

**WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL AND COMMISSIONER MEETING
MONDAY JULY 18, 2022**

Council present for the meeting: Derek Puterbaugh, John Comer, Matt Commons, Ethan Foxworthy, Sharon Hutchison, Neil Ellis and Brian Jordan.

Commissioners present for the meeting: Clay Andrews, Craig Greenwood, Adam Hanthorne.

Public: Melissa Dismore, Laci Frodge, Breanna Blackburn, Greg Robison, Ben Dispennett, Randy Wurtsbaugh, Payton Wilson, Hayley Brooks, Jenny Eads, Mark Straw, Jon Inman, Rhonda Inman, Donny Gill, Jenny Larson

Department Head/Elected Official – Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; Phil Astell, EMA Director; Lori Heidenreich, Treasurer; Jud Barce, County Attorney; Jim Blinn, VSO; Dr. Sharma,

1. The Council Meeting was called to order by Ethan Foxworthy, President of the Council.
2. The Commissioner Meeting was called to order by Clay Andrews, President of the Commissioners
3. Ethan Foxworthy, Council President led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. New Business:
 - a. Andrews explained the facility and funding for the Warren County Health Department. Dr. Sharma explained the funding sources with tax dollars \$250,000 – \$300,000 or 1/3 and 2/3 remainder from grant dollars. Local Health Trust and Local Health Maintenance grant funds which have existed for years. Total grant fund is approximately \$100,000 and must be applied for each year and unspent funds go into a carryover fund with approximately \$30,000 Warren County funds. Discussed other grants that are ongoing currently. Public Health Preparedness Grant of \$25,000/year with grants on a June to May basis. There are many grants for public health that can be applied for as well. Discussed the funds currently being held by Fountain County that should be 1/3 of Warren County approximately \$200,000 – \$300,000 as well as carry over funds. The State mandates the use of carryover funds which are approximately \$240,000. Funds separating out not sure. Discussed separating the records and staff has begun working on this. Dr. Sharma stated software system is WinRecords and State moved to electronic records on several items. There are 2 positions that are solely funded by grants which are preparedness coordinator and special project positions. There are 2 fully funded nurse and registrar position. Remainder have mixed funding.
 - b. Straw stated Commissioners appoint Warren County Board of Health, the Board selects Health Officer and Health Officers selects employees. The board needs to be selected to begin the budget process. Discussed the grants, deadlines, etc. This will need to be started in very near future for 2023.
 - c. Clay Andrews made a motion to appoint Randy Wurtzbaugh to the Warren County Health Department Board with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - d. Discussed budget for Warren County Health Department. Website was discussed. Warren County will have a new website in the coming months.
 - e. Facility – Andrews stated part of the group had viewed the old Farmers & Merchants Bank outside of West Lebanon and the HR building/Old Extension Building. Discussed pros and cons of each such as own the extension building and bank building can be purchased. Dr. Sharma stated geographically of both buildings would work, logistically traffic flow at both buildings work well. Visibility at the West Lebanon site is better, proximity to school is a little better, structure of the bank seems more solid. Extension no changes more functional immediately, bank longer term investment in terms of creating a Health Department to be proud of. Discussion concerning each building, work to create office space, bathroom, etc. Discussed bank property has a larger lot for future expansion if needed. Andrews stated Followell Farm revenue will be used for Health Department. Commons inquired of cost comparison of both buildings without knowing definitely what is needed. Comer stated the more buildings the County owns increase expenses such as upkeep, inputs, etc. Jordan stated old extension building could be used without much renovation.
 - f. Discussed funding from County funds. Clay Andrews made a motion to purchase parcel located at 263 and 28 owned by Holen/Briles for \$250,000 paid from Followell Farm Funds with a second form Adam Hanthorne, Andrews and Hanthorne voted in favor, Greenwood opposed.
 - g. Matt Commons made a motion approve additional appropriation for \$250,000 from 4903 and 4904 to purchase the parcel with a second from Derek Puterbaugh, 6 voted in favor and Jordan opposed.
5. Elected Official/Department Head comments:
6. Public Comment: No public comment.

