF-1 will be presented yearly to proving the promise of the business. The length and terms of the ERA must be decided as well as to wave non compliance due to project has been started. Wagner explained the business supplies mainly feed stores, dairies, etc. Brian Jordan made a motion to grant the ERA on 3 acres at 12773 S 600 W for Liquid Feed Transport Inc with a second from Sharon Hutchison, all voted in favor. Brian Jordan made a motion to approve an abatement schedule of 100/80/60/40/20/0 with a second from Sharon Hutchison, John Comer Abstained all others voted in favor. Sharon Hutchison made a motion to approve the length for Real Estate 6 months and Personal Property 2 years with a second from Derek Puterbaugh, all voted in favor. Ethan Foxworthy made a motion to consider a waiver of noncompliance by Liquid Feed Transport with a second from Derek Puterbaugh, all voted in favor.
 - c. May 24, 2021 meeting time was discussed. Ethan Foxworthy made a motion to change the time from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. due to many scheduling conflicts with a second from Derek Puterbaugh, Sharon Hutchison abstained, all other voted in favor.

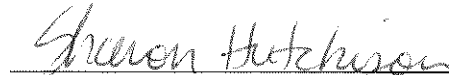
The next County Council meeting will be May 24, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.


There being no further business, Brian Jordan made a motion to adjourn with a second from Ethan Foxworthy.

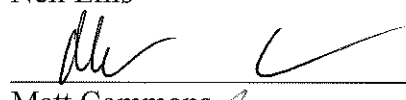
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