Thank You Dave for your Service, Laughs, and Leadership!
Our County Administrator, David R. Gully, is set to retire this summer. Mr. Gully has given Warren County over ten years of his life and we have been the benefactors of his care, generosity, creative leadership, and humor.

In 2005, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners hired Mr. Gully to be the third County Administrator in the history of Warren County, Ohio. Under his leadership, Warren County has set the example for innovation and progress in all aspects of government including: collaboration of efforts with other governmental entities, expansion of economic development activities including the creation of the Warren County Port Authority, innovation in public infrastructure at a fraction of the cost to taxpayers as evidenced by the construction of a new Justice Office Building through the design-build process.

Mr. Gully was instrumental in these notable successes:

1. The location of Miami Valley Gaming inside Warren County with a shared revenue agreement between Miami Valley Gaming, the City of Monroe, Warren County and Turtlecreek Township.

2. The creation of the Warren County Port Authority that enhances economic development in Warren County through the use of creative, flexible and adaptive financing tools and collaborating with local governments and businesses to assist in the attraction, expansion and retention of companies throughout the region, not just within our County.

3. Construction of a new Warren County Justice Office Building through the design-build process saving millions of taxpayers’ dollars by paying cash for the construction.

4. Negotiating with AK Steel for the purchase of their 300 acre Armco Park, through a public/private partnership so the county could pay cash for this property that has become the crown jewel of the Warren County Park District.

Mr. Gully’s management style is one that encourages staff development and empowerment. He has a knack for bringing the best qualified applicants to our Board of Commissioners to hire. His communication skills have greatly enhanced our organization and day to day operation. His compassion and generosity with his time and money toward others is exemplary. Mr. Gully serves as the Chair of the Warren County Transportation Improvement District and the Warren County Port Authority. He sits on the Warren County Elderly Services Levy Committee and the Warren County Emergency Communications Advisory Board. Additionally, Mr. Gully is an US Military Veteran and a man with deep faith who spends a great deal of his personal time in Ministry Mission Work in Cincinnati’s Over the Rhine area and the Lebanon Correctional Institute.

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I-71 - FIELDS-ERTEL - MASON-MONTGOMERY INTERCHANGE

MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS - If you’ve traveled through the I-71/Fields-Ertel Road/Mason-Montgomery Road Interchange recently, you’ve probably noticed that a significant amount of work has been completed – most notably perhaps, the completion of the Loop Ramp from the northbound I-71 exit. Northbound traffic from I-71 can now by-pass the Fields-Ertel Road and Mason-Montgomery Road intersection and continue driving north on Mason-Montgomery Road. There are now fewer cars cycling through that signal and moving through the main intersection. This improves traffic heading north on Mason-Montgomery, as well as traffic that is continuing to use the northbound exit ramp for access to Fields-Ertel Road and Mason Road in Hamilton County.

It has been a core objective of our Warren County Commissioner, David Young, to ensure the progress of this major safety improvement to this vital interchange. The Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments, the Ohio Department of Transportation, Hamilton County, Symmes Township, and Deerfield Township, have provided resources together with Warren County who alone provided 25% of the funding toward the million dollar improvements.

Other key areas of improvement that were completed at the interchange in consecutive years have also made a significant difference in the efficiency of traffic movement today. One of the major first projects was traffic signal improvements. The updating of control software has traffic movingly safely through the area and has been recognized by the local business area and community. A completed improvement that has also been met with appreciation is the constructed new northbound lane on Mason-Montgomery Road. This lane has traffic spaced through three lanes versus two when heading northbound from Fields-Ertel Road. Both projects were completed in 2012 and have since proven to be worthwhile and valuable in the progression of improvements.

The 2013 and 2014 construction seasons brought along the highly anticipated gore extension of the northbound exit ramp to Fields-Ertel Road/Mason Road and then the innovative loop ramp construction exit ramp. This year, the next steps will be to add a new lane to westbound Fields-Ertel Road.

The improvements don’t stop at the interchange. Due to significant economic growth in the entire area, improvements continue to develop heading north on Mason-Montgomery Road and along the I-71 Corridor to the Western Row Road Interchange and surrounding areas.

Mr. Gully began his administrator duties as Township Administrator in Colerain Township in 1984 where he worked until 1990 when he became the Township Administrator for West Chester Township.

