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MINUTES: Regular Session – June 29, 2021

The Board met in regular session pursuant to adjournment of the June 22, 2021 meeting.

David G. Young – present

Shannon Jones – present

Tom Grossmann – present

Tina Osborne, Clerk – present

Minutes of the June 15, 2021, and June 22, 2021, meeting were read and approved.

- 21-0870 A resolution was adopted to accept resignation of Patricia Jett, Clerical Specialist II, within the Warren County Department of Job and Family Services, Children Services Division, effective June 25, 2021. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0871 A resolution was adopted to accept resignation of Taylor Pendleton, Case Aide, within the Warren County Department of Job and Family Services, Children Services Division. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0872 A resolution was adopted to authorize the posting of a “Case Aide” position within the Department of Job and Family Services, Children Services Division, in accordance with the Warren County Personnel Policy Manual, section 2.02 (A). Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0873 A resolution was adopted to approve promotion of Alden Payzant from Building and Electrical Inspector II to Building and Electrical Inspector III within the Building and Zoning Department. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0874 A resolution was adopted to approve a pay increase for Virginia Books within the Warren County Department of Emergency Services. Vote: Unanimous

- 21-0875 A resolution was adopted to accept resignation of David Wood, LEPC/ Grants Coordinator, within the Warren County Emergency Services Department, effective July 9, 2021. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0876 A resolution was adopted to authorize the posting of the “LEPC/ Grants Coordinator” position, within the Warren County Emergency Services Department, in accordance with Warren County Personnel Policy Manual, section 2.02 (A). Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0877 A resolution was adopted to set public hearing for the rezoning application of Turtlecreek Investments, LLC/ Arthur Frasier Trust to rezone approximately 87.35 acres from Single Family Residential (1 acre density) “R1B” to Two-Family Residential “R2” with a Planned Unit Development overlay in Turtlecreek Township. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0878 A resolution was adopted to authorize County Administrator to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Warren County Sheriff and the Warren County Sheriff’s Office Benevolent Association. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0879 A resolution was adopted to enter into contract with Lebanon Functional Fitness (LFF) for the provision of functional fitness training classes as a pilot program offer to Warren County Sheriff’s Office Police Officers. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0880 A resolution was adopted to authorize the Warren County Prosecutor’s Office to represent the Board of County Commissioners against property loss caused by an uninsured motorist. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0881 A resolution was adopted to authorize publication of a Notice of Public Review for Warren County’s Consolidated Annual Performance and evaluation Report (CAPER) relative to the Warren County Development Block Grant Program Entitlement Program. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0882 A resolution was adopted to authorize President of the Board to sign the Task Completion Report with CentralSquare Technologies (FKA Tritech Software Systems) on behalf of Warren County Telecommunications. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0883 A resolution was adopted to approve agreement and addendum with Isaiah’s Place, Inc. as a child placement and related services provider for the Warren County Board of Commissioners on behalf of Warren County Children Services. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0884 A resolution was adopted to approve and enter into a TANF PRC Contract with the Warren County Educational Service Center on behalf of the Warren County Department of Human Services. Vote: Unanimous

