

**WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY DECEMBER 18, 2023**

Council present for the meeting: Matt Commons, Ben Dispennett, Ethan Foxworthy, Sharon Hutchison, Neil Ellis, Dwain Akers and Rusty Hart.

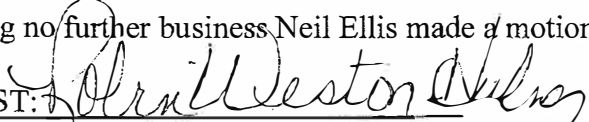
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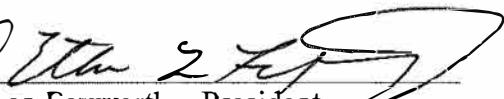
Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; John Comer, Commissioner; Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff; Craig Greenwood, Commissioner; Clay Andrews, Commissioner; Phil Astell, EMA Director.


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. Weston-Hubner requested to add Budget Adjustment Area Plan Extra Help to the agenda. Sharon Hutchison made a motion to approve the agenda seconded by Rusty Hart, all voted in favor
 - b. Neil Ellis made a motion to approve the Council minutes for November 27, 2023 Council Minutes seconded by Dwain Akers, all voted in favor.
 - c. Judge Reece – Judge explained the requested increase in salary for CASA Director and addition to 2024 Budget Interpreter line. Foxworthy explained the CASA increase to 38,000. Judge explained the need of an interpreter. Judge is looking into a grant for this. Rusty Hart made a motion to approve the increased salary of CASA Director to \$38,000 and addition of interpreter 2024 budget line items seconded by Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
 - d. 2024 Salary Ordinance – Matt Commons made a motion to approve the 2024 Salary Ordinance #2024-1218A seconded by Neil Ellis, all voted in favor.
 - e. Additional/Reduction Appropriations Resolution – County General AIC Meetings \$1,500; Awards/Retirement \$1,750; County Attorney \$20,000 additional and \$220,000 Local Road & Street reduction. Sharon Hutchison made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation Ordinance #2023-1218B as presented seconded by Ben Dispennett, all voted in favor. Matt Commons made a motion to approve the reduction in Local Road & Street 2023 Budget seconded by Dwain Akers, all voted in favor.
 - f. 2023 Budget Encumbrances to 2024 Budget – Weston-Hubner explained the encumbrances from 2023 Budget to 2024 Budget as listed below. Rusty Hart made a motion to approve the Encumbrances seconded by Neil Ellis, all voted in favor.
 - i. LEDO, Economic Development Fund 1112 \$200,000 Greenway Project donation
 - ii. Highway, Economic Development Fund 1112 \$235,878.89 Truck ordered in 2022
 - iii. Auditor, County General Computer Equipment \$2,534.04 2 New Computers
 - iv. Area Plan & Zoning, County General, Office Technology \$1,702.48 1 New Computer
 - v. Sheriff, Public Safety Sheriff Vehicles \$26,902 Tahoe ordered in 2023
 - vi. Court, County General, Office Technology \$1,590.98 1 New Laptop
 - vii. Clerk, County General, Office Technology \$1,267.02 1 New Computer
 - viii. Sheriff, County General, Medical Care of Prisoners \$6,033.86 Tahoe ordered in 2023
 - g. JOINK Broadband PILOT Agreement – Table Until Next Meeting.
 - h. 2024 Annual Nepotism Certification – Approved and Signed by all members.
 - i. Budget Adjustment Area Plan Extra Help – Weston-Hubner explained the need to move \$2,500 from Legal Services to Extra Help budget lines. Dwain Akers made a motion to approve the Area Plan Budget Transfer seconded by Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
4. Old Business:
5. Elected Official/Department Head comments:
 - a. John Comer, Commissioner – Comer explained the Fountain County Commissioners approved a change in software at Dispatch, just over \$200,000. Sheriff Pruitt explained the software. Discussed possibility of splitting the costs with the Town's.
 - b. Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff – Sheriff Pruitt explained Sheriff Department has been awarded a JAG Flock Safety Camera grant. This grant will allow purchase of 5 license plate reader cameras.
 - c. Phil Astell, EMA Director – Astell explained the donated sirens have been delivered. Dispatch is looking at a new company for siren monitoring. EMA Building has been cleaned out. Foxworthy stated thank you for all the years of service.
 - d. 2024 County Boards – Matt Commons made a motion to approve the 2024 County Board Appointment Ordinance #2023-1218C seconded by Sharon Hutchison, all voted in favor.
 - e. Ben Dispennett, LEDO Director – Dispennett stated a report of funding requested/allocated will be presented to the Council for the January meeting. JOINK is working on 2025 funding. Discussed the County match for this funding. Discussed the JOINK PILOT agreement.
6. Public Comment: No Public comment.


Next Council meeting January 16, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m.



There being no further business Neil Ellis made a motion to adjourn seconded by Sharon Hutchison, all voted in favor.

ATTEST: 
Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor


Ethan Foxworthy, President


Matt Commons, Vice President

Dwain Akers

Sharon Hutchison

Neil Ellis

Ben Dispennett

Russell K. Hart