

**WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY DECEMBER 19, 2022**

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

Public: Ben Dispennett, LEDO Director

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Craig Greenwood, Commissioner; Rusty Hart, Sheriff; Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff Elect; Clay Andrews, Commissioner; Randy Haddock, Surveyor; Adam Hanthorne, Commissioner.

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 November 28, 2022 Council Minutes seconded by Neil Ellis, all voted in favor.
 - c. 2023 Salary Ordinance – Brian Jordan made a motion to approve the 2023 salary ordinance seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - d. Additional Appropriation Resolution – Neil Ellis made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation Resolution #2022-1219A seconded by Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
 - e. 2023 Board Appointments – Matt Commons made a motion to table ATC Board appointment, appoint Ethan Foxworthy to Solid Waste Board; appoint Ben Dispennett to KIRPC; appoint Ben Dispennett & Derek Puterbaugh to Redevelopment Development; appoint Lori Heidenreich to PTABOA seconded by Brian Jordan, all voted in favor.
 - f. Budget Transfers – Weston-Hubner explained the budget transfers. Brian Jordan made a motion to approve budget transfers Solid Waste \$1,500 from Part time to PERF line; Public Safety Sheriff \$99.98 from Modem to Uniforms; County General Sheriff Merit Board \$1,000, Police School and Ed \$2,900, Drug & AI \$1,500, Return of Prisoners \$500 to Overtime; County General Personnel \$14,000 Flex Spending and \$6,500 Unemployment Comp to FICA; Jordan Creek \$6451 from Survey to Highway Comp Time Buy Out; Highway to cover salary adjustments seconded by Neil Ellis, all voted in favor.
 - g. Budget encumbrances 2022 to 2023 – John Comer made a motion to approve encumbrances Extension \$97.44, ARP Fund \$16,666.66; Public Safety \$59,242; Highway \$235,878.98; Court \$127.00; Jail \$1,018.24 seconded by Neil Ellis, all voted in favor. Brian Jordan made a motion to approve EMA \$2,500 seconded by Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
4. Old Business: None
5. Elected Official/Department Head comments:
 - a. Matt Commons, Council – Commons explained Seeger Students have an educational grant opportunity which will be presented at the next Council meeting.
 - b. Rusty Hart, Sheriff – Pruitt explained the Jail Commander position has not been filled, currently Samantha Hill is filing this position without compensation. Discussed having a Jailer position from each shift share rather than filling the position giving extra funds to Jail. Possibly have Chief Deputy oversee the 2 Jailers. Discussed possibility of \$1,500 additional salary to the 2 Jailers. Pruitt will update the Council in the future concerning this.
 - c. Bi-County Dispatch Center – Council discussed having Jud compose a letter to Fountain County Council in support of remaining a Bi-County Dispatch.
 - d. Hunter Reece, Judge – Hunter explained a grant opportunity appropriating funds for salary adjustments. The grant will cover all employee benefits except Health Insurance as well as \$15,000 to the public defender expenses. The salary adjustments will be \$5,000 - \$6,000 per court employee with no cost to the County. Neil Ellis made a motion to approve the salary adjustments through grant funds seconded by John Comer, all voted in favor.
 - e. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor – Weston-Hubner explained items currently in process Health Department and new Prosecutor setup, end of year financials, Larson Prosecutor furniture, Bi-County Health Department funds division, Delinquent Roll complete, etc.
6. Public Comment: Ben Dispennett, LEDO – Dispennett explained READI grant project progress and RFP proposals are due today. Dispennett requested a change to the READI Grant letters allowing allocation for infrastructure for housing/broadband that increased from \$1 million to \$1.5 Million. Matt Commons made a motion to approve the change seconded by Brian Jordan, all voted in favor.

Next Council meeting January 30, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.

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

ATTEST: Charity Perigo
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Ethan Foxworthy
Ethan Foxworthy, President

Rusty Hart

Ben Dispennett

Sharon Hutchison

Neil Ellis
Neil Ellis

Matt Commons

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