- 21-0885 A resolution was adopted to approve and authorize the President of the Board to enter into Classroom Training Agreements on behalf of OhioMeansJobs Warren County. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0886 A resolution was adopted to approve Combined Regional and Local Plan on behalf of the Local Area 12 Workforce Development Board (WDB).
Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0887 A resolution was adopted to approve and enter into agreement with Ohio-Kentucky- Indiana Regional Council of Governments. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0888 A resolution was adopted to request Director of Transportation to review engineering and traffic investigation and to determine and declare a reasonable and safe prima-facie speed limit on Columbia Road (CR#15) beginning at Fields Ertel Road (CR#1) and continuing to Us 22-3. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0889 A resolution was adopted to declare various items within the Commissioners' Office, Clerk of Courts Legal Division, Facilities Management, Mary Haven, Prosecutor's Office, Telecommunications, Veteran's Office, and Water & Sewer Department and authorize the disposal of said items through internet auction.
Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0890 A resolution was adopted to enter into contract with Larry Smith Incorporated for the Franklin Area Water Treatment Plant Concentrate Discharge Lines Project.
Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0891 A resolution was adopted to award contract and enter into agreement with Peregrine Services, Inc. for printing and mailing services for the Water and Sewer Department. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0892 A resolution was adopted to enter into an exclusive and permanent highway easement agreement with Kings/ 71 LLC, for highway easement areas located along the future Kings Island Drive and Columbia Road frontages of the Kings Mills Resort Development, also known as the Kings Island Camp Cedar, in Deerfield Township. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0893 A resolution was adopted to enter into a permanent waterline and appurtenance easement agreement with Kings/ 71, LLC for the Kings Mills Resort Development, also known as Kings Island Camp Cedar, in Deerfield Township.
Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0894 A resolution was adopted to enter into an exclusive and permanent slope easement agreement with Kings/ 71 LLC, for slope easement areas located along the future Kings Island Drive frontages of the Kings Mills Resort Development, also known as the Kings Island Camp Cedar, in Deerfield Township.
Vote: Unanimous

- 21-0895 A resolution was adopted to acknowledge payment of bills. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0896 A resolution was adopted to enter into a subdivision public improvement performance and maintenance security agreement with Grand Communities, LLC for installation of certain improvements in Providence, Section Ten, situated in Hamilton Township. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0897 A resolution was adopted to enter into street and appurtenances (including sidewalks) security agreement with Grand Communities, LLC for installation of certain improvements in Providence, Section Ten, situated in Hamilton Township. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0898 A resolution was adopted to approve various record plats. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0899 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within Common Pleas #11011220. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0900 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within Telecommunications Department Fund #11012810. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0901 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within Dog and Kennel Fund #2206. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0902 A resolution was adopted to approve requisitions and authorize County Administrator to sign documents relative thereto. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0903 A resolution was adopted to approve appointment to the Mental Health Recovery Board Serving Warren and Clinton Counties. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0904 A resolution was adopted to cancel regularly scheduled Commissioners' Meeting of Tuesday July 13, 2021. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0905 A resolution was adopted to continue public hearing to consider the County's Year 2022 Tax Budget. Vote: Unanimous

DISCUSSIONS

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

The Board acknowledge receipt of an annexation petition to annex approximately 10.5383 acres to the Village of South Lebanon, Hamilton Township, Ohio, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 709.023 (Expedited Type 2), Stephen R. Hunt or Richard A. Paolo, Agent.

Suzanne Burke, Council on Aging of Southwest Ohio, was present for a work session to discuss the Warren County Elderly Services program and the expiring Elderly Services levy.

Mrs. Burke presented the attached presentation reviewing the demographics of the participants in the programs, the factors contributing to their needs and the various kinds of care available. She then discussed the cost of the programs and the funding which included \$7.7 million per year in levy dollars plan and additional \$2.6 million in federal funding and co-payments. She then provided information regarding the levy which will need renewed on the November ballot.

Commissioner Grossmann clarified for those in attendance that a renewal levy does not increase property taxes.

Commissioner Young discussed the great partnership between Warren County and the Council on Aging, using their expertise and oversight in partnership with surrounding counties.

Commissioner Jones stated that we are lucky to have Mrs. Burke's leadership in the agency.

There was discussion relative to the ability to reduce the millage and utilize surplus funds along with Covid recovery funds rather than property taxes.

There was also discussion relative to the need for the entire collection as well as discussion relative to the number of mills needed for the next levy cycle and the possibility of a levy that is shorter than the original five years.


Upon discussion, the Board requested that the Elderly Services levy finances be analyzed for a discussion at a future meeting.