With a total of over 38 years of Public Service, we say farewell Dave! Thank you for your investment into our community! You will be greatly missed!
OUR DRINKING WATER: IS THEIR LEAD?

In light of the lead contamination of drinking water in Flint, Michigan and Sebring, Ohio, the Warren County Water & Sewer Department has prepared the following information about our water quality and treatment process which prevents lead contamination from becoming an issue in Warren County.

The safety of our drinking water is Warren County Water & Sewer’s highest priority. Our drinking water has always met or surpassed all state and federal EPA regulations and industry governed health standards since this department’s founding, over 50 years ago. Lead concentrations in both our source water and final production water have always tested significantly lower than the action level concentration set by law at 15 ug/L (micrograms per liter or parts per billion).

Warren County uses quality source waters and a proven treatment process to protect public health. Our water is pumped from wells located in high quality aquifers near the Little Miami and Great Miami Rivers. These waters are essentially lead free and very stable. The chemical stability of our source water eliminates the potential for lead leaching into drinking water from the County’s waterlines or residential household plumbing. The County utilizes treatment processes that include aeration, dual media filtration, ultraviolet (UV) light, and chlorine and fluoride addition to remove and treat contaminants in the source waters. The stability of our water is maintained throughout our treatment processes.

The majority of the water mains and service lines owned and maintained by the County were installed after 1960, long after the use of lead piping and joints were banned. Some of the legacy water systems and many older residential homes in the County, as well as some of the legacy water systems subsequently acquired, were built before the formation of the Water and Sewer Department and may contain lead plumbing. Please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions Section for more information on determining the potential of lead plumbing in your home.

The County strives to comply with all existing lead in water system regulations, including the Lead and Copper Rule. The US EPA recognized the danger that lead poses in drinking water and in 1991 issued the Lead and Copper Rule which mandates water systems to monitor water quality and limit lead leaching into drinking water. The County has completed all monitoring requirements and all test results indicate below detectable lead concentrations, or very low concentrations, in all previous household samples taken the Warren County water systems.

The Warren County Water & Sewer Department (WCWSD) has reduced the frequency of monitoring to the amount required by EPA: once every three (3) years with a representative number of samples in each system. Drinking water samples are collected in WCWSD customer residences by volunteer request. This is done for each of the six (6) water systems operated by WCWSD. Although, the frequency of the current testing meets state and federal requirement, in efforts to be proactive with water quality and safety, the County is considering increasing our lead and copper monitoring schedule. We will be collecting samples from target areas that include older neighborhoods where household piping and plumbing fixtures are more likely to predate “no-lead” or “lead-free” regulations. Increasing the number of samples taken in each system will help identify any potential problem areas, and help ensure that our entire water system is performing above the State and Federally mandated standards.

For more information:

Ohio EPA: Learn About Lead
http://epa.ohio.gov/pic/lead.aspx

CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
Lead in Drinking Water
http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/tips/water.htm

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Q: How can I tell if my house has Lead water lines?
A: If your house was built prior to 1930 you may have lead service lines and or plumbing in your home. You can use a coin or pocket knife to gently scrape the surface of the incoming water pipe where it enters your home. If scraping reveals a bright silvery surface, the lines are likely Lead. Alternatively, you could hire a certified plumbing inspector to test your household plumbing.

Q: What factors contribute to lead in my household drinking water?
A: If built prior to 1986, some of the piping, solder or plumbing fixtures in your home may contribute or leach low levels of lead and copper into your drinking water. The two most important aspects of lead leaching are:
   a) How long has the water sat unused in the plumbing system?
   b) Is the water in my lines somewhat corrosive (less stable)?
   The waters distributed to WCWSD customers’ taps has been and continues to be very stable (non-corrosive). If you have a home water softening device, overly-softening water may change the nature of your drinking water (less stable) and the effects it may have on your plumbing and fixtures. Flushing of drinking water fixtures and lines is the recommended method to reduce levels of any leached contaminants. Letting the cold water faucet run from one (1) up to five (5) minutes prior to first use (after sitting idle for a period of hours) will help ensure your water is fresh and has minimum exposure to piping and plumbing fixtures. Boiling of your water will not remove, but may instead concentrate these metal constituents.

