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MINUTES: Regular Session – July 10, 2012

The Board met in regular session pursuant to adjournment of the July 3, 2012, meeting.

David G. Young - present

Pat Arnold South - present

Tom Ariss - present

Laura Lander, Deputy Clerk - present

- 12-0936 A resolution was adopted to designate Family and Medical Leave of Absence to James Kilburn, Wastewater Treatment Plant Mechanic Operator I, within the Warren County Water and Sewer Department. Vote: Unanimous
- 12-0937 A resolution was adopted to approve a Lateral Transfer of Susan Walther to the position of Court Liaison within the Department of Job and Family Services, Children Services Division. Vote: Unanimous
- 12-0938 A resolution was adopted to hire David Nolen as Carpenter I within the Warren County Facilities Management Department. Vote: Unanimous
- 12-0939 A resolution was adopted to Waive Permit Fees associated with the St. Margaret of York Festival. Vote: Unanimous
- 12-0940 A resolution was adopted to declare various items within Garage and Emergency Services as surplus and authorize the disposal of said items. Vote: Unanimous
- 12-0941 A resolution was adopted to approve Change Order #1 with Roberts Paving for the Improvements to Various Township Roads – North Projects. Vote: Unanimous

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- 12-0942 A resolution was adopted to approve and authorize the President of the Board to enter into an On-The-Job Training Agreement on behalf of Workforce One of Warren County. Vote: Unanimous
- 12-0943 A resolution was adopted to approve and authorize the President of the Board to enter into a Youth Worksite Agreement on behalf of Workforce One of Warren County. Vote: Unanimous
- 12-0944 A resolution was adopted to enter into Sublease Agreement with Mobilcom, Inc. on behalf of Warren County Telecommunications. Vote: Unanimous
- 12-0945 A resolution was adopted to affirm "Then and Now" Requests pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5705.41(D) (1). Vote: Unanimous
- 12-0946 A resolution was adopted to approve various Refunds. Vote: Unanimous
- 12-0947 A resolution was adopted to acknowledge Payment of Bills. Vote: Unanimous
- 12-0948 A resolution was adopted to acknowledge receipt of June 2012 Financial Statement. Vote: Unanimous
- 12-0949 A resolution was adopted to approve following Record Plats. Vote: Unanimous
- 12-0950 A resolution was adopted to approve Supplemental Appropriation into Common Pleas Court Fund #224. Vote: Unanimous
- 12-0951 A resolution was adopted to approve Appropriation Adjustment within Facilities Management Fund #101-1600. Vote: Unanimous
- 12-0952 A resolution was adopted to approve Appropriation Adjustments within Facilities Management Fund #101-1600. Vote: Unanimous
- 12-0953 A resolution was adopted to approve Appropriation Adjustment within Children Services Fund #273. Vote: Unanimous
- 12-0954 A resolution was adopted to approve Appropriation Adjustments within Adult Probation Fund #101-1223 and Community Corrections Fund #101-1224. Vote: Unanimous
- 12-0955 A resolution was adopted to authorize payment of Bills. Vote: Unanimous
- 12-0956 A resolution was adopted to approve and authorize the Submission of a 2012 Environmental Education Mini Grant to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency on behalf of the Warren County Solid Waste Management District. Vote: Unanimous

- 12-0957 A resolution was adopted to enter into Contract with Winton Transportation LLC dba (U.T.S.) for the Transportation Services for the Warren County Department of Human Services. Vote: Unanimous
- 12-0958 A resolution was adopted to establish Summer Meeting Schedule for the Warren County Board of Commissioners. Vote: Unanimous
- 12-0959 A resolution was adopted to accept the Tentative Agreement regarding the negotiations between the Warren County Engineer and the Warren County Highway Employee Association AFSCME. Vote: Unanimous
- 12-0960 A resolution was adopted to
- 12-0961 A resolution was adopted to Adopt Warren County Tax Budget for Year 2013. Vote: Unanimous
- 12-0962 A resolution was adopted to Hire Cassandra Jones as Emergency Communications Operator, within the Warren County Emergency Services Department. Vote: Unanimous .
- 12-0963 A resolution was adopted to approve Appropriation Adjustment within Health Insurance Fund #632. Vote: Unanimous

DISCUSSIONS

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

PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO FEE SCHEDULE WITHIN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT (STORAGE OR SHELL TYPE STRUCTURES)

The public hearing to consider an amendment to the fee schedule within the Building and Zoning Department was convened this 10th day of July 2012, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Jerry Spurling, Chief Building Official was present and stated that his office received a complaint about the fees within the Building Department.