Tiffany Zindel, County Administrator, discussed the availability of ARPA fund in the amount of a \$32,000 reimbursable grant for the Warren County Airport.

Mrs. Zindel discussed the various uses of the funding and upon discussion, the Board agreed to accept the funding on behalf of the Warren County Airport Authority.

On motion, upon unanimous call of the roll, the Board entered into executive session at 9:37 a.m. to discuss pending litigation (BOCC vs. Stephanie Roeder, et al) pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(3) and exited at 10:12 a.m.

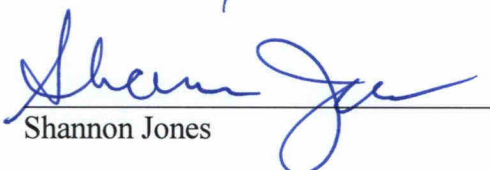
Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.



David G. Young, President




Tom Grossmann



Shannon Jones

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 June 29, 2021, in compliance with Section 121.29 O.R.C.



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



WARREN COUNTY ELDERLY SERVICES PROGRAM

HELPING OLDER ADULTS MAINTAIN INDEPENDENCE IN THEIR HOMES



MEETING THE COMMUNITY NEED

“ESP gives us a sense of security. There is always someone to call if we get into trouble. Getting old can be isolating, ESP helps.”

**Rosa and Bill, Warren County ESP
Clients**

COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

Characteristics of People Age 65+ in COA Service Area				
County	Households with ≥ 1 person 65+	Total % of Population	With a Disability	Living at or below 149% of Poverty Level
Butler	27%	15.1%	33%	13.7%
Clermont	28.6%	16.9%	31%	15.7%
Clinton	30.6%	17.6%	33%*	20.3%*
Hamilton	25.9%	15.7%	28%	16.9%
Warren	25.8%	14.9%	32%	10%

MANY FACTORS CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEED IN WARREN COUNTY

- 15 percent of the population is age 65 or older
- More than 1 in 4 households includes someone age 65 or older
- Over one-third of people age 65 and older have at least one disability
- 10 percent of people age 65 and older have incomes less than 149 percent of the Federal Poverty Level
- Caregivers are in short supply – families are smaller and more spread out. Adult children many responsibilities to juggle, including work and child-rearing
- 7 out of 10 people will need some form of long-term care during their life
- Most people – 9 out of 10 – prefer to stay in their homes as they age (AARP)

THE ELDERLY SERVICES PROGRAM MEETS THE COMMUNITY NEED

The goal of the Warren County Elderly Services Program is to help older adults remain independent in their homes for as long as possible.

- Enables older adults to stay safely in their homes, preserving independence and dignity.
- Keeps older adults connected to the communities they call home; helps long-married spouses stay together.
- Prevents costly and unnecessary nursing home placements which can save taxpayer money by keeping people off Medicaid.
- Is a safety net for people who are not eligible for other community programs (payer of last resort) but who also cannot afford private care.
- Helps families – sons and daughters juggling jobs, childrearing and elder care.
- Helps businesses who need workers to be productive, not sidelined by caregiving worries.



ELIGIBILITY & ENROLLMENT

“The services we received were a great help to me and my wife as caregivers. Because [mom] received home-delivered meals, she was able to have a hot, nutritious meal each day, so we, as caregivers, did not have to prepare three meals a day. It was helpful to know that we didn’t have to do everything.”

Gary, son and caregiver of WCESP client, Joan

ESP'S TYPICAL CLIENT

- 80-year-old woman with disabilities
- Needs help with bathing, cooking, cleaning, dressing, shopping
- Lives on a fixed income
- Family and friends pitch in to help out, but it's not enough
- Family is concerned it's not safe for her to live at home by herself
- Family is struggling to balance caregiving with other responsibilities including childrearing and careers
- With a call to ESP, she can get the help she needs, usually in her own home.



Total Community Members Served in 2020: 2,466

WHO DOES ESP HELP?

