

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
107 W. Locust Street
Boonville, Indiana
December 5, 2024
6:00 PM

The Warrick County Council met in regular session in the Warrick County Courthouse, 107 W. Locust Street, Boonville, Indiana.

Attorney Cliff Whitehead and Administrator Krystal Powless were in attendance.

Recording Secretary Kristine Georges attended and recorded the minutes.

The public could view the meeting via Warrick County Government YouTube channel at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOK8y7IXclpK9le8VV4pr9w?view_as=subscriber

Council President, Brad Overton, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Councilmen present in person: Ron Bacon, Rob Dimmett, Ted Metzger, Brad Overton, Richard Reid, Greg Richmond, and Chris Whetstone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
NOVEMBER 7, 2024 REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2024 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 17, 2024 BUDGET ADOPTION

The minutes from the November 7, 2024 Regular Session Meeting, October 3, 2024 Budget - Public Hearing, and October 17, 2024 Budget Adoption were presented. There were no corrections. Councilman Richmond asked if he could vote on the Budget Adoption since he wasn't present. Attorney Cliff Whitehead said that he could vote. Councilman Rob Dimmett made the motion to approve all the presented minutes. Councilman Greg Richmond seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS
GENERAL OBLIGATION PROJECT

Mr. Dave Rector with Project Partnership presented. He gave an update for all the projects they are currently working on for Warrick County. The first was the General Obligation Project. They have been meeting with all the various people involved. They have met with Monica at Animal Control on what a new building might look like including floor plans and are working on estimates. They have also looked at the storage facility by the Old Jail for a possible place for the maintenance shop removing it from the basement of the Judicial Center. That is a project that will probably not need drawings. The Third Street Records Storage is to look at adding a pole barn storage facility to move all of the storage out of the basement area of the Judicial Center. The Commissioners are looking at some office space or other use for the basement of the Judicial Center.

HIGHWAY FACILITY UPDATE

Next was the Conceptual Plan for the Highway Garage Building. A handout was presented to the Council. Mr. Byron Sanders with Project Partnership went over the site plans and the assessments that have been done so far. A permitting process will also need to be done for Army Corps of Engineers. He also reviewed the procedures for getting and presenting the pricing and building options. Mr. Sanders also went over an estimated timeline and said that, if it went forward, it wouldn't have to be budgeted until 2026.

Councilman Dimmett asked if the Army Corps of Engineers said anything about the County moving the ditch located on the property. Mr. Byron Sanders said that they haven't yet and they briefly discussed the issue with Councilman Dimmett. He assured that they were going through the proper processes. Councilman Dimmett also asked when the next meeting would be. Mr. Sanders said that the next committee meeting probably won't be until the first of the year.

Councilman Overton's biggest concern is why everything is being put into the lower portion of the property where there may be an issue with flooding. There is a lot of frontage there that could be used. He also addressed some of his other concerns. Mr. Sanders said that County Engineer Bobby Howard could better answer some of his questions, but he wasn't present for the meeting. It will be an item that they will address in the future on the location and the utilization for the Council.

SHERIFF'S SECURITY CENTER

Mr. Bill Nix with Project Partnership gave an update for the Security Center. He said that he's the field guy on the site. The Council received paperwork on this as well. He reviewed what had been completed and their work with Meristem with the IDEM needs. Currently, they don't see any unforeseen issues. He went over the contractors currently working on the projects that are local contractors and the areas they are specializing in. The Commissioners have

also signed off on the final payment to DCI. The project itself is a couple weeks behind because of some steel issues, but they see it catching up in the next steps. Mr. Nix said they have also been good stewards of the county's money. Mr. Sanders reiterated this by saying that their goal is to see money come back to the county through some of the contingency funds they have set up. Their goal is to give back about \$3,000,000.00.

Councilman Richmond asked about the sewer issue. Mr. Nix said that it was all taken care of and gave the Council a brief review.

