



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**WARREN COUNTY, OHIO**  
406 Justice Drive, Lebanon, Ohio 45036  
[www.co.warren.oh.us](http://www.co.warren.oh.us)  
[commissioners@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:commissioners@co.warren.oh.us)

Telephone (513) 695-1250  
(513) 261-1250  
(513) 925-1250  
(937) 425-1250  
Facsimile (513) 695-2054

**TOM ARISS**  
**PAT ARNOLD SOUTH**  
**DAVID G. YOUNG**

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
WARREN COUNTY, OHIO

MINUTES: Special Meeting – January 23, 2014

The Board met in regular session pursuant to adjournment of the January 21, 2014, meeting.

Pat Arnold South - present

Tom Ariss - present

David G. Young - present

Tina Osborne, Clerk - present

- 14-0118      A resolution was adopted to hire Tiffany M. Hout as Emergency Communications Supervisor, within the Warren County Emergency Services Department.  
Vote: Unanimous
- 14-0119      A resolution was adopted to Set Public Hearing to consider the Road Name Change Request of the abandoned portion (due to the State of Ohio Department of Transportation Realignment Project) of State Route 123 in Clearcreek from State Route 123 to Old State Route 123. Vote: Unanimous
- 14-0120      A resolution was adopted to approve Federal Annual Certification Report within the US Department of Justice for the Greater Warren County Drug Task Force.  
Vote: Unanimous
- 14-0121      A resolution was adopted to declare various items within Clerk of Courts, Child Support Enforcement Agency, Emergency Services, Sewer Department, Solid Waste Management, Sheriff's Office and Water Department as surplus and authorize the disposal of said items. Vote: Unanimous
- 14-0122      A resolution was adopted to accept Group Life Insurance Policy and Rate Confirmation by Minnesota Insurance Company effective January 1, 2014.  
Vote: Unanimous

- 14-0123      A resolution was adopted to Rescind Resolution #14-0107 approving an Appropriation Adjustment within Fund #631-2810. Vote: Unanimous
- 14-0124      A resolution was adopted to approve Supplemental Appropriation into Clerk of Courts Certification of Title Administration Fund #250-1260. Vote: Unanimous
- 14-0125      A resolution was adopted to approve Appropriation Adjustment within the Workforce Investment Act Fund #258. Vote: Unanimous
- 14-0126      A resolution was adopted to approve Appropriation Adjustment from Commissioners General Fund #101-1110 into Records Center & Archives Fund #101-1500. Vote: Unanimous
- 14-0127      A resolution was adopted to authorize payment of Bills. Vote: Unanimous

#### DISCUSSIONS

On motion, upon unanimous call of the roll, the Board accepted and approved the consent agenda.

---

Mayor Nichols, City of Mason, was present along with Eric Hanson, Mason City Manager and Mason City Council for a continuation of discussion relative to territory in Union Township being transferred to the City of Lebanon for sanitary sewer services.

Chris Brausch, Sanitary Engineer, was present to give an update on the process of amending the Water Quality Management Plan to revise the wastewater boundaries within Warren County.

Mr. Brausch stated that upon discussion with OKI staff, the public hearing will proceed on January 27<sup>th</sup> and the public comment period will close the next day. He then stated that upon request of Warren County, staff will not present a recommendation to the Executive Committee at the February meeting but will delay the recommendation until a later time.

Mr. Brausch stated that the Board could request a delay until March in order to give adequate time to review the situation.



Eric Hanson, Mason City Manager, stated the following:

1. A delay is appropriate in order to address the land use issue
2. Mason has been responsive to communications and there is a meeting scheduled with the developer tomorrow
3. Does not want sewer services to disconnect from the land use issue

Mr. Hanson questioned when the development plan will be presented for consideration.

Commissioner Young stated land use was of great concern at the time the property was released. However, nothing can happen to change land use without going through the process.

Mr. Hanson suggested the land use process and any wastewater boundary plan go forward simultaneously.

Commissioner South stated that, upon review of the timeline, the City of Mason was notified of the discussions that had occurred relative to the City of Lebanon providing sanitary sewers. She then stated that notification to the schools would not have occurred until such time as a proposed development plan is submitted to the Regional Planning Commission. She then stated that the City of Mason was informed of this proposed development five (5) days before Warren County. She then stated that our County Administrator has been in contact with Mason City Manager prior to and after action was taken by the Board. She questioned why the City of Mason waited two months before voicing their objection to Warren County.

Mr. Hanson stated that the City was not blindsided on the discussion. He stated that they were never invited to participate in discussion. He stated they were blindsided by the statement in the letter to OKI stating the City of Lebanon was the best option to provide the sewer services.

The Board stated their opinion that a delay in this situation is in order.

Commissioner Young stated that nothing relative to a change in land use can occur with the process that begins with the Regional Planning Commission, which a Mason City Council employee is the President.

Commissioner South clarified that the decision to change the service boundary had nothing to do with land use. She stated the question was whether this property is best served if provided with sanitary sewer. She then stated that the land use question was a totally different matter to be discussed at a later date.

There was discussion relative to opposition to high density housing in this area of Warren County. Mayor Nichols questioned Commissioner South of how she would vote if a rezoning application was presented for high density housing.

Commissioner South stated that she cannot say how she would vote on a matter without the matter being presented, having all the facts surrounding the request.


Upon discussion, the Board requested Mr. Brausch to delay any recommendation to the OKI Executive Committee until the March meeting.

Mr. Hanson requested prior notice of any discussion is scheduled relative to sanitary sewers or land use in the area.

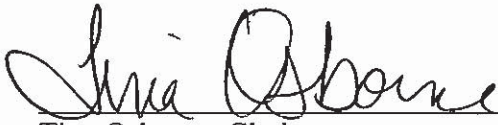
---

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Pat Arnold South, President

\_\_\_\_\_  
David G. Young  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Ariss

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held on January 23, 2014, in compliance with Section 121.22 O.R.C.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Tina Osborne, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners  
Warren County, Ohio