Of the 2,466 clients served in 2020:

- 56% live alone
- 56% were over 80 and 17% over 90
- 70% were female
- Average annual income is: \$26,424
- Average annual out of pocket medical costs: \$4,951
- Almost a third of clients share in the cost of their care



86%
Age 70+



70% Female
30% Male



56%
Live Alone

WHAT KIND OF CARE IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE ELDERLY SERVICES PROGRAM

Eligibility for each service is determined by a care manager during a home visit.

Client's care plans are tailored to meet their unique needs. Plans are flexible and change as needed.

- Adult day services
- Care management
- Consumer-directed Care
- Electronic monitoring systems – LifeLine and medication dispensers/alerts
- Environmental Services – pest control; major waste removal
- Home-delivered meals
- Medical equipment
- Transportation
- Home Care Assistance: housekeeping; personal care; errand; caregiver respite
- Minor home safety modifications and repairs
- Transitional Care when leaving a hospital or nursing facility (FastTrack Home)

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for the Elderly Services Program starts with a quick phone screening and must be confirmed with an in-home assessment.

- 60 years or older
- Resident of Warren County
- Need hands-on help with 2 or more everyday activities such as bathing, cooking and housekeeping
- Unable to receive services from another source
- Individuals contribute to the cost of their care if they have the means to do so

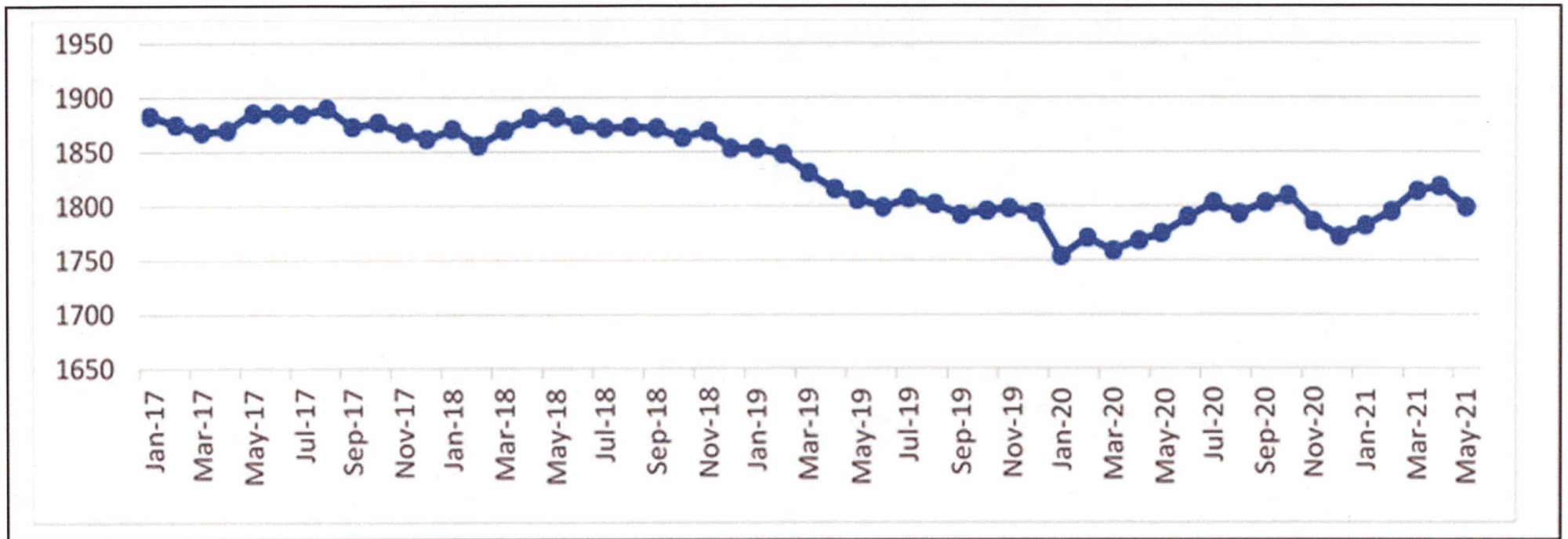
Exceptions:

