

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

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

Public:

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff; John Kuiper, Zoning Director; Jenny Hobough, Highway Office Manager; Phil Astell, EMA Director.

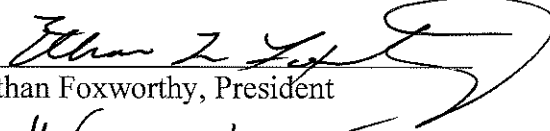
1. The Council Meeting was called to order by Ethan Foxworthy, Council President.
2. Ethan Foxworthy, Council President led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:
 - a. Sharon Hutchison made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from Neil Ellis all voted in favor
 - b. Matt Commons made a motion to approve the October 30, 2023 Council Minutes seconded by Dwain Akers, all voted in favor
 - c. Additional Appropriations – County General AIC Meetings \$1,500; Awards/Retirement \$1,750; County Attorney \$20,000. Sharon Hutchison made a motion to approve additional appropriations as presented seconded by Ben Dispennett, all voted in favor.
 - d. JOINK Broadband PILOT Agreement – Table Until Next Meeting.
4. Old Business:
5. Elected Official/Department Head comments:
 - a. John Kuiper, Zoning – Kuiper inquired about grants to help with installation of broadband to the homes. Dispennett stated the first 100 feet or less are free and more than 100 feet there are protentional Next Level and Indiana Broadband Connectivity funding. Once the line is active, residents can submit their address to a website and every quarter the State will bid out installation aid. Broadband agreement PILOT takes taxes to possibly use helping with the costs as well. Kuiper stated the County Animal Facility is insulated but in need of heat and air conditioning. Kuiper is working on quotes.
 - b. Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff – Sheriff Pruitt stated Jail has purchased a second dryer replacing the final original. This will be paid from Misdemeanant Funds, \$5028.48. The Council all voted to approve.
 - c. Phil Astell, EMA – Astell stated still working on siren but Fountain County has an issue and are working to resolve.
 - d. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor – Weston-Hubner explained the budget for Local Road & Street 2023 needs to be reduced by \$220,000. Neil Ellis voted in favor of reducing the Local Road & Street 2023 budget by \$220,000 seconded by Dwain Akers, all voted in favor. Weston-Hubner explained the next JCWF Abatement meeting will be December 6th at 2:00 p.m. Weston-Hubner explained the 1782's for 2024 budget and fall settlement has been finalized and disbursements will be made this week.
6. Public Comment: No Public comment.

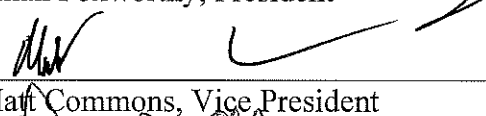
Next Council meeting December 18, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m.

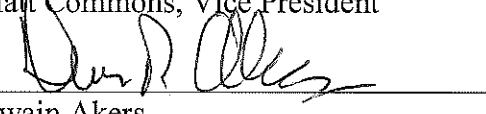
There being no further business Neil Ellis made a motion to adjourn seconded by Sharon Hutchison, all voted in favor.

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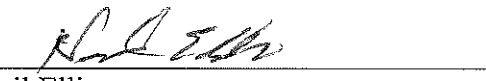
Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor

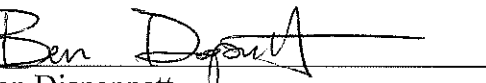

Ethan Foxworthy, President

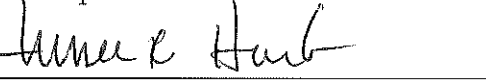

Matt Commons, Vice President


Dwain Akers


Sharon Hutchison


Neil Ellis


Ben Dispennett


Russell K Hart