

**WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY MAY 21, 2024**

Council present for the meeting: Matt Commons, Ben Dispennett, Ethan Foxworthy, Dwain Akers and John Hetrick

Public: Kara Dewlen, LEDO.

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; John Comer, Commissioner; Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff; Charity Perigo, Chief Deputy Auditor;

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. Add West Lebanon Library Board Appointment. Matt Comms made a motion to approve the amended agenda seconded by Neil Ellis, all voted in favor.
  - b. Ben Dispennett made a motion to approve the Council minutes for April 16, 2024 Council Minutes seconded by Dwain Akers, all voted in favor.
  - c. Abatements 2024 Pay 2025 –
    - i. Jordan Creek Wind Farm LLC Real Property – Foxworthy opened the floor for a motion finding that Jordan Creek Wind Farm LLC Real Property substantially complied with their State of Benefits Abatement. Matt Commons made a motion to approve Jordan Creek Wind Farm LLC Real Property Abatement Dwain Akers, all voted in favor.
    - ii. Jordan Creek Wind Farm LLC Utility – Foxworthy opened the floor for a motion finding that Jordan Creek Wind Farm LLC Utility substantially complied with their State of Benefits Abatement. Ben Dispennett made a motion to approve Jordan Creek Wind Farm LLC Utility Abatement Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
    - iii. Willow Dairy LLC Real Property – Foxworthy opened the floor for a motion finding that Willow Dairy LLC Real Property substantially complied with their State of Benefits Abatement. Matt Commons made a motion to approve Willow Dairy LLC Real Property Abatement Ben Dispennett, all voted in favor.
    - iv. Willow Dairy LLC Personal Property – Foxworthy opened the floor for a motion finding that Willow Dairy LLC Personal Property substantially complied with their State of Benefits Abatement. Dwain Akers made a motion to approve Willow Dairy LLC Personal Property Abatement John Hetrick, all voted in favor.
    - v. Stewart Grain Co Inc Real Property – Foxworthy opened the floor for a motion finding that Stewart Grain Co Inc Real Property substantially complied with their State of Benefits Abatement. Ben Dispennett made a motion to approve Stewart Grain Co Inc Real Property Abatement Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
    - vi. Stewart Grain Co Inc Personal Property – Foxworthy opened the floor for a motion finding that Stewart Grain Co Inc Personal Property substantially complied with their State of Benefits Abatement. John Hetrick made a motion to approve Stewart Grain Co Inc Real Property Abatement Dwain Akers, all voted in favor.
    - vii. Kuri Tec Manufacturing Real Property – Foxworthy opened the floor for a motion finding that Kuri Tec Manufacturing Real Property substantially complied with their State of Benefits Abatement. Matt Commons made a motion to approve Stewart Grain Co Inc Real Property Abatement Ben Dispennett, all voted in favor.
    - viii. Kuri Tec Manufacturing Personal Property – Foxworthy opened the floor for a motion finding that Kuri Tec Manufacturing Personal Property substantially complied with their State of Benefits Abatement. Dwain Akers made a motion to approve Stewart Grain Co Inc Real Property Abatement John Hetrick, all voted in favor.
  - d. Additional Appropriation – Foxworthy explained the add appropriations. Dispennett explained the broadband additional appropriations. Dwain Akers made a motion to approve the below additional appropriation seconded by Ben Dispennett, all voted in favor.
    1. Public Safety – Fund 1170 40205.00000.0361 – EMA St V Tower Equipment; \$4,000
    2. Riverboat County Share – Fund 1191 41600.00000.0000 – Ambulance Equipment; \$68,000
    3. Jordan Creek Wind Farm Economic Development – Fund 4918 30205.00000.0000 – Broadband Project; \$2,619,000
    4. ARPA – Fund 8904 30205.00000.0000 – Broadband Project; \$1,400,000
  - e. West Lebanon Library Board Appointment – Virginia Gabbard to complete Patsy Reynolds term May 1 2024 through June 30 2027. Ben Dispennett made a motion to appoint Virginia Gabbard seconded by Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
  - f. Resolution Transfer of Funds to Rainy Day – Foxworthy explained the Rainy Day ordinance moving 2023 remaining budget funds in the amount of \$190,000 to Rainy Day Fund. Matt Commons made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-0521A seconded by ~~Matt Commons~~ Ben Dispennett, all voted in favor.
4. Old Business:
  - a. Infrastructure Study – Dispennett explained Baker Tilley Infrastructure Study that will show infrastructure updates needed to forecast budgets. Commissioners will look into the study.
5. Elected Official/Department Head comments:
  - a. Ben Dispennett – Dispennett gave an update on JOINK Broadband Project. Fiber across I-74 and SR 136 crossing have been accomplished, continuous conduit to State Line has been ran. Possibly have State Line live by June. There will be a celebration when the first home receives internet.
  - b. Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Dispatch Fountain County – Foxworthy explained nothing has changed other than dates and Commissioners have approved the Agreement. Matt Commons made a motion to approve

the Fountain/Warren County Interlocal Agreement Emergency Dispatch seconded by Dwain Akers, all voted in favor.

- c. Sheriff Anthony Pruitt – The 1992 dryer has been replaced and second dryer needs to be replaced. Quote for \$6,084 from Loomis Bros Equipment to be paid from Misdemeanant Funds. Matt Commons made a motion to approve the \$6,084 from Misdemeanant Funds second by John Hetrick, all voted in favor. Sheriff Pruitt stated he will have quotes in near future for changing duty guns out and adding optic. This will be paid through Firearms Fund.
- d. John Comer, Commissioner – Comer explained the Commissioners voted to donate \$10,000 to A Better Way Food COOP from JCWF Economic Development.
- e. Ben Dispennett, Kara Dewlen; LEDO - Discussed READI Grant with 3 items exploring for the funding and will have more information in September. Of the \$35 million each county is getting approximately \$4 million to work with but the IEDC must approve the projects.

6. Public Comment:

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

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

ATTEST: Robin Weston-Hubner  
Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor

Ethan Foxworthy  
Ethan Foxworthy, President

Matt Commons  
Matt Commons, Vice President

Dwain Akers  
Dwain Akers

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Sharon Hutchison

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Neil Ellis

Ben Dispennett  
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