

WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

Council present for the meeting: Neil Ellis, Ben Dispennett, Ethan Foxworthy, Dwain Akers, John Hetrick, Matt Commons, Sharon (remote)

Public: Josh Hesselink, Larry Richey, LeAnn Conrad, Lyn Martin, Michele Stucky.

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff; Charity Perigo, Chief Deputy Auditor; Ingrid Barce, County Attorney.

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 agenda seconded by John Hetrick, all voted in favor.
 - b. Ben Dispennett made a motion to approve the Council minutes for August 17, 2024 Council Minutes seconded by Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
 - c. 2025 Budget Adoption Warren County – Matt Commons made a motion to adopt the 2025 Warren County Budget seconded by Ben Dispennett, all voted in favor.
 - d. 2025 Budget Adoption Warren County Solid Waste – Ben Dispennett made a motion to adopt the 2025 Warren County Solid Waste Budget seconded by Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
 - e. 2025 State Line Budget Hearing – Matt Commons made a motion to adopt the 2025 State Line Budget seconded by Ben Dispennett, all voted in favor
 - f. Additional Appropriation Resolution – Ben Dispennett made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-0820A County General Software Contracts seconded by John Hetrick, all voted in favor.
 - g. Additional Appropriation – Ben Dispennett made a motion to approve the additional appropriations of County General Per Diem, Furniture & Fixtures, Pest Control, PTO Separation Pay, Expense to State Institution and Office Supplies, Economic Development seconded by Neil Ellis, all voted in favor.
 - h. Abatement Kuri Tech Real and Personal Property – Barce explained Kuri Tech tax abatements and presented Personal and Real property SB-1, Declaratory Resolution, building/improvements schedule. Declaratory Resolution explained will be in newspaper. Final approval for 24 pay 25 will be heard at the October Council Meeting. Abatement schedule is standard 10 year 10%. Josh Hesselink explained 2 facilities under one umbrella. This abatement for new equipment and new line expanding the facility. Explained more work force adding.
 - i. Real Property – Matt Commons made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-0917E finding Kuri Tech has substantially complied with the Real Property Statement of Benefits seconded by Ben Dispennett, all in favor.
 - ii. Personal Property – Neil Ellis made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-0917F finding Kuri Tech has substantially complied with Personal Property Statement of Benefits seconded by Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
 - i. Community Foundation, Michele Stucky – Stucky explained the proposal for purchase of land to help promote the County. Discussed \$8 million in spending buckets created by comprehensive/strategic plan. Discussed expenses for a park. Ultimately would be the Commissioners discission. Discussed selling the county farm ground. Discussed contingent on selling the farm to purchase this land. Market analysis is \$1.3 million and family has interest in continued hunting on the ground. Discussed setting up a committee of Ben Dispennett, Matt Commons and John Comer. Possibly adding park board in. Barce will look into the parcel.
4. Old Business:
5. Elected Official/Department Head comments:
 - a. Weston-Hubner – Explained SBOA audit continues with no issues, facility improvement plan with HR building being closed, EMA Director position placement. Discussed rebuilding the EMA building. Discussed grant for EMA facility EOC. Hutchison stated the EMA salary grant will only cover \$18,000 max.

6. Public Comment:

Next Council meeting October 15, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m.

There being no further business Matt Commons 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

Sharon Hutchison
Sharon Hutchison

Neil Ellis
Neil Ellis

Ben Dispennett
Ben Dispennett

John Hetrick
John Hetrick