



## BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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### **WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS 2022 BUDGET**

WARREN COUNTY, OHIO – Today the Warren County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) adopted its 2022 general fund budget totaling \$82,449,915. The budget breakdown shows 57% going to the county's criminal justice system, 39% to general operations, and the remaining 4% to social and debt services. The approved general fund budget for 2022 indicates an increase of 5.79% from the previous year. Some items contributing to the higher increase for 2022 are wage pressure as experienced across both the private and public sectors, operational expenses for the newly opened jail, proactive cybersecurity updates as recommended by the county's Telecommunications department, and the election cycle for the coming year.

Warren County Commissioner, Shannon Jones shared her appreciation to all department heads, appointed and elected officials who helped, "bring forward this budget that is fiscally conservative and responsible on behalf of the taxpayer," stating that it is always, "consistent with the way we manage in the county."

The county's end of the year revenue is trending higher than 2020 numbers. Property tax is up nearly \$1 million and sales tax revenue is strong, currently up 5.7% compared to this time last year. Property tax collections for 2022 will be reduced by roughly \$24 million due to the BOCC's implementation of a one-year property tax holiday for the county's portion. Additionally, The BOCC has committed to setting aside another \$10 million for the county's infrastructure bank, a five-year program anticipated to generate approximately \$45 million to accelerate County projects brought forward by the Engineer's Office.

Board President, Commissioner David Young emphasized the county's expenditures for 2021 are currently at \$59 million of the \$78 million appropriated (73%). Additionally, Warren County anticipated collecting approximately \$80 million in revenue, and is at \$91 million. Commissioner Young affirmed that receiving

more than anticipated and spending less than budgeted is the “formula” for how Warren County does things differently and is a further reflection of the BOCC’s long-time fiscal model of governance.

**About the Warren County Board of County Commissioners**

*The Warren County Board of Commissioners is the legislative and executive body of county government. As the governing body, the Board is fiscally responsible for taxpayer dollars and for provision of services as required by state and federal law or mandated by the public. The Board works, through community partnership, to conscientiously protect and enhance the health, safety and quality of life of all Warren County residents, businesses and communities in a respectful, efficient and fiscally responsible way that addresses the needs today and invests in tomorrow.*

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