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MINUTES: Regular Session – March 23, 2021

The Board met in regular session pursuant to adjournment of the March 16, 2021 meeting.

David G. Young – present

Shannon Jones – present

Tom Grossmann – present

Tina Osborne, Clerk – present

Minutes of the March 9, 2021 and March 16, 2021 meetings were read and approved.

- 21-0390 A resolution was adopted to hire Krystal Powell as Administrative Assistant, within the Warren County Commissioners' Office. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0391 A resolution was adopted to authorize the posting of the "Sewer Collections Worker I or II" position within the Water and Sewer Department, in accordance with Warren County Personnel Policy Manual, Section 2.02(A).
Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0392 A resolution was adopted to cancel regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting of Thursday, March 25, 2021. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0393 A resolution was adopted to authorize publication of Notice to Public of Proposal to Construct in a Floodplain relative to the Fiscal Year 2021 Morrow – Train Depot Community Center and the Fiscal Year 2021 City of Franklin Mackinaw Improvement Community Development Block Grant Project. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0394 A resolution was adopted to advertise for bids for the 2021 Striping Project.
Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0395 A resolution was adopted to advertise for Request for Qualifications for Criteria Architect Services for the Warren County Court Expansion Project.
Vote: Unanimous

- 21-0396 A resolution was adopted to enter into contract with Brumbaugh Construction, Inc. for the Springboro Road Bridge #41-2.49 Rehabilitation Project. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0397 A resolution was adopted to enter into contract with DDK Construction, Inc. for the Union Road Bridges #33-4.92 & #33-5.16 Rehabilitation Project. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0398 A resolution was adopted to enter into contract with Moody's of Dayton, Inc. for the 2021 Well Redevelopment Project. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0399 A resolution was adopted to approve engineering agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for the Hunter Sewer System Improvement Project. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0400 A resolution was adopted to approve and execute a water service agreement with the Village of South Lebanon. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0401 A resolution was adopted to enter into non-potable waterline & appurtenances easement agreement with City of Franklin for the Franklin Area Water Treatment Plant Membrane Softening Upgrades Project. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0402 A resolution was adopted to approve and enter into an affiliation agreement with Sinclair Community College (Sinclair) on behalf of the Department of Warren County Children Services Social Work Program (Agency). Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0403 A resolution was adopted to approve agreement and addendum with Unified Dwelling, LLC as a child placement and related service provider for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners on behalf of Warren County Children Services. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0404 A resolution was adopted to approve agreement and addendum with Choices Independent Living as a child placement and related service provider for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners on behalf of Warren County Children Services. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0405 A resolution was adopted to approve and authorize the President of the Board to enter into a non-profit booth agreement on behalf of OhioMeansJobs Warren County. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0406 A resolution was adopted to enter into agreement with Hewlett Packard Enterprise on behalf of Warren County Telecommunications for renewal of Blade Infrastructure Support. Vote: Unanimous

- 21-0407 A resolution was adopted to declare various items within Building & Zoning, Common Pleas Court-General Division, County Court, Information Technology, Drug Task Force, Economic Development, Facilities Management, Grants, Sheriff Office, Treasurer and Water & Sewer and authorize the disposal of said items. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0408 A resolution was adopted to acknowledge payment of bills. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0409 A resolution was adopted to approve a subdivision public improvement performance and maintenance security release with Hopewell Valley Development, LLC for the Villages of Hopewell Valley, Section Five situated in Hamilton Township. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0410 A resolution was adopted to approve various record plats. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0411 A resolution was adopted to approve an operational transfer from Commissioners fund #11011112 into Human Services fund #2203. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0412 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within Treasurer's Office fund #11011130. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0413 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within Engineer fund 2202. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0414 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within Children Services fund #2273. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0415 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustments within Sheriff's Office fund #6630 Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0416 A resolution was adopted to approve requisitions and authorize County Administrator to sign documents relative thereto. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0417 A resolution was adopted to approve lease agreement with Ohio Department of Public Safety relative to 19 Dave Avenue Lebanon Ohio and authorize County Administrator to sign documents relative thereto. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0418 A resolution was adopted to authorize the Warren County Veterans Service Commission to accept the donation of an M114A2 Howitzer static display for the Veterans Memorial Park. Vote: Unanimous

DISCUSSIONS

On motion, upon unanimous call of the roll, the Board accepted and approved the consent agenda.

Rick Smith, Warren County Career Center Superintendent, was present to present the “Valued Business Partner Award” to the Board for their support of schools during the Covid Pandemic.

Mr. Smith stated that the current enrollment at the Career Center is only one student less than pre-pandemic. He also stated that the Warren County Career Center is currently the 8th largest career center in the State of Ohio.

Mr. Smith then thanked the Board for their financial support.

Susanne Mason, Grants Administration Program Manager, was present to discuss the availability of additional funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mrs. Mason stated that Warren County has the option to apply for approximately \$800,000 to be used to address Covid related needs that benefit low-to-moderate income households.

Mrs. Mason discussed the attached list that includes a few possible projects for consideration, should the Board decide to apply for funding.

There was discussion relative to the proposed projects.

Commissioner Young stated his dislike of the idea of funding a study to show that low literacy impacts lower income families. He stated it is common knowledge that literacy impacts the lower income and a study isn't needed to show that.