Q: I am still concerned and want to get my water tested for lead. How can I accomplish this?
A: There are many certified drinking water laboratories in the State. They would be glad to help you analyze your water for a fee. WCWSD is making a new program available to its customers who want their tap water sampled for lead content. To get your tap water tested for lead, stop by the WCWSD offices at 406 Justice Drive, in Lebanon, Ohio 45036, to purchase a sample kit which includes sample bottle and detailed instructions on how to sample your water. You will need to return the sample bottle to the WCWSD main office as detailed in the instruction letter. The cost for the lead sample kit is $10 and covers the cost of testing. The lead test results will be sent to you by your preferred method of contact within two business days from when laboratory results are made available to the WCWSD office.

Q: How can I get involved as a volunteer site for the County's lead and copper sampling programs?
A: Any WCWSD customer who would like to see if they qualify to become a volunteer sampling site in our lead and copper testing program, please call or email:
   Jon Collins, Laboratory Supervisor, 513-583-3091 jon.collins@co.warren.oh.us, or
   John Ware, Supt. of Water Treatment, 513-683-3687 john.ware@co.warren.oh.us
   Dave Walling, Dep. Sanitary Engineer, 513-695-1645 dave.walling@co.warren.oh.us.
   Helpful information: construction year of your house, do you have a water softener, what type of plumbing do you have in your home, and have there been recent changes to your plumbing.

Special information regarding pregnant women, infants and young children: The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reports that all exposures to lead should be minimized and that young children, infants and pregnant women should use alternate or filtered water sources when Lead in their household drinking water is greater than 15 ug/L. On March 2, 2016, the OEPA reiterated their concern for potential of elevated levels of lead in blood by consuming drinking water containing lead at any concentration greater than zero (0) ug/L. Alternate water sources (purchased bottled water) or filtered tap water (using an in-home lead filter) should be certified lead-free by the bottled water producer or through appropriate testing of the filtered tap water, thus ensuring the safety of these sources for cooking, drinking, and baby formula preparation.
**Worried About Mosquitoes?** Follow these steps to help prevent mosquito bites:

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<td>Yes! It is safe. When used as directed, insect repellent is the BEST way to protect yourself from mosquito bites— even children and pregnant women should protect themselves. Higher percentages of active ingredient provide longer lasting protection.</td>
<td>When weather permits, wear long-sleeved shirts and pants.</td>
<td>Use air conditioning or make sure that you repair and use window/ door screens.</td>
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**Youth Fishing Derby**
June 11 is the 7th annual Youth Fishing Derby at Warren County Armco Park Boat House. Event starts at 8am and ends at noon. This is a free family event with prizes awarded! Free grab bags and lunch provided to the first 100 registered participants.

**Monthly 5K Runs**
This year, monthly 5K runs happening now through October. The first Saturday of every month is a different themed run at Warren County Armco Park. Registration begins at 8:30AM and run starts at 9:00AM. Don't miss the Super Hero 5K; Burrito 5K Run; Chicken Wing 5K Run; Run, Walk, Wag 5K Run/Walk for Pets...and Their Humans! and the C. Warren Parks Nut Run 5K Run/Walk.

**Night Glow Golf and Glow FootGolf**
Happening the second Saturday of every month is Night Glow Golf and Glow FootGolf. Group reservation is required. Event starts at dusk. Please log onto www.co.warren.oh.us/parks or call the park office at (513) 695-1109 for further information.

**EVENTS - SUMMER IN THE PARK:**

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You can also find this information online at http://www.co.warren.oh.us/parks/events/index.htm.

For more information on mosquito bite prevention or the latest Zika Virus information visit www.cdc.gov
SHERIFF’S OFFICE TORCH RUN FOR OHIO SPECIAL OLYMPICS
Our Warren County Sheriff’s Office along with our local law enforcement to participate in 30th Annual Ohio Law Enforcement Torch Run

Mark your calendars for one of the most rewarding events our law enforcement in Warren County participates in. On Thursday, June 23, 2016, for the eleventh year in a row, they will be carrying the torch through Warren County on route to the final destination of Columbus for the beginning of the 2016 Ohio Special Olympics. You do not need to be a runner to get involved! This is the event that actually kicks off the Special Olympics. You can run, walk, bike, rollerblade, or just help with the event. Not only do our local law enforcement agencies band together with our Warren County Sheriff’s Office to carry on this tradition, they support the Special Olympics by raising money. Together they have raised over $45,000.00 in eleven years. This year they are once again including walkers, roller bladers and bikers to encourage participation.