- Adult Day Care and Adult Day Care Transportation are available at any age for an individual with an Alzheimer's or related dementia diagnosis

THE ELDERLY SERVICES PROGRAM IS A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP



WARREN COUNTY ESP CENSUS 2017 – 2021





FUNDING

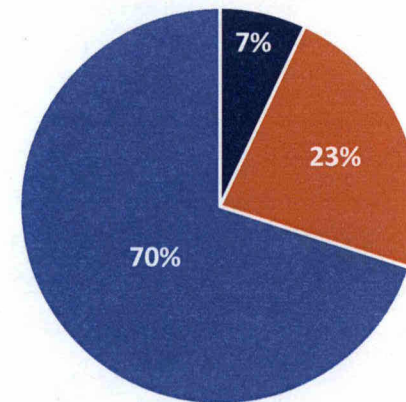
"I don't think this program should go away. It's a good program. I'm glad I have it and I know a lot of people here have it. I wouldn't trade it for anything. I'm glad they're there. They helped me a lot."

LINDA, ESP Client

FUNDING FOR OLDER ADULTS IN OHIO

- State and Federal funding sources have not kept up with demand or inflation
- Medicaid programs exclude many who need care because of strict financial eligibility requirements
- Local communities have had to fill gaps in funding – tax levies
- Nearly 90% of funding for ESP comes from local levy
- More than 80% of Ohio's counties have tax levies that generate funding for services for older adults – level of support, services vary from county to county

Government Funding Sources of Older Adults Services in Ohio, 2016



■ State Funds ■ Federal Funds ■ Local Levy Funds

Source: Center for Community Solutions using data from Ohio Department of Taxation and Ohio Legislative Service Commission

WARREN COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES TAX LEVY

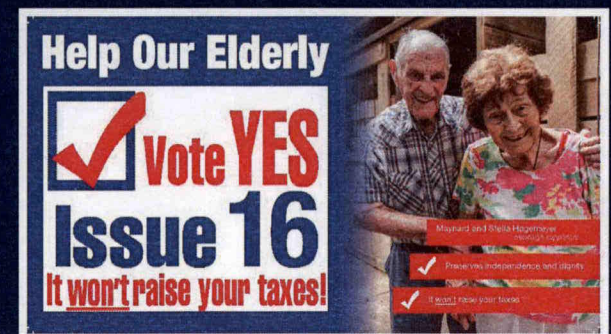
Current Levy

- Most recent senior services levy passed November 2016 with 75.76 percent voter approval
- It's a 1.21-mill levy that generates \$7.7 million annually
- Costs homeowners \$34.18 a year per \$100,000 of property tax valuation.
- Local tax dollars cover approximately 88% of the program
- Levy will expire in 2021

