

**WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 27, 2023**

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

Public: Perry Conrad.

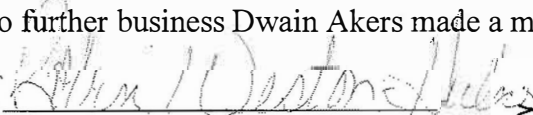
Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Chief Deputy Auditor; Phil Astell, EMA Director; Craig Greenwood, Commission; Emily Ade, Purdue Extension; John Comer, Commissioner; Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff; John Comer, Commissioner.

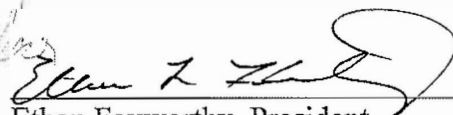
1. The Council Meeting was called to order by Ethan Foxworthy, Council President.
2. Ethan Foxworthy, Council President led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:
 - a. Weston-Hubner requested to remove Highway Budget Adjustment from the agenda. Neil Ellis made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from Ben Dispennett, all voted in favor
 - b. Matt Commons made a motion to approve the Council minutes for Feb 27, 2023 Council Minutes seconded by Dwain Akers, all voted in favor.
 - c. 2023 Additional Appropriation Resolution – Matt Commons made a motion to approve Resolution #2023-0327A Additional Appropriations seconded by Neil Ellis, all voted in favor.
 - d. 2023 Salary Ordinance – Hart questioned the need for additional custodial. Discussed salary of \$95/day for custodial. Emily Ade explained the custodial position at the Extension and need. Matt Commons made a motion to approve part time custodial rate Highway, Extension and Health Department to amended 2023 Salary Ordinance #2023-0327B seconded by Ben Dispennett, all voted in favor.
 - e. Jordan Creek Wind Farm Abatement – Foxworthy explained the Economic Development payments extra versus the abatement additional. Dispennett explained comparing original project to projected amounts for abatements. Weston-Hubner explained the abatement agreement as well as actual tax dollars received in 2023. A financial review of the agreement proved that conditions were being met and no additional action is required.
 - f. Budget Community Improvement Project – Discussed the additional donation amounts this year. Discussed creating a line with a specific amount to aid the County in donations each year. Weston-Hubner presented and explained a financial analysis to the council. Ben Dispennett made a motion to add budget line for donations of \$25,000 appropriation called Community Improvement Projects to JCWF Economic Development Fund 4918 with a second from Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
4. Old Business:
 - a. 2023 Board Appointments – Weston-Hubner explained the outstanding County Board appointments for 2023 are ATC and Park Board. Matt Commons made a motion to appoint Phil Halsma to the ATC seconded by Rusty Hart, all voted in favor. Discussed the Park Board appointment, tabled until a later meeting.
5. Elected Official/Department Head comments:
 - a. Phil Astell, EMA Director – Astell stated he is not in favor of Coroner having decals on vehicle due to the situations with families of deceased. Additionally, the EMA building does not have room to park the coroner vehicle.
 - b. Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff – Pruitt explained the bid process for security/camera project for the Jail.
 - c. Emily Ade, Extension – Ade explained the Council donation budget was adjusted for 2023 and requested to have the \$5,000 moved back to the Fair Board due to the limitation of donations. Ade explained the letter from Purdue stating John Charlesworth is still working at Extension but Ade is currently the director. There are 3 educators John Charlesworth and Emily Grundy as well as 1 open position.
 - d. Robin Weston-Hubner, Chief Deputy Auditor – Discussed the dispatch budget and presented information concerning the increase to LIT or Tax Rate. Commons expressed desire not to raise taxes and interest in maintaining the current dispatch center for an extended period of time. Weston-Hubner will get information to the Council. Property Taxes should be mailed in the coming days and explained the increased township taxes due to the addition of Fire Territory tax rate.
6. Public Comment: No Public comment.

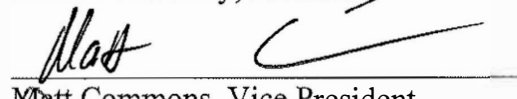
Next Council meeting April 24, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.

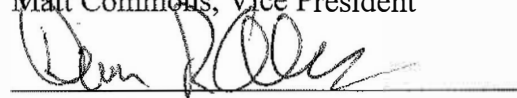
There being no further business Dwain Akers made a motion to adjourn seconded by Rusty Hart, all voted in favor.

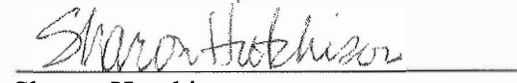
ATTEST:


Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor


Ethan Foxworthy, President


Matt Commons, Vice President


Dwain Akers


Sharon Hutchison


Neil Ellis


Ben Dispennett


Russell K Hart