

**WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

Council present for the meeting: Ben Dispennett, Ethan Foxworthy, John Hetrick, Nicolas Weston, Neil Ellis, Brady Foster, Dwain Akers.

Public: Cody Craigin

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; John Comer, Commissioner; Antony Pruitt, Sheriff; Jim Morson, EMA Director.

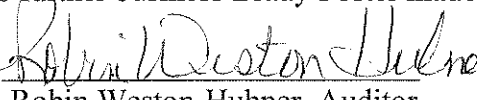
1. The Council Meeting was called to order by Ethan Foxworthy, Council President.
2. Ethan Foxworthy, Council President led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:
 - a. Ben Dispennett made a motion to approve the amended agenda seconded by John Hetrick, all voted in favor.
 - b. Nicolas Weston made a motion to approve the Council minutes for Jan 21, 2025 Council Minutes seconded by Dwain Akers, all voted in favor.
 - c. 2025 Salary Ordinance – Foxworthy explained addition of part time probation officer, part time prosecutor budget. Ben Dispennett made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-0218A seconded by John Hetrick, all voted in favor.
 - d. Additional Appropriation Resolution – Ben Dispennett made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-0218B seconded by Neil Ellis, all voted in favor.
 - e. Resolution to Transfer Funds to Rainy Day Fund – Foxworthy explained transfer of \$402,563.06 from County General 2024 budgets to Rainy Day. Neil Ellis made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-0218C seconded by Nicholas Weston, all voted in favor.
 - f. Additional Appropriation – Weston-Hubner explained a request from Williamsport Ball Program of \$10,000 from JCWF Economic Development Fund 4918, Commissioner's agreed at their February 17 2025 meeting. John Hetrick made a motion to approve the \$10,000 donation to Williamsport Ball Program of \$10,000 and Health Department Health First Fund 1161 budget increase seconded by Dwain Akers, all voted in favor.
4. Old Business:
5. Elected Official/Department Head comments:
 - a. Anthony Pruitt, Sheriff – Sheriff Pruitt explained Jail water heater failed and has been replaced, quotes were received from Johnson Sewer, BT Reynolds and Eberhardt. Eberhardt was the lower quote at \$8,980.
 - b. Jim Morson, EMA Director; Cody Craigin, EMA – Morson explained the \$32,800 request for EOC Comms vehicles to get things up and functioning. Remainder of items are to get the EMA closer to EOC being up and running. VHF and 800 system, towers in Pine Village, West Lebanon and Williamsport. Quotes received Ra-Comm \$99,000; J&K \$72,000. Craigin explained communication issues in different areas of the county as well as extending safety capability. Ben Dispennett made a motion to approve \$32,8000 budget line and additional appropriation Fund 1170 Public safety seconded by Neil Ellis, all voted in favor. Discussed the Dispatch 911 agreement with Fountain County. Commissioners are currently working with Fountain County to settle on agreement.
 - c. John Comer, Commissioner – Comer explained regional READI funds used to help with broadband, 2.0 projects regional water system with Oxford and Pine Village. Explained Pine Village water study complete and financial assistance needed and Commissioners agreed to help with giving \$600,000 to Pine Village. Discussed READI grants and project, Council tabled until more information is provided.
 - d. Robin Weston-Hubner, auditor – Weston-Hubner explained currently working on the 24 pay 25 taxes, abstract, etc. There have been several issues with taxing program MVP slowing down the process.
 - e. Craig Greenwood, Commissioner – Greenwood presented Purdue Extension reports provided by Emily Ade. Explained Warren County Extension has been short an employee over a year but the County has been paying for this position. Currently reviewing the County agreement with extension.
 - f. Ben Dispennett – Broadband letters of support to 3 companies Joink, Nextlink, Comcast. Weston-Hubner requested copies of the letters for the County records. Discussed LTAP Purdue presentation concerning Wheel Tax.

6. Public Comment:

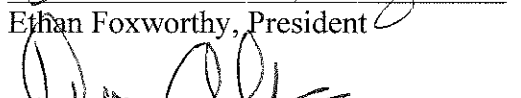
Next Council meeting February 24, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.

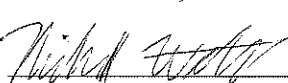
There being no further business Brady Foster made a motion to adjourn seconded by Nicholas Weston, all voted in favor.

ATTEST:



Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor



Ethan Foxworthy, President


Dwain Akers, Vice President


Nicholas Weston


Brady Foster


Neil Ellis


Ben Dispennett


John Hetrick