

**WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020**

Council Members present for the meeting were: John Comer, Matt Commons, Sharon Hutchison, Ethan Foxworthy, Neil Ellis and Lee Kay.

Also, in attendance: Auditor Robin Weston-Hubner; Sheriff Rusty Hart; Zoning Director John Kuiper; Commissioner Brian Jordan; Phil Astell, EMA Director.

Public: Chris Brown, Dick Dobbels, Reena Potter, Matt Straw, Sally Siegrist.

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 – Items requested to be added to the agenda: Ordinance Providing for Prisoner Reimbursement of the Cost of Incarceration, Amendment to the salary ordinance. Sharon Hutchison made a motion to approve the agenda as amended with a second of Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
  - b. Ethan Foxworthy made a motion to approve the January 27, 2020 Council Meeting minutes with a second from Sharon Hutchison, all voted in favor.
  - c. Williamsport-Washington Township Public Library Additional Appropriation Ordinance – Dick Dobbels and Chris Brown, Librarian, explained the need for the funds. Lee Kay explained funds are Library is requesting to spend the funds currently they have. Neil Ellis made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation Ordinance #2020-0224A in the amount of \$71,991.19 from the LIRF with a second from Sharon Hutchison, Lee Kay abstained and all others voted in favor.
  - d. Ordinance Providing for Prisoner Reimbursement for the Cost of Incarceration. Rusty Hart explained the ordinance. Lee Kay made a motion to approve Ordinance #2020-0224B increasing the cost of prisoner reimbursement to \$37.00 per day with a second from Ethan Foxworthy, all voted in favor.
4. Old Business:
  - a. Area Plan Commission Appointment – The applicants for the APC board are Perry Conrad, Matt Straw and Becky Ehler. Ethan Foxworthy explained his opinion and that the votes should not personal but what is best for the County. Ethan Foxworthy made a motion to appoint Perry Conrad to the APC with a second from Sharon Hutchison; Sharon Hutchison, Lee Kay, Ethan Foxworthy and Neil Ellis voted in favor; Matt Commons and John Comer opposed and motion passed.
  - b. County Job Classification and Compensation Study – Sharon Hutchison explained the study. After much discussion, Council Members will call the county references given by WIS. John Comer, Stueben County; Lee Kay, Henry County; Ethan Foxworthy, Owen County; Neil Ellis, Jay County; Matt Commons, Whitley County. The study is tabled until a later meeting.
  - c. 2020 Salary Ordinance Amendment – Weston-Hubner explained the addition of the Courthouse Security Officer. Ordinance #2020-0127B was signed as was voted on in the last meeting.
5. Elected Official/Officer Holder Comment:
  - a. Brian Jordan, Commissioner, explained information that he has received from Enterprise Rental concerning the county vehicle leases. After much discussion this was tabled until a later meeting to look at other comparisons.
  - b. Rusty Hart – Stated a Courthouse Security Officer has been conditionally hired.
  - c. Lee Kay – Kay would like to amend the Council December 16<sup>th</sup> minutes to reflect that Kay quoted correct IC 36-7-4-208. Requested year end reports from 911, Animal Control, EMS and LEDO. Requested quarterly budget reports for the entire county be emailed. Suggested additions to the County Website.
6. Public Comment:
  - a. Sally Siegrist, liaison for Congressman Jim Baird presented information concerning upcoming events. March 27<sup>th</sup> Law Enforcement Agency meeting Clinton County Correctional Center and April 21<sup>st</sup> Grant Writing symposium in North End Community Center Lafayette @ 6 pm.

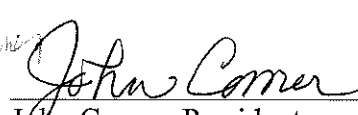
The next County Council meeting will be March 30, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

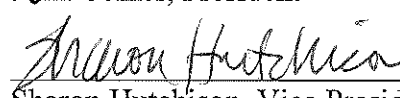
There being no further business, Neil Ellis made a motion to adjourn with a second from Ethan Foxworthy.

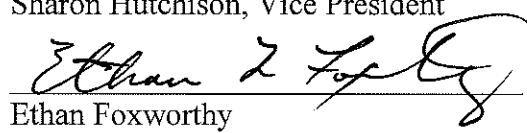
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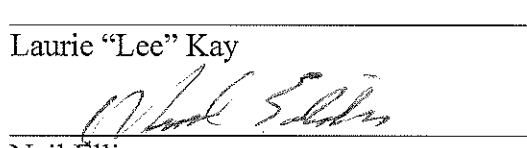
  
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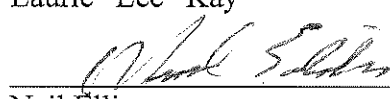
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