

**Warren County Commissioners Public Meeting**  
**February 24, 2010 9:30 a.m.**  
**Commissioner's Conference Room**

Chairman John E. Eggleston called the meeting of the Warren County Commissioners to order with Commissioner Terry L. Hawk, and Commissioner John R. Bortz present.

**Staff Present:** Pam Matve, Chief Clerk, and Toby Rohlin, Fiscal Director, Lorri Dunlap, Grants Administrator, Nancy Siggins, Treasurer, and Warden Jerry Britton

**Citizens Present:** Mark Silvis (WNAE), Dean Wells (WTO), Dutch Strand, Robert Raible, Laurie Livingston, Lyn Pryor, and Dick Campbell

**Public Hearings:**

**HOME Grant:** Robert Raible explained that this is an application with the DCED for obtaining \$273,443 for affordable housing activities; namely the need for transitional housing for homeless victims of domestic violence and their children. This will construct four units in the Youngsville area. There were no comments from the public, therefore this hearing was closed.

**Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG):** Robert Raible stated that this grant will compliment the Faith Inn, allowing them to renovate the basement to make it handicap accessible for a grand total of nine apartments. This is for low income families while the EOC helps them to get back on their feet and find permanent housing. There is a limit of 18 months to stay at Faith Inn, and they must pay 30% of their income as rent. There were no comments from the public, therefore this hearing was closed.

**Old Business:**

**Certification of County Funds for Clean & Green:** Motion was made by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Terry L. Hawk to approve the certification of interest collected on the 2009 Clean and Green fees for 109.16 for the purchase of easements. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Terry L. Hawk to approve the minutes from February 10, 2010. Motion carried.

**Fiscal Report:** Toby Rohlin reported cash on hand as \$3,753,000. County operating expenses to be paid total approximately \$511,802 the Prison Board approved the payment of approximately \$28,570 in expenses at their meeting of February 23, 2010 for a total of \$540,372. Mr. Rohlin stated that the expenses for the county are a little higher than usual due to the fact that the county will be making their 2009 payment to the pension fund. This payment is higher than normal due the stock market activities.

Motion was made by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Terry L. Hawk to approve the fiscal report. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2941 HOME application to DCED:** Motion was made by Commissioner Terry L. Hawk, seconded by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr. to approve the filling of the grant application of \$273,443 for affordable housing activities. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2943:** Motion was made by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Terry L. Hawk to approve the filing with DCED for the Emergency Shelter for \$100,000 to compliment the Faith Inn renovation to the basement for handicap accessibility. Motion carried.

**March 2010 American Red Cross Month Proclamation:** Motion was made by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Terry L. Hawk to adopt the proclamation proclaiming March 2010 being American Red Cross Month. Motion carried.

**Weather Preparedness Week Proclamation:** Motion was made by Commissioner Terry L. Hawk, seconded by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr. to adopt the proclamation proclaiming March 14-20, 2010 as Weather Emergency Preparedness Week. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2941 Liquid Fuels Allocation 2010:** Motion was made by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Terry L. Hawk, to approve this resolution of the 2010 Liquid Fuels allocations to the municipalities of Warren County. Motion carried.

**National Fuel Gas Right of Way:** Motion was made by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Terry L. Hawk to approve this right of way request from National Fuel gas so that they may replace a gas line around the Youngsville District Justice office. Motion carried.

**Agreement renewal with Drescher & Malecki Accountants:** Motion was made by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Terry L. Hawk to approve the renewal agreement with Drescher & Malecki Accountants to audit the 2009 books for Warren County. Motion carried.

**Repository Tax Bid(s):** Motion was made by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Terry L. Hawk to accept the bid(s) from Mark Resch of \$137.08 for the parcel TD-4-31481 in Triumph Township, and \$50 for parcel TD-005-280000-161 in Limestone Township. Motion carried.

**Erie County Coroner Agreement:** Motion was made by Commissioner Terry L. Hawk seconded by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr. to approve the 2010 agreement with Lyell Cook, Erie County Coroner with a \$5,000 retainer for Forensic Pathologist for 2010. Motion carried.

**Employee Assistance Program:** Motion was made by Commissioner Terry L. Hawk, seconded by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr. to approve the renewal with ESI for the 2010 Employee Assistance Program for 2010. Motion carried.

This program is available to all county employees for counseling, legal service, financial counseling along with many more programs.

#### **Children & Youth:**

#### **Contract(s):**

#### **Citizens Comments/Concerns:**

Dutch Strand asked the Commissioners whose idea it was to make up the Act 32 Earned Income Tax Committee, it is costing more money for the municipalities for the cost of legal service when nothing has changed the school district is still collecting the taxes as they always have. Commissioner John E. Eggleston stated that his is another mandate from the state. He had spent hours on the phone asking why this had to be done, and it was stated to him that because Warren County has three different school districts, this committee had to be formed, and that is what we did.

Dick Campbell stated that the group is getting ready to host another Tea Party and requested the use of the Court House steps as they did last year. Commissioner John E. Eggleston told him that he did not see a problem but would like this request in writing so that formal action could be taken.

#### **Commissioner Comments/Concerns:**

**Adjournment:** Motion was made by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Terry L. Hawk to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Pamela J. Matve  
Chief Clerk

John R. Bortz, Jr. Secretary  
Warren County Commissioners