

**WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY JANUARY 30, 2023**

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

Public: Michelle Stuckey; Claire Nern, Morgan Cooksey, Mary Greene, Peyton Wilson.

Department Head/Elected Official – Charity Perigo, Auditor; Robin Weston-Hubner, Chief Deputy Auditor; Phil Astell, EMA Director; Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff; Laci Frodge, Administrator Health Department.

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. Sharon Hutchison made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from Rusty Hart, all voted in favor
  - b. Reorganization of Council: Sharon Hutchison made a motion to re-elect Ethan Foxworthy Council President seconded by Rusty Hart, all voted in favor. Ethan Foxworthy made a motion to elect Matt Commons Vice President seconded by Rusty Hart, all voted in favor.
  - c. Matt Commons made a motion to approve the Council minutes for Dec 19, 20, 2023 Council Minutes seconded by Ethan Foxworthy, all voted in favor.
  - d. Seeger Class Grant Presentation – Michelle Stuckey, Mary Greene, Morgan Cooksey, Claire Nern explained the opportunity for the Warren County Youth Council matching grant through the Community Foundation. Total grant is \$100,000 with a 50/50 match. Match of \$50,000 with \$10,000 or less for a contribution. The group will be using the assets making a nonprofit coffee shop. This will provide a needed place for family, friends to enjoy. This will be a nonprofit business and Community Foundation will own the building. As a nonprofit, volunteers will be main workers.
  - e. 2023 Salary Ordinance – Weston-Hubner explained the updates to the Salary Ordinance. Matt Commons made a motion to approve the 2023 Salary Ordinance #2023-0130A adding Auditor Chief Deputy, Court Grant to Salaries seconded by Dwain Akers, all voted in favor.
  - f. 2023 Sheriff contract – Sheriff Pruitt explained the contract. Rusty Hart made a motion to approve the 2023 Sheriff Contract seconded by Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
  - g. Investment Ordinance #2023-0130B – Weston-Hubner explained the Ordinance. Matt Commons made a motion to approve the Investment Ordinance #2023-0130B seconded by Rusty Hart, all voted in favor. Hutchison stated concern with bank account interest. Weston-Hubner explained how this is receipted into the financials.
  - h. 2023 Additional Appropriation – Weston-Hubner explained the additional appropriations:
    - i. Fund 4917 - \$22,670 (Removal Litzenberger Building)
    - ii. Fund 4917 - \$5,000 (Ceres Land Purchase)
    - iii. Fund 4917 - \$6,310 (Survey Ceres/EMA/REMC)
    - iv. Fund 1138 - \$61,784 (Koorsen Fire/Smoke Alarms)
    - v. Fund 1159 - \$6,250 (Preparedness Salary)
    - vi. Fund 1112 - \$75,000 (READI Grant)
    - vii. Fund 9130 - \$6,000 (Court Salary Grant)
    - viii. Fund 9137 - \$13,000 (Court Salary Grant)
    - ix. Fund 9121 - \$5,000 (Court Salary Grant)
    - x. Fund 9116 - \$8,000 (Court Salary Grant)
    - xi. Fund 1000 - \$208,781 (Auditor/Treasurer Accounting Software)
    - xii. Fund 1159 - \$42,500 (4<sup>th</sup> Qtr Health Dept)

Ben Dispennett made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriations as presented seconded by Matt Commons, all voted in favor. Weston-Hubner explained Fountain County has disbursed funds from the dissolution of the Fountain Warren Health Department in the amount of \$341,989.35.
  - i. 2023 Board Appointments – ATC and Park Board appointments were discussed. Tabled until February 27, 2023 Council Meeting.
  - j. Health Department Budget Line Change – Weston-Hubner explained Fund 1168 Contract Staff line be changed to Extra Help and add a budget line in Fund 1159 Extra Help. Sharon Hutchison made a motion to make the budget line change seconded by Rusty Hart, all voted in favor. Sharon Hutchison made a motion to approve Extra Help line in Fund 1159 seconded by Dwain Akers, all voted in favor.
  - k. Sheriff Body Camera Grant Appropriation – Sheriff Pruitt explained the Sheriff Department has been awarded \$8,000 grant. The quote is \$16,345 for 10 body cameras and prosecutor office will pay the remainder/difference. Pruitt stated the order has been placed with a time line of 10 weeks. There will be no maintenance fee.
  - l. Budget move JCWF Economic Development Fund – Dispennett explained the need for \$50,000 for legal services with concern to the broadband project. Weston-Hubner explained \$50,000 to be moved from Capital Assets to a created line of Contract Services. Matt Commons made a motion to create a line in Fund 4918 Contract Services and move \$50,000 from Capital Asset seconded by Sharon Hutchison, all voted in favor.
4. Old Business: None
5. Elected Official/Department Head comments:
  - a. Ethan Foxworthy – Foxworthy explained Emily Ade is Warren County Extension Director for Warren County as of January 3, 2023.
  - b. John Comer, Commissioner – Comer explained Baker Tilley has been hired to oversee the JCWF abatement issue and suggested a Council Member be the contact. Council decided Ben Dispennett will be the liaison. Commons explained the issues. Weston-Hubner explained the information received from the DLGF concerning this. Comer explained the progress with the Fountain Warren Dispatch.

- c. Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff – Sheriff Pruitt presented and explained the 2022 Jail Annual Report and Commissary Report. Pruitt explained the Jail cameras are older, 2005/2006, are in need of replacement and will be getting quotes for replacement. Pruitt explained unused 2022 budget of \$47,857.05 Jail; \$8,979.91 Sheriff and \$2,500 Public Safety.
- d. Attorney, Publisher, Bank Approval – Rusty Hart made a motion to approve County Attorney Barce & Redlin, Publisher Kankakee Valley/Review Republican, Banking First Financial seconded by Matt Commons, all voted in favor. Matt and Ben, all in favor.

6. Public Comment: No Public comment.

Next Council meeting February 27, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.

There being no further business Matt Commons made a motion to adjourn seconded by Ben Dispennett, all voted in favor.

ATTEST:

*Charity Perigo*  
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 Charity Perigo,  
 Warren County  
 Auditor

*Ethan Foxworthy*  
 Ethan Foxworthy, President

Matt Commons, Vice President  
*Dwain Akers*  
 Dwain Akers

*Sharon Hutchison*  
 Sharon Hutchison

Neil Ellis

Matt Commons  
*Russell K Hart*  
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