Warren County’s leg is a 11.2 mile section beginning at Franklin Police Department and ending at Centerville Police Department, Montgomery County. The route will be marked in mile segments, with water and shuttles at approximately each mile. Walkers have a 4 mile leg. Roller bladers will go approximately 5 miles. Runners can either run the entire distance or board a relay bus and travel to the different points to be dropped off on the designated course. The run pace is set at approximately 10:30 mile. At arrival at the Centerville Police Department, Montgomery County, there will be drinks and snacks.

To register, complete the attached State Registration and return to the Warren County Sheriff’s Office attention Deputy Kelly McKay, or fax to 513-695-1798 attention Deputy Kelly McKay. All participants agree to raise a minimum of $25.00 and are encouraged to raise more. Check out the incentive sheet for rewards for money collected. You may also use the website to create your own Special Olympics Torch Run website allowing you to contact your friends and family via social media. You can then also sign up for online donations. Please also fill out the form at Warren County so they know how many runners to expect to run Warren County’s section.

This run is specific to law enforcement personnel and their family/friends (children must be 12 years or older). If you have questions, please contact Deputy Kelly McKay 513-695-1440

THE WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE CITIZENS ACADEMY
Coming this Fall | Registrations to begin in July

Similar to law enforcement academy curricula, topics include patrol functions, Warren County tactical response unit, jail operations, incident case studies, cold cases, detective functions, crimes against children, Drug Task Force, K-9s, and traffic stops. Interested citizens are asked contact the Warren County Sheriff’s Office at (513) 695-1280.
4TH ANNUAL WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE LAW ENFORCEMENT CAMP

The Warren County Sheriff’s Office in partnership with Camp Joy Outdoor Educational Center hosted its 4th annual Sheriff’s Office law enforcement camp. This camp was held at Camp Joy over the weekend of May 6th.

This three day camp gives kids in our community an opportunity to participate in a fun and exciting camping experience with other kids and Sheriff’s Office employees. This camp is designed to bring kids and deputies together for an opportunity to interact with a positive message. The Sheriff’s Office provides hands on and demonstrations of law enforcement techniques and insight into the job of law enforcement.

This year our Sheriff’s Office introduced kids to their canine program as well as drug resistance techniques.

The focus is to create a positive, rewarding experience for kids through a camping environment. These kids come to camp not knowing many of the other campers and by the end of the three days they make many new friends. They participate in team and self-esteem building exercises. During the weekend, campers got to experience the Orion Ropes Course. This pushed them to test themselves and succeed, even when they may have been scared to finish the course. Experiences like this boost their confidence, so they know they can succeed, even in the face of fear. It has been the Sheriff’s Office’s pleasure to provide this camp at no cost to the kids. This year there were sixty kids who participated in the weekend long camp.

Planning for the 5th annual Warren County Sheriff’s Office Law Enforcement Camp has already begun, set for 2017.
WARREN COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES RECEIVED EXCELLENCE IN CLAIMS MANAGEMENT AWARD

Warren County Job and Family Services Fraud Investigator, Timothy Kidd, was recognized by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services for Excellence in Claims Management. The agency was 3rd among all Ohio County Job and Family Service Agencies in the establishment of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Intentional Program Violations (IPVs). The agency established 80 IPVs in 2015.

RANDI HAMMIEL FROM WCJFS RECEIVES THE OJFSDA PRESIDENT’S AWARD FOR 2016

Every year, dedicated individuals throughout the state support county agencies and the association to enhance our system and improve the quality of services we provide. These individuals unselfishly commit their time and expertise to assist county agencies meet the challenges of administering one of the largest work and family service systems in the country.

In recognition of these efforts, eight years ago OJFSDA established the President’s Award to honor their hard work and for continually going above and beyond in their support of the Ohio Job and Family Service System.

