

WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL AND COMMISSIONER MEETING
MONDAY JULY 5, 2022

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

Commissioners present for the meeting: Clay Andrews, Craig Greenwood, Adam Hanthorne.

Public: Melissa Dismore, Laci Frodge, Ben Dispennett, Randy Wurtsbaugh, Payton Wilson, Hayley Brooks, Erich Haley, Jenny Eads, Mark Straw, Jon Inman, Rhonda Inman, Donny Gill, Jenny Larson.

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Phil Astell, EMA Director; Lori Heidenreich, Treasurer; Jud Barce, County Attorney; Rusty Hart, Sheriff; John Kuiper, Zoning Director; Jill Wilson, HR Director;

1. The Council Meeting was called to order by Ethan Foxworthy, President of the Council.
2. The Commissioner Meeting was called to order by Clay Andrews, President of the Commissioners
3. Ethan Foxworthy, Council President led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. New Business:
 - a. Andrews thanked all for coming to this meeting and explained the purpose of the meeting is to discuss setting up Warren County Health Department. Fountain County will disband the Fountain-Warren Health Department as of December 31, 2022. Greenwood explained prior conversations with Fountain County who had stated Warren County would be funding only with Fountain County making all decisions if stay connected. Apparently, Warren County stating involvement was not appreciated by some Fountain County officials.
 - b. Mark Straw, Chair of board FWHD – Straw explained the boards role in the Health Department. Straw has discussed with Dr. Box, State Health Department, who has offered to help Warren County setup a new Health Board. Straw offered to help as well. Commons inquired of time to setup a new Health Department as 6 months is a short time frame. Straw stated it normally would take years rather than 6 months to form a Health Department. All FWHD employees, Council, Commissioners introduced themselves. Foxworthy stated this meeting is to begin the communication with employees. Frodge read a statement from Dr. Sharma who is unable to attend. Sharma thanked all and stated he believes the bi-county should remain but as Counties cannot get along, Warren County should look at this opportunity to create a great Health Department with strong support of public health. Discussion concerning the number of employees to run a Health Department. Straw explained 40% of operating budget is grants. Discussed the salaries and 3-4 employees would be bare bones. Gill stated FWHD currently has between 5-10 grants currently. Discussed the equipment, remainder of funds and records being divided. Barce explained State Code with concern to Health Departments. The Board will need to be set as a first step. Current 2023 requested budget for FWHD was discussed. Andrews suggested using County Farm funds to help with this expense. Hanthorne stated discussion with Dr. Sharma, he would like to remain Health Officer and help setup the new Health Department but suggests adding an administrator position. Discussed administrator position. Larson inquired of the current lease of the FWHD building. Straw stated an out clause in the contract will allow Warren County to be removed from the lease. Discussed the presented ordinance.
 - c. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve Ordinance #2022-0705 establishing Warren County Health Department with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all in favor.
 - d. Clay Andrews made a motion to appoint Haley Brooks, Jenny Larson, Mark Straw, Jon Inman to the Warren County Health Department Board with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - e. Discussed the remaining board members needed.
 - f. Discussed next meeting date of July 12th at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business Clay Andrews made a motion to adjourn Commissioners with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.

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

Next Council meeting July 25, 2022 @ 8:00 a.m.

ATTEST: *Robin Weston-Hubner*
Robin Weston-Hubner

Ethan Foxworthy
Ethan Foxworthy, President

W Brian Jordan
W Brian Jordan, Vice President

John Comer
John Comer

Sharon Hutchison
Sharon Hutchison

Neil Ellis
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Matt Commons
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Derek Puterbaugh
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