Levy History

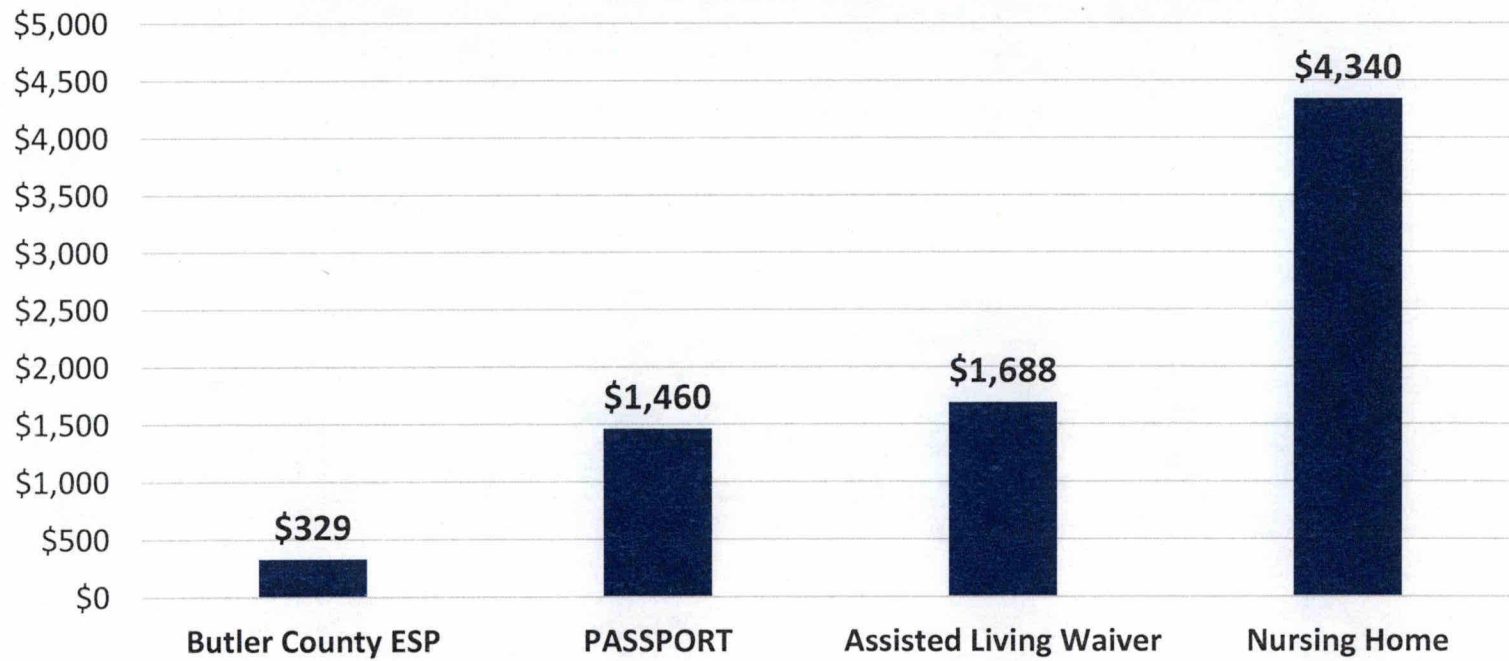
May 2002: The first senior services levy was approved by 60 percent of voters and generated \$3.9 million per year.

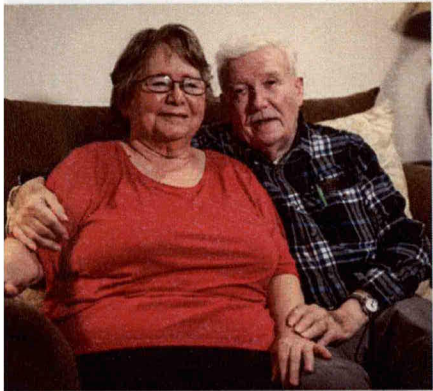
Subsequent levies approved by voters in 2006, 2011 and 2016



ESP IS COMPASSIONATE & COST EFFECTIVE

WCESP compared to other Ohio long-term care options (Medicaid)