Award recipients continually demonstrate care and compassion for the people they serve and the mission of the job and family services system. They exemplify the types of government employees we all strive to be and set an example for all to follow. Their work helps advance our jobs and improve the quality of services we provide. The Job and Family Services System is well served by their deeds and the clients receiving help through our agencies are better aided because of their work.

The 2016 President’s Award was presented to Randi Hammiel, Program Administrator with Warren County Job and Family Services. Randi was recognized by OJFSDA, Ohio Department of Medicaid, and the entire Ohio Benefits team for all of her contributions; as a Readiness Manager, County UAT (User Acceptance Testing) Leader and as a County SME (Subject Matter Expert) on the Ohio Benefits Project. Not only was Randi recognized by OJFSDA (Ohio Job and Family Services Directors Association) but in January of 2016 she was also recognized by the Ohio Department of Medicaid with the Ohio Benefits Project Award.

Pictured above from left to right: John McCarthy, Ohio Medicaid Director, Randi Hammiel, Warren County JFS Program Administrator, and Stu Davis, State CIO.
THE WARREN COUNTY RECORDS CENTER STARTS SUCCESSFUL OUTREACH PROGRAM WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS

Last summer, archival intern Shelby Dixon established an Educational Outreach program for our Warren County Records Center. She reached out to county teachers requesting in-class visits and created multiple activities available through their blog. In April they had their very first teacher reach out to them for an in-class visit. It was a great opportunity and experience for our Records Center staff, as they were able to interact with students and introduce them to the archives, county records, and inspire a love of local history to the next generation. Since that visit there have been four additional teachers reach out. All together, the program has had five classroom visits with students ranging from 2nd grade through 6th grade. The Records Center Outreach Program looks forward to creating more activities for teachers and visiting more classrooms during this incoming school year.

TIME CAPSULE DISCOVERY DEVELOPMENT

Recently Records Manager Jen Haney and deputy archivist Jenifer Baker met with Commissioner Pat South, Recorder Linda Oda and Facilities Director Trevor Hearn to determine how to move forward with the Infirmary (Health and Human Services Building) time capsule that was discovered last summer. On September 1st the 1916 time capsule will be retrieved and opened. A new time capsule to be opened in 2116 will be installed October 4th. In addition there will be a contest for citizens within the county to put forward ideas for items to be included in the new time capsule. This contest is open to any county resident and will run from July 1st – August 12th. Please contact the staff at Warren County Records Center & Archives for any additional questions (513) 695-1815

“I FOUND IT IN THE ARCHIVES” CONTEST

The “I Found It In The Archives” contest is being held by our Warren County Records Center & Archives. The contest is a chance for you to share cool, fun discoveries and stories about information you have collected from your research within the Records Center’s archives. It can include any research subject you have personally taken on, such as family history or county history. The contest is not open to Records Center staff members or their family and friends. The Records Center will choose one local winner who will get two admission tickets to the Warren County Historical Society and a copy of the Combined Atlas of Warren County: 1856, 1890, 1903. This contest will run from June 1st – July 15th and voting will take place the week of July 18th – July 22nd via facebook and archival staff. All entries can be sent to archives@co.warren.oh.us. The winner will also be entered into a state-wide competition through The Society of Ohio Archivists. Please contact the Warren County Records Center & Archives for any additional questions (513) 695-1815.
THE VOICES OF WARREN COUNTY GAVE AN EXCITING CONCERT LAST WEEK

The Voices of Warren County performed a free concert this past Friday, June 3, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. The concert was held at the Warren C. Young Center.

The Voices of Warren County is an all-volunteer group of singers comprised of adults receiving services and supports from the Warren County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The group performs at area schools, festivals, retirement communities, and other venues. In 2012, they performed at the World Choir Games in Cincinnati.

The concert was an assortment of popular music, show tunes, and inspirational song performances. The concert included a special Bluegrass performance by Emily Hogeback. Emily is a young musician who is blind. She has been playing the fiddle for 14 years, and the Dobro for 11 years. She is a talented powerhouse who lights up an audience.

RUN FOR DREAMS SUPPORTS PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

The Dreams Within Reach Committee will hold their sixth annual Run For Dreams race on Saturday, June 18, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at Warren County Armco Park in Lebanon. This race is open to people of all ages, all abilities, and all disabilities. Funds raised from the race are used to support children and adults with developmental disabilities who live in Warren County.

