

**WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2019**

The Warren County Council met for their first meeting of November 2019. Council Members present for the meeting were: John Comer, Matt Commons, Sharon Hutchison, Ethan Foxworthy, George Taylor and Lee Kay. Also, in attendance: Commissioners Clay Andrews and Brian Jordan; Auditor Robin Weston-Hubner; Sheriff Rusty Hart; EMA Director Phil Astell; Judge Hunter Reece. Public: Perry Conrad, Carolyn Orr, Derek Puterbaugh.

1. The meeting was called to order by John Comer, Council President.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Comer.
3. New Business:
 - a. Meeting Agenda Approval – Lee Kay requested to add approval of the Amended August 26, 2019 meeting minutes that were revised 9/30 and signed 10/25, Council requested quarterly reports. Ethan Foxworthy made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second of Sharon Hutchison, all voted in favor.
 - b. Sharon Hutchison made a motion to approve the October 28, 2019 Council Meeting minutes with a second from Lee Kay, all voted in favor.
 - c. Surrendering Congressional School Fund Ordinance – Weston-Hubner explained the Congressional School Fund history. The funds will be surrendered to the State. Ethan Foxworthy made a motion to approve Ordinance #2019-1125A with a second from Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
 - d. Additional Appropriation – County General Highway Salaries. Weston-Hubner presented information for the highway department concerning MVH funding and the highway salary budget. The amount needed is \$61,000 to cover the shortfall. Lee Kay made a motion to approve the additional appropriation to fund County General Highway Salaries to cover the overage with a second from George Taylor, all voted in favor.
 - e. Judge Reece, Sheriff Hart, Commissioner Jordan – Courthouse Security – Jordan explained adding security to the Courtroom. Reece is looking at grant funding to help fund this. A security officer was discussed in the future as well as funding options for the position. Hart explained his budget for 2021 would include the position. Reece explained the Indiana Supreme Court has mandated the security of courthouses as of January 1, 2020 and the County is lacking in the minimum standards. Hart stated the County will be one of the few that will not have a security officer as of 2020. Reece explained the job duties concerning the security officer position. Discussion was held concerning a grant to fund the position as well as other security items for the building. Ethan Foxworthy made a motion to support the grant to fund Courthouse Security with a second from Matt Commons, all voted in favor. Sharon suggested a letter from the Commissioner/Council as well as the Sheriff.
 - f. Amended August 26, 2019 Minutes: Kay explained the amended minutes that she has suggested. Foxworthy suggested leaving the last 2 pages in the minutes. Sharon Hutchison made a motion to accept the August 26, 2019 Amended minutes with a second from Lee Kay. Comer, Hutchison, Foxworthy, Kay, Taylor and Ellis voted in favor; Commons opposed.
 - g. Council quarterly Reports: Kay explained on August 5th the Council voted to get quarterly reports from Veteran Service Officer, animal control, 911, LEDO, EMS, Fountain/Warren Health Department. Currently quarterly reports have been received Health Department, LEDO, EMS. The following members will inquire for the next meeting: Animal Control, Comer; 911, Weston-Hubner; VSO, Commons.
4. Elected Official/Officer Holder Comment:
 - a. Board of Zoning Appeals Appointment – Wilma Shackleton will be retiring from BZA as of December 31, 2019. The Council must select a replacement for this position.
 - b. Salary Study and Longevity was discussed. Longevity has been approved in the budget by the Council and the Commissioners will need to decide to approve. Salary Study was discussed in detail and tabled.
 - c. Pike Township Trustee purchased a 3D printer for the West Lebanon Library and there will be an open house.
5. Public Comment: No public comment.
6. Old Business: None

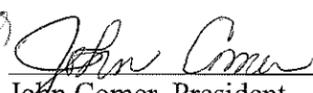
The next County Council meeting will be December 16, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

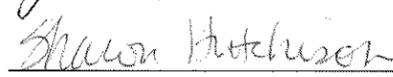
There being no further business, George made a motion to adjourn with a second from Ethan.

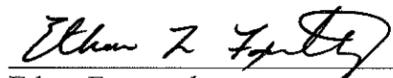
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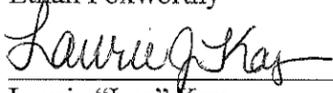

Robin Weston-Hubner

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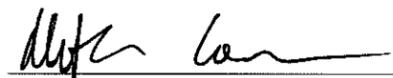

John Comer, President

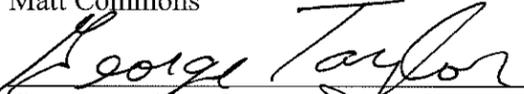

Sharon Hutchison, Vice President


Ethan Foxworthy


Laurie "Lee" Kay

Neil Ellis


Matt Commons


George Taylor