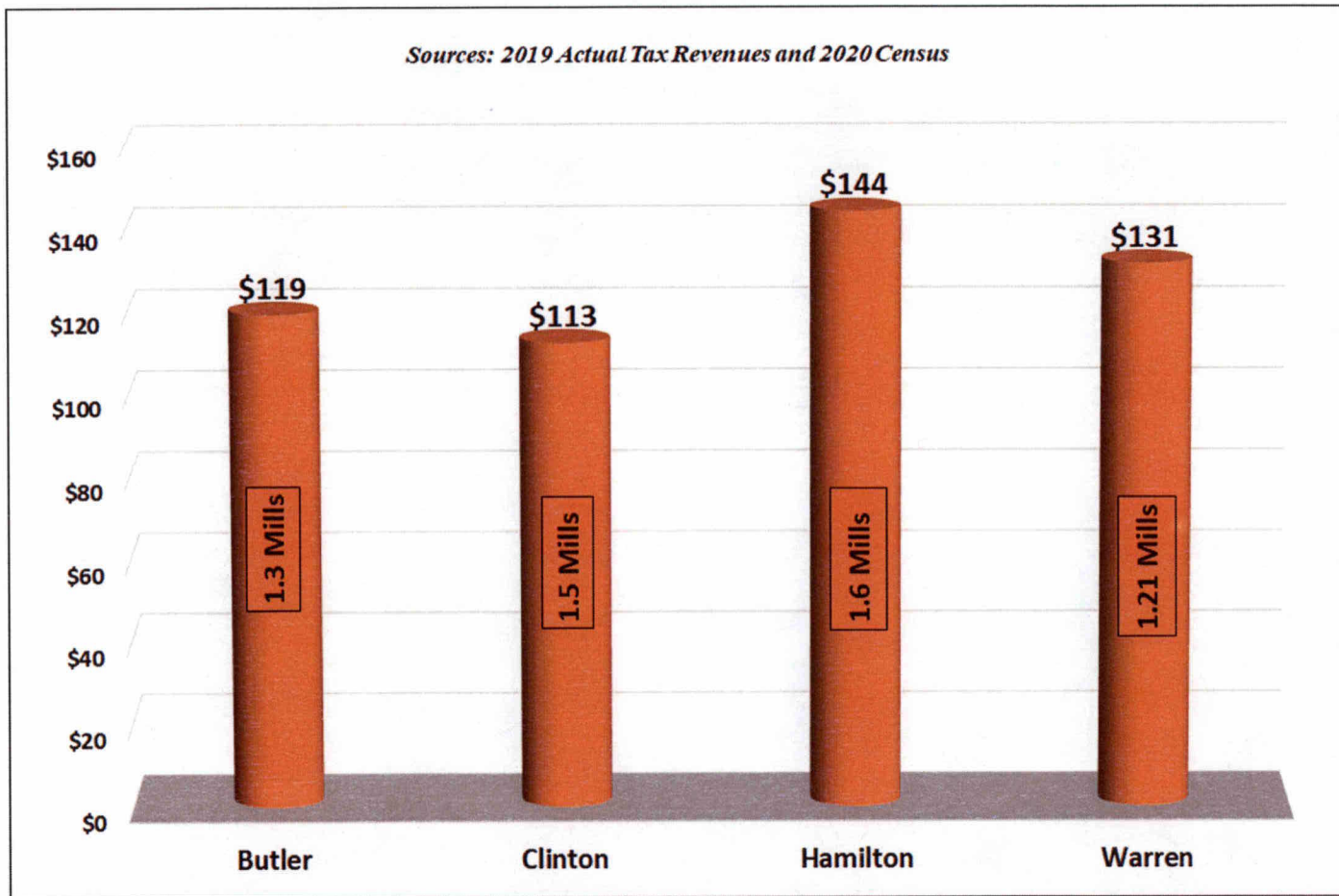
WARREN COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES TAX LEVY 2021 REQUEST

- Fulfilled by a renewal of the existing 1.21-mill levy
- Represents no increase for the taxpayers
- Program would be managed to stay within total program receipts

