

WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2025

Council present for the meeting: Ben Dispennett, Ethan Foxworthy, John Hetrick, Nicolas Weston.

Public: Michell Stuckey, Greg Robison,

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Charity Perigo, Chief Deputy Auditor; Cori Herndon, Accounts Payable Deputy; Craig Greenwood, Commissioner; Clay Andrews, Commissioner; 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. Add Sheriff 2025 Annual Report and Contract. Ben Dispennett made a motion to approve the amended agenda seconded by John Hetrick, all voted in favor.
 - b. Reorganization of Council – Ben Dispennett made a motion to appoint Ethan Foxworthy 2025 President of the Council seconded by Nicholas Weston, all voted in favor. John Hetrick made a motion to appoint Dwain Akers 2025 Vice President of the Council seconded by Ben Dispennett, all voted in favor.
 - c. Nicolas Weston made a motion to approve the Council minutes for Dec 16, 2025 Council Minutes seconded by Ben Dispennett, all voted in favor.
 - d. Prosecutor Adams, Intern Position – John Hetrick made a motion to approve prosecutor intern position paid from Funds 2510, 2515 at \$6,500/each fund total of \$13,000 at \$17.00/hour from now until September seconded by Nicholas Weston, all voted in favor.
 - e. Judge Reece/Part Time Prosecutor – John Hetrick made a motion to approve part time prosecutor position at \$28.11/hour per state code total budget \$5,000 paid from Fund 2000 seconded by Nicholas Weston, all voted in favor.
 - f. Additional Appropriation – Weston-Hubner explained additional appropriation requests for Court Grant Salaries, Part Time Probation Officer, EMA, Prosecutor Part Time Intern. John Hetrick made a motion to approve all requested additional appropriations seconded by Nicholas Weston, all voted in favor.
 - g. 2025 County Boards – Discussed appointments Ben Dispennett made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-0121A 2025 Warren County Appointed Boards seconded by Nicholas Weston, all voted in favor.
 - h. Michelle Stucky, Community Foundation – Stucky explained a grant for canoe/kayak launch off of Morris Hill Road. County owns these areas. Ready to move forward with the engineering portion. Grant current, this is not a DNR launch due to county waterway. Grant is for launch only with no match requirements for county.
 - i. 2025 Sheriff Contract and Annual Report – Sheriff Pruitt explained the 2024 Annual Report of operations. Money not used from 2024 budget Jail \$28,002.74, Sheriff \$29,432.60 and Public Safety S \$1,673.90. Discussed meal budget. Sheriff Pruitt explained the report in detail. Discussed the Sheriff Contract with only change from last year is salary. Fire Marshall inspected the Jail with no issues. State Jail Inspection is in April. Ben Dispennett made a motion to approve the 2025 Sheriff Contract and 2024 Annual Report seconded by John Hetrick, all voted in favor.

4. Old Business: _____
Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor

5. Elected Official/Department Head comments:
 - a. Jim Morson, EMA Director – Morson explained EMA Board meeting will be held January 22. Travel caution was changed from yellow to green after bad weather.
 - b. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor – Weston-Hubner explained working on 2024 W-2 and 1099, 2024 Annual Report, 2024 pay 2025 taxes. Updates to the Commissioner Room will be made in the coming months.
 - c. Ben Dispennett, Council – Dispennett requested a Council Commissioner joint meeting to discuss comprehensive plan and actions items checked off and look at remaining to prioritize. Suggested meeting in February after the next council meeting. Broad band project using state funds of \$960 million federal funds providers pay 25% with 75% reimbursement from State. Broadband task force is working on BEAD which is due Feb 12. Dispennett proposed representatives from Council/Commissioners. Ethan Foxworthy made a motion to appoint council representative Ben Dispennett seconded by Nicholas Weston, all voted in favor.

6. Public Comment:

Next Council meeting February 18, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.

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

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

Ethan Foxworthy
Ethan Foxworthy, President

Dwain Akers
Dwain Akers, Vice President

Nicholas Weston
Nicholas Weston

Brady Foster
Brady Foster

Neil Ellis
Neil Ellis

Ben Dispennett
Ben Dispennett

John Hetrick
John Hetrick