

**Warren County Commissioners Public Meeting
December 28, 2011 9:30 a.m.
Jackson Courtroom**

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, Toby Rohlin, Fiscal Director, Warden Jerry Britton

Citizens Present: Ben Klein (WTO), and Mark Silvis (WNAE)

Public Hearings:

Old Business:

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 December 14, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal Report:

Toby Rohlin reported cash on hand as \$1,172,000.00. County operating expenses to be paid total approximately \$53,500.00 and oh behalf of the Prison Board expenses of approximately \$8,800.00 for a total of approximately \$62,300.00.

Toby Rohlin stated that overall we had a good year, no big surprises. We have been saving on our self insured health care costs; there were no catastrophic claims in 2011. Of course that can change at the drop of a hat.

Motion was made by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr., seconded by Commissioner John E. Eggleston to approve the fiscal report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2012 Budget Adoption: Commissioner John E. Eggleston stated that the 2012 budget has been out for public review and today we are here to adopt the final budget. He also stated that he nor has anyone in the office received any negative comments, only praise for not raising the county taxes.

Toby Rohlin stated that there were only two changes to this budget due to final figures coming in. First for the District Attorney salary for 2012 and second the amount for the 2012 worker's compensation insurance. These adjustments have been made to the budget and the following figures prevail, \$16,435,000 for revenues and \$16,811,000 for expenses, leaving the county running on a deficit of \$376,700 which will be covered by drawing down on our cash balance.

Commissioner John E. Eggleston reiterated that the budget is just a guideline. It does not mean that the money has to be spent. Purchases are approved as requested if necessary. The Vast majority of our revenue comes from property taxes, to which we are not ready to increase.

Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr. agreed with Commissioner John E. Eggleston, this is the beginning of our work. We are following this constantly throughout the year. As Commissioner John E. Eggleston stated just because something was in the budget, we may or may not approve the purchase. We work very closely with each department head to see that they have what they need to get the job done. I do appreciate the work the department heads and their staff have done to stay within their budgets.

Commissioner John E. Eggleston then stated, we could not do this without our incredible staff. We have a lean staff that works very hard. Rest assured they do not waste tax payer dollars.

Motion was made by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Terry L. Hawk to approve the budget as stands for the 2012 fiscal year. Motion carried unanimously.

Reappointment(s) to the Planning Commission Board: Motion was made by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Terry L. Hawk to approve the reappointment of Paul Pascuzzi and Gary Olson to the Warren County Planning Commission for another four year term through December 31, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Reappointment(s) to the Zoning Hearing Board: Motion was made by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Terry L. Hawk to approve the reappointment of Steven Brown to the Zoning Hearing Board for another five year term through December 31, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Reappointment(s) to the Warren County Redevelopment Authority: Motion was made by Commissioner Terry L. Hawk, seconded by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr. to approve the reappointment of Gilbert (Gib) Sanford to the Warren County Redevelopment Authority for another five year term through December 31, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Human Services:

Children & Youth:

Citizens Comments/Concerns:

Commissioner Comments/Concerns:

Both Commissioner John E. Eggleston and Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr. took this time to wish Commissioner Terry L. Hawk best of luck, and thanked him for his services in the past four years. "You will be missed around the Courthouse".

Commissioner John E. Eggleston also wished everyone a Happy New Year be safe this weekend and we look forward to seeing you next year.

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

Meeting adjourned 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Pamela J. Matve
Chief Clerk

John R. Bortz, Jr. Secretary
Warren County Commissioner