WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

Council present for the meeting: John Comer, Matt Commons, Ethan Foxworthy, Sharon Hutchison, Derek Puterbaugh and Brian Jordan.

Public: Ben Dispennett, LEDO Director

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Jill Wilson, HR Director; Michelle Hetrick, Clerk; Craig Greenwood, Commissioner; Clay Andrews, Commissioner.

1. The meeting was called to order by John Comer, President of the Council.

2. New Business:

   a. Sharon Hutchison made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented with a second from Ethan Foxworthy, all voted in favor.
   b. Ethan Foxworthy made a motion to approve the August 30, 2021Council Meeting Minutes with a second from Sharon Hutchison, all voted in favor.
   c. 2022 Warren County Budget Adoption – Derek Puterbaugh made a motion to adopt the 2022 Warren County Budget with a second from Brian Jordan, all voted in favor.
   d. 2022 Warren County Solid Waste Budget Adoption – Sharon Hutchison made a motion to adopt the 2022 Warren County Solid Waste Budget with a second from Ethan Foxworthy, all voted in favor.
   e. Additional Appropriation Resolution – Brian Jordan made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation Resolution #2021-0927 for Health Department, Cumulative Capital Development, Riverboat County Share, Economic Development, Jordan Creek Wind Farm Expense and Jordan Creek Wind Farm Repair/Resurfacing Funds with a second from Derek Puterbaugh, all voted in favor.
   f. PTABOA Reappointment of Lori Heidenreich – Ethan Foxworthy made a motion to reappoint Lori Heidenreich to the PTABOA Board with a second from Derek Puterbaugh, all voted in favor.
   g. Grant Facilitator Position – Sharon Hutchison explained the position as she is Tippecanoe County Grant Facilitator. Council discussed the match, salary and other expenses. Brian motion to pay 50K wind farm 4917 first year grant admin for Warren County Indiana with a second from Derek, all voted in favor with Sharon abstaining. Commissioners will begin the process.
   h. Mound Township Petition for Council Approval of 2022 Budget – Weston-Hubner explained the petition as Mound Township Board is comprised of Trustee's family members thus the County Council will need to adopt the 2022 Budget.
3. Old Business:
4. Elected Official/Department Head comments:

   a. Michelle Hetrick, Clerk – Discussed her position and job description.
5. Public Comment:
   a. Ben Dispennett, LEDO Director – Dispennett explained the READI Grant will be decided at the end of December. Broadband committee information was discussed. Dispennett discussed strategies the taskforce has created due to broadband need in the County. Dispennett presented plans for using the ARP funding. Two of the plans were discussed in detail. The 2 RFP discussed are estimated up to $100,000 and $500,000 which the committee will request proposals and is asking the County to fund these projects. Plans should be completed in 6-8 months. Sharon Hutchison made a motion to fund up to $500,000 of ARP funds for the RFP #2 North River Area Wide Wireless coverage with a second from Derek Puterbaugh, all voted in favor. Brian Jordan made a motion to fund up to $100,000 of the ARP funds for the RFP #1 North of Williamsport expansion with a second from Ethan Foxworthy, Derek Puterbaugh abstained, all others voted in favor. The 45% total of ARP Funds for broadband is $720,000.
   b. WHIN Funding - Dispennett explained the Wabash Heartland Innovation Network or WHIN impact in Warren County. WHIN is asking each of the 10 counties to contribute funds. The funding request is $58,833/3 years. Council discussed the funding of WHIN to help with many projects in the County. Sharon Hutchison made a motion to fund $30,00/3years from the Economic Development Fund with a County Elected Official on the board with a second from Brian Jordan, all voted in favor.

Next Council meeting October 25th @ 4:00 p.m.

There being no further business Sharon Hutchison made a motion to adjourn with a second from Ethan Foxworthy for the Council, all voted in favor.

ATTEST: Robin Weston-Hubner

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John Comer, President

Sharon Hutchison, Vice President

Ethan Foxworthy

W Brian Jordan

Neil Ellis

Matt Commons

Derek Puterbaugh