Mr. Spurling stated that the current fee schedule does not address the need for graduated fees for buildings that are largely unfinished on the inside. He further stated that he had done a survey of fees charged by surrounding counties and while Warren County's fees are comparable in most areas, the fees charged for storage and shell type structures are significantly higher.

Mr. Spurling proposed that a reduction of fees be given for "S" use structures since they mostly consist of unfinished space and should not be charged the same rate as finished buildings. He further proposed that the rates for "S" use structures be \$12 per 100 square feet up to 50,000 square feet; with the existing graduated fee schedule of \$6.00 per 100 square feet to apply for structures that are more than 50,000 square feet.

Upon discussion, the Board resolved (Resolution #12-0960) to amend the Fee Schedule per Mr. Spurling's recommendations.

PUBLIC HEARING

2013 TAX BUDGET

The public hearing to consider the 2013 Tax Budget was convened this 10th day of July 2012, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Tiffany Zindel, OMB Director, presented the proposed Tax Budget that contains a \$66.1 million request, which is a 7% increase over the 2012 Annual Budget. She explained that the increase includes 1.2 million for the upgrade of the radio system. She then stated that the anticipated revenue for 2013 is estimated at 55.1 million.

Mrs. Zindel explained that as of today we have received approximately \$31 million in revenue. She stated that in her opinion that if the revenue for this year stays on track, we will have approximately the same carryover balance into 2013 that we did in 2012.

Commissioner Young noted that the County has, so far for 2012, not been spending at the level of appropriation and stated that it may be appropriate to consider pay increases for employees next year.

Upon discussion, the Board resolved (Resolution #12-0961) to adopt the Warren County Tax Budget for Year 2013.

Mr. Willian Duning, Warren County Historical Society Board President was present, along with other Board Members and staff, to update the Commissioners on their request for additional funding.

Mr. John Zimkus, Education Director, gave a rundown of various educational programs that the Society offers. He also stated that within the last five years they have received four awards and have been chosen as the official archive for the Western Star newspaper.

Mr. Jim Bliss, Treasurer, stated that the Historical Society has been spending at a net loss for two years. The shortfalls have been covered, to date, by bequests. He then presented the following "break even" blueprint:

- Speeding up transition from a "bricks and mortar museum" to a "community-building cultural center"
- Leveraging educational programs to build membership and donations
- Dropping admission charges to qualify for public and private grants
- Expanding current and new technology to create new revenue sources
- Developing additional outreach programs to build interest and financial support
- Planning and executing on-going campaign for securing donations and sponsorships
- Seizing upon new revenue building opportunities as they develop

In addition to these measures, the Historical Society is asking the Board for an additional \$25,000 - \$50,000 one-year grant to help expand revenue building activities. The grant would be kept in a separate fund and used to only support the "break even blueprint" initiatives. A year-end report measuring success would be provided to the Commissioners.

Mr. Jim Norris, WCHS Trustee, stated that the Historical Society program is relevant and asks that the Commissioners approve the opportunity it needs to be viable.

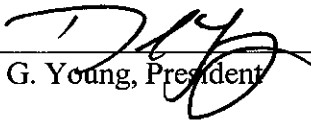
Commissioner Young stated the need to connect with the newer people in the county such as in the Mason/Deerfield area. The Historical Society has great tools for outreach and should utilize them to reach all citizens of the county.

Mr. Duning agreed that the demographic of Warren County has changed and they need to reach out to that new demographic.


Upon further discussion, the Board agreed to take the Historical Society's request under advisement and render a decision on their funding request in the next few weeks.

On motion, upon unanimous call of the roll, the Board entered into executive session at 10:49 a.m. to discuss personnel matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(1) and exited at 11:12 a.m.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.



David G. Young, President

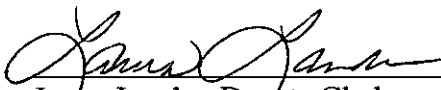


Tom Ariss



Pat Arnold South

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 July 10, 2012, in compliance with Section 121.22 O.R.C.



Laura Lander, Deputy Clerk
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