**PARKS & RECREATION BUSINESS
OTHER SERVICES**

President Overton read the following into the record:

Park and Recreation	1219.30200.000.0000	Other Services	\$26,400.00
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Park Superintendent Ben Labhart was present to review the request. He said this was removal of a large tree that they were not equipped to be able to do themselves. The total cost however is \$16,550.00. Councilman Rob Dimmett made a motion to approve the reduced amount of \$16,550.00. Councilman Greg Richmond seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**COMMISSIONER BUSINESS
WORKMAN'S COMP**

President Overton read the following into the record:

Commissioner	1000.34300.000.0068	Workman's Comp	\$6,921.00
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Administrative Assistant Dana Upton presented for the Commissioner's Office. Council Administrator also reviewed the request and said that the Council received an email on the request. This is the exact amount needed. Councilman Ron Bacon made a motion to approve. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

E911

President Overton read the following into the record:

E911	1222.31400.000.0000	Contractual Services	\$150,000.00
	1222.30200.000.0000	Other Services and Charges	\$7000.00
	1222.32450.000.0000	Communication Repair	\$4000.00

Administrator Powless said that there are a couple of claims that have caused it to go over. There is plenty of money in the E911 Fund. Councilman Ron Bacon made a motion to approve. Councilman Chris Whetstine seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-2 with Councilmen Ted Metzger and Rick Reid opposing.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING
DISCUSSION**

Ms. Powless said there was no one present to discuss this. The Council moved on to the next item.

HANDBOOK POLICY, REIMBURSEMENTS, TRANSFERS OR CORRECTIONS

President Overton read the following into the record:

Transfer – Commissioner
Transfer From:

1000.11410.000.0068	Administrative Clerk	\$9,525.43
1000.11700.000.0068	Animal Control Officer	\$17,208.07
1000.11701.000.0068	Assist. Animal Control Officer	\$9,573.09
1000.11900.000.0068	Administrator	\$8,511.00
1000.17100.000.0068	FICA	\$1,500.00
1000.17200.000.0068	PERF	\$1,500.00
1000.17400.000.0068	Unemployment	\$4,000.00
1000.18220.000.0068	Overtime Pay	\$3,000.00
	Total:	\$54,817.59

Transfer To:

1000.33000.000.0068	Utilities	\$13,394.36
1000.31200.000.0068	Legal Services	\$12,023.23
1000.31400.000.0068	Contractual Services	\$10,000.00
1000.31501.000.0068	Juvenile Detention	\$10,000.00
1000.34100.000.0068	Official Bonds	\$4,000.00
1000.22100.000.0068	Gas Oil & Lube	\$1,000.00
1000.22600.000.0068	Fuel & Pest Control	\$400.00
1000.32410.000.0068	Cell Phones	\$1,000.00
1000.30200.000.0068	Other Services & Charges	\$3,000.00
	Total:	\$54,817.59

Ms. Powless said that the Commissioner’s Office has several claims that need to be paid that they don’t have money for. This is a plan to get their claims paid without an additional appropriation. The Council received a handout with all the information. She also said that she has been working with Grants Administrator Debbie Bennett-Stearsman to get the spreadsheet put together. There are several claims that are older that need to be paid. Councilman Metzger asked about any redundancies. Ms. Powless said that there were none. The legal fees were also discussed. Ms. Bennett-Stearsman also went over some of the numbers. President Overton asked what the contractual services were for. There was a brief discussion. Ms. Powless again stated that this was all a way to get the current claims paid without an additional appropriation. President Overton also asked about the cell phones. Ms. Bennett-Stearsman said they were three months behind. Councilman Rob Dimmett made the motion to approve. Councilman Greg Richmond seconded the motion. Councilman Dimmett said that the bills need to be paid. The motion carried 6-1 Councilman Brad Overton opposing.

