

**WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY JUNE 18, 2024**

Council present for the meeting: Neil Ellis, Ben Dispennett, Ethan Foxworthy, Dwain Akers, John Hetrick

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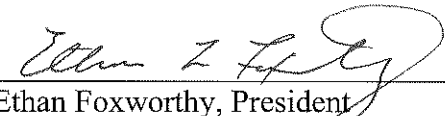
Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; John Comer, Commissioner; Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff; Charity Perigo, Chief Deputy Auditor; Clay Andrews, Commissioner; John Comer, Commissioner, Bonnie Adams, Prosecutor.

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. Neil Ellis made a motion to approve the amended agenda seconded by Dwain Akers, all voted in favor.
 - b. Ben Dispennett made a motion to approve the Council minutes for April 16, 2024 Council Minutes seconded by Neil Ellis, all voted in favor.
 - c. Additional Appropriations Resolution – Ben Dispennett made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-0618A seconded by Dwain Akers, all voted in favor.
 - d. 2025 budget – Discussed items to be added to the 2025 budget such as ambulance and Community Crossing Grant County Share.
 - e. Sheriff Budget – Sheriff Pruitt explained 2025 is a 3 vehicle purchase year at \$51,887.76 per vehicle. Increases in cleaning supplies, foods, overtime in Jail budget. Overtime increased due to transporting prisoners but exploring other options such as correctional officers facilitating transports to keep deputies on the road. Sheriff budget has increases in garage and motor (oil changes, breaks) exploring cost savings options such as Highway Department doing oil changes. Hiring a second SRO is costly to the School and County which the county would be liable for the costs. Salary matrix based off 3% increase and merit years which is an increase of \$52,816 over all. Discussed the salary matrix to retain deputies. Dispennett questioned if 1 vehicle could be purchased in 2025 to aid in the extra funds needed for salary matrix. Sheriff agreed to this possibility. Discussed meal cost and exploring new company which could decrease the costs. Discussed purchase of new duty guns with a trade in program costing \$12,025.66 out of firearm fund.
 - f. Prosecutor Budget - Bonnie Adams, Prosecutor, explained Prosecutor and Deputy Prosecutor salary increased to \$5,000 which is reimbursed through Title IV-D. Presented a payroll matrix to retain employees. Currently overseeing over 200 open cases. Adams explained issue with replacing employees as only 2 people can train a new employee. Explained investigations and time that it takes for her staff and the value that employees bring to the table. Explained the Title IV-D audit from 2022 paid from deferral fund. Discussed possibly hiring a part time investigator and pay for out deferral funds. Explained the crime issues in the County. Discussed the client fees Diane was receiving now Prosecutor will be processing these clients. Discussed bonus for employees from Diversion and Deferral Funds of \$5,000 each to Jami and Suzanne. Requested to add this to Fund 2510 and 2515.
 - g. Additional Appropriations – Weston-Hubner explained \$10,000 Election Budget for Software Consulting and \$100,000 for MJ Electric litigation costs to the County General. Ben Dispennett made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$10,000 to the Election budget seconded by John Hetrick, all voted in favor. Ben Dispennett made a motion to approve the \$100,000 to County General for MJ Electric Litigation seconded by Dwain Akers, all voted in favor.
 - h. Ben Dispennett, Council – Dispennett explained Next Level 4 funding for broadband connections south of Williamsport.
4. Old Business:
5. Elected Official/Department Head comments:
6. Public Comment:

Next Council meeting June 18, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m.

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

ATTEST: 
Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor



Ethan Foxworthy, President

Matt Commons, Vice President


Dwain Akers

Sharon Hutchison


Neil Ellis


Ben Dispennett


John Hetrick