

**WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY AUGUST 29, 2022**

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

Public:

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Jill Wilson, HR Director; Phil Astell, EMA Director; Jenny Larson, Health Department Board; Sean Sharma, Health Officer.

1. The Council Meeting was called to order by Ethan Foxworthy, Council President.
2. Ethan Foxworthy, Council President led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:

- a. Neil Ellis made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from Matt Commons, all voted in favor
- b. Brian Jordan made a motion to approve the Council minutes for July 5, 2022; July 18, 2022; July 25, 2022; July 27, 2022; August 8, 2022; August 18, 2022 Council Minutes seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
- c. 2023 Budget Hearing Warren County – Ethan Foxworthy opened the 2023 Budget Hearing for public comment. Matt Commons explained concerns with the approval of funding for the full-time position granted to the Extension. This should have not been discussed until in a regular meeting Commons stated. With no public comment, Brian Jordan made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-0829A 2023 Warren County Budget seconded by Sharon Hutchison; Matt Commons voted not in favor, all others in favor.
- d. 2023 Budget Hearing Warren County Solid Waste – Ethan Foxworthy opened the 2023 Budget Hearing for public comment. With no public comment, Neil Ellis made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-0829B 2023 Warren County Solid Waste Budget seconded by Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
- e. Additional Appropriation – Brian Jordan made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-0829C Additional Appropriation of Public Safety; JCWF Expense; Rainy Day; ARPA Grant; Followell; Wellness Grant; Commissioner; Election seconded by Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
- f. 2023 Tax Cap & Maximum Levy – Discussed the JCWF assessed value and depreciation schedules used due to State Code. Weston-Hubner will get more information concerning this question. Neil Ellis made a motion to approve 2023 Tax Cap & Maximum Levy seconded by John Comer, all in favor.
- g. 2023 Budget Hearing State Line City – Ethan Foxworthy opened the 2023 Budget Hearing for public comment. After much time with no public comment, Sharon Hutchison made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-0829C seconded by Brian Jordan, all voted in favor.
- h. 2023 Budget Hearing Mound Township – Ethan Foxworthy opened the 2023 Budget Hearing for public comment. After much time with no public Comment, Brian Jordan made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-0829D seconded by Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
- i. New Additional Appropriation – Weston-Hubner explained the lines and budgets that need additional appropriation. Probation Officer Salary \$3,400; Victim Advocate Coordinator \$8,600; CASA Director \$3,750; Pre Trial-Probation Client \$2,500; Highway Stone \$200,000; WeCare \$44,000. Matt Commons made a motion to approve the additional appropriations second by Sharon Hutchison, all in favor.
- j. 2022 Budget Reduction Resolution, Local Road & Street Stone – Weston-Hubner explained the lack of funding to support the 2022 and 2023 budgets that have been approved. Sharon Hutchison made a motion to approve the \$200,000 Local Road & Street Stone Budget Reduction seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
- k. Surveyor & Treasurer 2022 Budget Adjustment – Weston-Hubner explained due to time without deputies in these offices, the extra help line was used and funds needed to be moved from Deputy salary line to extra help line. Brian Jordan made a motion to move \$3,000 from Deputy Treasurer to Extra Help and \$4,000 from Deputy Surveyor to extra help seconded by Neil Ellis, all voted in favor.
- l. 2022 Salary Ordinance – Weston-Hubner explained the additional 2 part time positions (grant funded) and a probation office who had received her Master's Degree with State Code constitutes a higher pay. John Comer made a motion to approve the Ordinance #2022-0829E Probation Officer Salary; Victim Advocate Coordinator; CASA Director seconded by Sharon Hutchison, all voted in favor.

4. Old Business: None

5. Elected Official/Department Head comments: No Comments

- a. Craig Greenwood, Commissioner – Greenwood explained the progress of many projects. The handrails for the public entrance to the courthouse are in process of being powder coated. The closing for the purchase of the WC Health Department building from Holen/Briles will be August 31st @ 10:00 a.m. Contractors have looked at the HVAC as well as plumber for bathroom.
- b. Discussion concerning the new extension full time employee. The Council approves funding and Commissioners approve all positions.
- c. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor – Presented information for a new County Accounting Program and explained the reason for this as much federal grant funding has created this need. Weston-Hubner will request Low Associates to present to the Council at the next meeting.
- d. Sean Sharma and Jenny Larson, WC Health Department – Both thanked the County for all of the hard work. Sharma explained Laei Frodge has been hired as Warren County Health Nurse/Administrator. Vital records clerk/registrar and Environmental/Preparedness positions have been posted.
- e. Matt Commons, Council – Commons read letter from Ben Dispenmett concerning the broadband RFP process. RFI for broadband will be selected in September 2022 and Ice Miller will facilitate. LEDO is currently paying for Ice Miller but County will need to return the funds.
- f. Brian Jordan, President Warren County Park Board – Jordan explained KIRPC has grant opportunities for parks and 5-year park plan is required. The cost will be \$7,000 for the town new plans or \$4,000 updated plan; \$10,000 for a County new plan. Jordan is requesting \$10,000 from Fund 1219. Matt Commons made a motion to approve the expenditure and additional appropriation seconded by John Comer, Brian Jordan abstained all

others voted in favor. Discussed this grant could help the Town with funding for the new Williamsport pool. Discussed the name change of the pool.

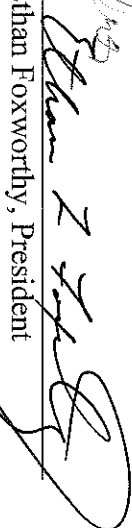
g. Phil Astell, EMA Director – Astell stated information concerning Fire Territories.

6. Public Comment: No Comments

Next Council meeting September 26, 2022 @ 4:00 p.m.


There being no further business Brian Jordan made a motion to adjourn with a second from Matt Commons, all voted in favor.

ATTEST: 
Robin Weston-Hubner



Ethan Foxworthy, President

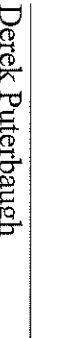

W Brian Jordan, Vice President


John Comer


Sharon Hutchison


Neil Ellis


Matt Commons


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