The event features a 10K race for runners, and a 5K race for both runners and walkers. “With the popularity of 5Ks, many runners experience increasing difficulties in finding 10K courses to run,” said Megan Manuel, Superintendent of the Warren County Board of Developmental Disabilities. “After the race, there will be an awards ceremony, as well as music and free refreshments.”

Registration for Run For Dreams includes a race shirt and costs $40 for the 10K, and $30 for the 5K. The registration deadline to guarantee a shirt is June 10, 2016. Registration can be completed online at www.keysports.net, or mailed in with payment. Registration forms can also be found on Facebook/RunForDreams.

The Warren County Board of Developmental Disabilities supports more than 1,800 individuals with disabilities and their families through Early Intervention, Adult, Employment, Residential, Therapy, and other support programs.

For more information, contact Angie Tapogna at angie.tapogna@warrencountydd.org or call (513) 502-5015.
BOARD OF ELECTIONS - PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

The Warren County Board of Elections office has reported that voter turnout this election was higher than the 2008 and 2012 Primaries. This election the voter turnout was 46.34% compared to 44.97 in 2008 and 15.51% in 2012. Due to this, the Board of Elections fully expects to have a record turnout this fall, with early voting increasing by at least 30%.

A round of applause for our county’s flexible Precinct Election Officials and the hardworking Trouble Shooters who responded to a last minute Directive from the Secretary of State in the election primaries. Due to an accident in downtown Cincinnati a Federal Judge made a decision to extend polling hours by one hour. Because the Board of Elections didn’t receive notice of this until 8:01pm, all locations were closed and ten precincts had already reported back to the Board office. With everyone working together they were able to allow some voters the opportunity to cast a Provisional Ballot until 8:30pm. Another hour at the end of a long day is difficult to ask, but the understanding and willingness of our Precinct Election Officials helped to satisfy the state’s Directive.

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT SINCLAIR COLLEGE WITH TUITION ASSISTANCE FUNDING FOR WARREN COUNTY RESIDENTS

The Warren County Board of County Commissioners is committed to higher education for Warren County residents. Since the opening of Sinclair College’s Courseview Campus in 2007, the County Commissioners have annually funded assistance for all Warren County Resident enrollees, now totaling $496,753. In the end of May, a check for $56,200 was presented to Sinclair College in the Commissioners’ Board Meeting.

With a current enrollment of 1,031 students and 55 types of degrees and certificate programs, this investment in the community is worthwhile. The Courseview Campus, located in Warren County, has paved the way for partnerships with each of the county’s local public schools, through supplementary guidance staff and dual credit college courses for high school students. This past year, the success of Sinclair College has seen 227 graduates and 336 transfers into 4 year college. During the Commissioners’ meeting the board heard from a current full-time Sinclair student at Courseview Campus, an outstanding student and student ambassador for Sinclair College.

For those who would like to get involved, contact the Board of Elections at: (513) 695-1358, or visit their offices at: 520 Justice Drive, Lebanon, Ohio 45036

From Left to Right: Dr. Scott Markland, Vice President for Regional Centers; Bernard Wright, Jr., Warren County Representative on Board of Trustees for Sinclair College; Student from Sinclair College at Courseview Campus; Pat South, Warren County Commissioner; David Young, Warren County Commissioner; and Tom Grossmann, Warren County Commissioner.
Congratulations!

Commissioner Pat South and County Administrator David Gully were awarded the President’s Award at the Council on Aging of SW Ohio Forum at the Sharonville Convention Center.

Your County Guide  |  How do I?...

Obtain a copy of my deed  – Recorder’s Office – 406 Justice Drive 513-695-1382
Obtain a building/electrical permit  – Building Dept. – 406 Justice Drive 513-695-1290
Obtain a Vendors License  – Auditor’s Office – 406 Justice Drive 513-695-2616
Pay my Property Taxes  – Treasurer’s Office – 406 Justice Drive 513-695-1300
Obtain a Marriage License or a copy  – Probate Court – 900 Memorial Drive 513-695-1771
Obtain a passport  – Clerk of Courts Title Office – 19 Dave Avenue 513-695-1175
Obtain a copy of a birth certificate  – Health Dept. – 416 S. East Street – 513-695-1228

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