Martin Russell, Deputy County Administrator, stated that the idea of funding the study was to utilize it to provide data in order to recruit corporate sponsors in order to keep the program going.

There was discussion relative to the use of funds to help expand broadband services to the NE section of the county, extend WiFi services in the Franklin area at 6th Street and surrounding areas near the schools and early learning center and to research areas in need of broadband for the purpose of telehealth.

There was discussion relative to the use of funds for childcare assistance. The Board discussed the threshold of maximum income allowed in order to receive assistance as well as the number of families that remain on public assistance because of the cost of daycare.

Lauren Cavanaugh, Director of Human Services, suggested partnering with Mrs. Mason for a program to help families with assistance that would not qualify under the state guidelines.

Commissioner Young stated his encouragement to focus on the daycare assistance and broadband projects with the available funds, as well as encouraging the idea of including an even larger pot of money relative to daycare assistance.

Commissioner Grossmann suggested a “check in” on funding relative to the food pantries and Meals on Wheels program.

Tiffany Zindel, County Administrator, stated that the Meals on Wheels program is levy funded and not in need of additional funding.

Upon discussion, the Board requested Mrs. Mason to obtain additional information relative to daycare assistance and broadband expansions at schedule another work session.

John Agenbroad, Veterans Services Director, was virtually present for a work session to discuss an opportunity to obtain a cannon for display at our Veterans’ Memorial site from the US Army donation Program.

There was discussion relative to the type of cannon and the fact that the cannon is inoperable.

Commissioner Jones stated her support for the donation if the cannon does not fire.

Commissioner Young stated his support of the donation and upon further discussion, the Board resolved (Resolution #21-0418) to authorize the Warren County Veterans Service Commission to accept the donation of an M114A2 Howitzer static display for the Veterans Memorial Park.

Joshua Beckmann, Mason resident, presented a draft proclamation for the Board’s consideration relative to a request for their support for Warren County to be proclaimed as a Bill of Rights Sanctuary County.


Commissioner Young stated his support of the US Constitution as well as the Bill of Rights.

Commissioner Grossmann stated as a County Commissioner, he has sworn an oath to uphold the Constitution.

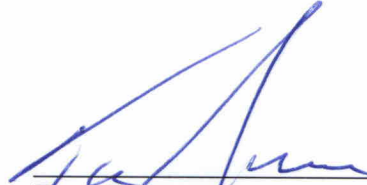
Upon discussion, the Board stated they will forward the proclamation request to legal counsel for review.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.

David G. Young, President



Tom Grossmann



Shannon Jones

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held on March 23, 2021, in compliance with Section 121.29 O.R.C.

Tina Osborne, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Warren County, Ohio



CDBG Covid Fund Summary 2021

OVERVIEW

The US Department of HUD has allocated \$794,856 to Warren County. Funds must be used to address a Covid-related need and must benefit low-to-moderate income households.

Total Funding: \$ 794,856.00

Please review the plan below to be discussed at the 3/23/21 BOCC meeting.

Note: At this time, our goal is submit a plan to keep on schedule.

If changes need to be made later, we can do a simple amendment to the original plan.

1 Imagination Library Support	\$ 25,000.00
The Warren County Foundation aims to build upon the Imagination Library by partnering with corporate sponsors. The goal is to provide books and literacy training for the entire family. Corporate sponsors may be more likely to give if there is research showing how literacy impacts lower income families (earning potential, job prospects, less remediation needed in schools, etc.) University of Cincinnati would provide R&D.	
2 Broadband	\$ 439,856.00
A. Expand broadband to NE section of County through a contract with a private company. Majority of funding could come from forthcoming American Rescue Plan and CDBG funds used for the low income areas only. B. Extend Wi-Fi in Franklin at 6th street and surrounding areas near schools and early learning center. City of Franklin has already begun research and has price quotes. C. Research areas in need of broadband for the purpose of telehealth. Mental Health Recovery reports that clients are experiencing difficulty due to poor internet service.	
3 Childcare Assistance Program	\$ 200,000.00
Venessa Freytag of 4C for Children reports that there is a need for assistance to help LMI families with childcare, thusly assisting the child care businesses. There are approximately 40 care centers in Warren County. This program would be based on income eligibility. Payments would be made directly to the child care centers.	

<p>4 Non Profit Covid Recovery</p> <p>Child Advocacy Center - Because of the pandemic, Warren County CAC was unable to hold its annual fundraising event. Funds are needed for salaries and could be used in proportion to the amount of low/moderate-income families they serve.</p> <p>New Housing Ohio - Warren County's Mental Health Recovery alerted us to the need for funds for this shelter. NHO has 102 units of permanent supportive housing, a 14 bed emergency shelter with 24/7 staffing, a 16 bed group home with 24/7 staffing, and a counseling practice. Their clientele includes low income persons, families with disabilities including Mental Health, Substance Abuse, DD, Veterans, and those that are homeless.</p>	<p>\$ 80,000.00</p>
<p>5 Administration</p> <p>General Administration Costs</p>	<p>\$ 50,000.00</p>
<p>5 Other Ideas:</p> <p>Food Pantries Meals on Wheels Senior Services</p>	