Salary Ordinance – Sheriff Department (Handbook policy)

President Overton read the following into the record:

Jail Commander	Pay-out	5 days	\$1,141.81
Deputy	Pay-out	5 days	\$1,379.92
	Pay-out	5 days	\$1,432.09
	Pay-out	5 days	\$1,553.84
	Pay-out	5 days	\$1,223.44
	Pay-out	2 days	\$420.27
	Termination pay-out		\$10,746.92
	Termination pay-out		\$4,241.16

Additional Appropriation- Department (Handbook policy)			\$7,263.00
Jail	1000.11336.000.0380	Cook	

Sheriff Mike Wilder was present. He wanted to clarify that the termination pay-out was for an officer that had passed away. Councilman Rick Reid made the motion to approve. Councilman Ron Bacon seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

(December Appropriations is located on Page 4 of these Official Minutes)

COUNCIL BUSINESS
2025 MEETING DATES

Several options for meeting dates were presented to the Council. There were dates and times for both Tuesday and Thursday meetings as Ms. Powless was requested to check Tuesdays at 6:00 pm or at 5:00 pm.

Councilman Dimmett went over his reasons for Thursday. Councilman Reid was also in favor of Thursday. Councilman Bacon would like to see meetings on Tuesday. There was a brief discussion on different dates and times. Councilman Ron Bacon made a motion for meetings to be held on Tuesday at 6:00 pm. Councilman Greg Richmond seconded the motion. There was more discussion as Councilman Dimmett can't be present the first Tuesday meeting in January. Councilman Bacon amended his motion to move meetings to Tuesday except for the first meeting in January to be held on Thursday, January 9, 2025. Councilman Dimmett said that he can't make January 9th date either. After a brief discussion, the motion was amended back to the original motion of Tuesdays at 6:00 pm with it being again made by Councilman Ron Bacon and seconded by Councilman Greg Richmond. The motion carried 4-3 with Councilmen Ted Metzger, Brad Overton, and Rick Reid opposing. The meetings will be on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS
APPOINTMENT LIST

Administrator Powless stated that the Council had all received the appointments list for 2025 for review.

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER AND COUNSEL

President Overton presented plaques to outgoing Counsel Cliff Whitehead. He has been Council Attorney since 2015 on the recommendation of Judge Granger. Attorney Whitehead thanked the current and former Council members and also expressed his thanks to Ms. Powless for all her work. He said this was not goodbye as he is just moving to the Commissioner’s Board and is excited for the challenges ahead. Several Councilmen thanked him for is work. Ms. Powless also stated her appreciation for everything he has done. President Overton appreciated that with Attorney Whitehead it has always been about the law and not politics.

President Overton then presented a plaque to outgoing Board member Ted Metzger. Councilman Metzger has served on the Council since 2016. President Overton expressed his appreciation for his good fiscal policy and, while they haven’t always agreed, he has appreciated his different points of view. Councilman Metzger stated that it has definitely been an experience and his goal has always been to represent the taxpayers of the County.

TIF REPORT

The Council received the TIF Report and acknowledged its receipt.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Warrick County Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Commissioners' meeting room. Councilman Rob Dimmett made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Rick Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL

Brad Overton
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Ron Bacon
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Richard Reid
Richard Reid
Chris Whetstone
Chris Whetstone

Ted Metzger
Ted Metzger
Robert Dimmett
Robert Dimmett
Greg Richmond
Greg Richmond

ATTEST:

Michael J. Dietsch
Michael J. Dietsch, Auditor
Warrick County, IN

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Kristine Georges, Official Recording Secretary

Sec. 1 Be it ordained (resolved) by the Warrick County Council, Warrick County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the taxing unit the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the proposed specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

FUND	APPROPRIATION NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Park and Recreation Commissioner E911	1219.30200.000.0000	Other Services	\$26,400.00	16,950.00
	1000.34300.000.0068	Workman's Comp	\$6,921.00	6,921.00
	1222.31400.000.0000	Contractual Services	\$150,000.00	150,000.00
	1222.30200.000.0000	Other Services and Charges	\$7,000.00	7,000.00
	1222.32450.000.0000	Communication Repair	\$4,000.00	4,000.00
Jail	1000.11336.000.0380	Cook	\$7,263.00	7,263.00

Taxpayers appearing in the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the State Board of Tax Commissioners. The Board will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action.

Adopted this 5 day of DEC, 2024.

Brad Overton
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ATTEST: Michael J. Dietsch Mike Dietsch - Auditor Warrick County