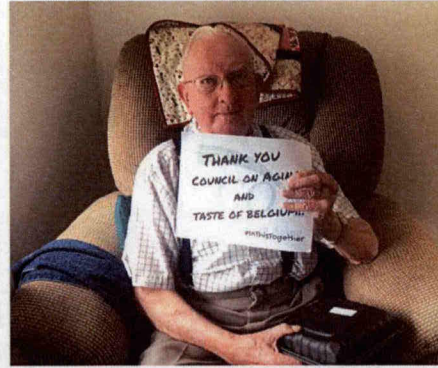
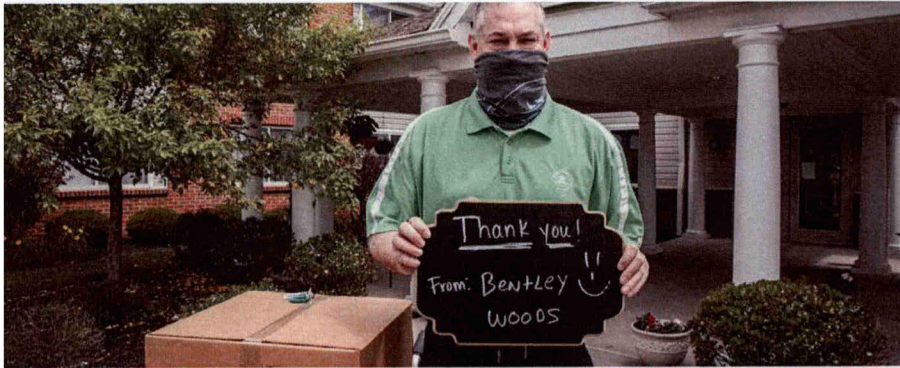
WARREN COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES TAX LEVY 2021 REQUEST

- Five Year Levy Renewal of the 1.21 Mil levy – no increases in property taxes
- Levy Request = \$49,655,238 over 5 years (2022-2026)
- Includes \$38,398,298 of levy funds + \$11,265,310 in estimated carryover funding from the current levy
- COA is leveraging and additional \$2,589,432 in Federal, State, Donations and client Copayments.
- Annual Revenue generated from the renewal levy: \$7,679,786

COMPARISON OF SOUTHWEST OHIO PER CAPITA SPENDING



NOTE: Clinton County's Senior Services Tax Levy will go before voters this fall – one year early – with an increase.



COVID-19 IMPACT
ON WARREN
COUNTY ESP

IMPACT OF COVID 19 ON WARREN COUNTY ESP PROGRAM

- Due to shelter-in-place orders, ESP provided 3,204 emergency 14-day food boxes to minimize food insecurity.
- Transitioned 126 congregate meal clients to home delivered meals upon the closing of congregate sites. (Federal Funding)
- Every older adult received a well check call within the first few weeks of the pandemic.
- Enrolled 66 Warren County older adults onto home-delivered meal program due to pandemic.



OTHER COA EFFORTS DURING PANDEMIC:

- COA received an additional \$394,382 in federal funding which was leveraged to offset the additional food costs in the Elderly Services Program.
- COA provided 943 personal care boxes (toilet paper, tissues, etc.) to Warren County older adults in need
- Established a Discharge to Home plan with the area hospitals in preparation for a hospital surge. More than 100 Warren County older adults served.
- COA partnered with area restaurants, including Quatman Café, to provide comfort meals to older adults living in low-income senior apartment buildings. More than 10,000 meals delivered to 13 senior apartment buildings in Warren County.
- Launched the federal Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, enrolling more than 30 low-income older adults in Warren County.

OTHER COA EFFORTS DURING THE PANDEMIC:

- Partnered with Warren County's Emergency Management Agency (EMA) to procure personal care, PPE and household supplies for county older adults.
- In partnership with Pro Seniors and the Ohio Department of Aging, mailed wellness kits, including masks, hand sanitizer and education materials to 1,200 low-income Warren County older adults.
- Worked with Warren County EMA to secure and distribute PPE for the provider network and other service providers, including senior centers and adult day centers.



MORE INFORMATION

Warren County Elderly Services Program

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Call COA for Answers on Aging

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- 800-252-0155
- www.help4seniors.org

