

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
107 W. Locust Street
Boonville, Indiana
March 3, 2022
6:00 PM

The Warrick County Council met in regular session in the Warrick County Courthouse, 107 W. Locust Street, Boonville, Indiana.

Attorney Cliff Whitehead and Administrator Krystal Powless were in attendance.

Auditor Debbie Stevens and Secretary Kristine Georges attended and recorded the minutes.

Council President, Greg Richmond, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Greg Richmond: First up is Roll Call.

Krystal Powless: Ron Bacon?

Ron Bacon: *(Councilman Ron Bacon was not present for this meeting).*

Krystal Powless: David Hachmeister?

David Hachmeister: *(Councilman David Hachmeister was not present for this meeting).*

Krystal Powless: Ted Metzger?

Ted Metzger: Present.

Krystal Powless: Brad Overton?

Brad Overton: Here.

Krystal Powless: Richard Reid?

Richard Reid: Present.

Krystal Powless: Greg Richmond?

Greg Richmond: Here.

Krystal Powless: Chris Whetstine?

Chris Whetstine: Here.

**RECOGNITION OF THE TECUMSEH LADY BRAVES BASKETBALL TEAM
PROCLAMATION 2022-01**

Councilman Greg Richmond: First up, I have something that I want to, I asked Krystal to find something that we could do as a Council to recognize and honor the Tecumseh High School Lady Braves. They won the state championship as you know. And I'm very proud of them. I'm sure you all are too. So, I have a Proclamation. I don't think any of them are here tonight to hear this, but it'll go on record, and it's on our YouTube channel.

(Councilman Greg Richmond read the following into the Minutes):

Whereas, the Tecumseh High School Lady Braves won the 1A Basketball State Championship on Saturday, February 26, 2022.

Whereas, the Citizens of Warrick County and fans of the Lady Braves are proud of their accomplishments.

Whereas, the #7 Braves (20-8) beat the #3 Lafayette Central (24-4) by a score of 60 to 53.

Whereas, the state title is the first in program history for the Lady Braves.

Whereas, the County of Warrick, Indiana, commends the Tecumseh Lady Braves for their teamwork, athleticism, and grace in the sport of basketball, and are proud of their accomplishment!

Now, Therefore, I, Greg Richmond, President of the Warrick County Council, do recognize this day, March 3rd, as Lady Brave Basketball Day.

Councilman Rick Reid: Who-ray.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I'll sign this and mail it to them.

(Proclamation 2022-01 is located on Page 10 of these Official Minutes)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, first order of business is Approval of Minutes. And I did not get a chance to read them because I've been reading a lot of other documents this week.

Councilman Brad Overton: Motion to table to next month.

Councilman Rick Reid: Second.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Motion to table by Brad to next month, and second by Rick. Any discussion on that? All those in favor?

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Aye.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Five, zero (5-0).

**SOLID WASTE BUSINESS
ISSUANCE OF BONDS
RESOLUTION 2022-04**

Councilman Greg Richmond: Solid Waste Business, a Resolution Issuance of Bonds Presentation.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Good evening. Terry Phillippe, Warrick County Commissioner, President of the Solid Waste Board. Going to give you the short version of what we're after here tonight. What we're looking for, at the Solid Waste Management District, is efficiency and cost savings. What we have is twenty (20) employees budgeted for a round figure of about five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) a year. And by the way, seven, eight (7, 8) show up for work consistently. We also have loans that are at a relatively high rate. And what we're doing here tonight is to talk to you about refinancing our debt at a lower rate, saving money. Gonna reallocate that money into an allocation, I'm sorry, an Automation Project wherein we can sort the recyclables through automation, and take the seven (7) or eight (8) employees that are good employees who show up for work pay them a higher rate and give them a wage which they can support a family on. And make the Solid Waste Management District altogether more efficient. So, that's the short version. These guys will give you some more details. Thank you.

Brad Bingham: Good evening. Brad Bingham. I'm with Barnes and Thornburg. We're serving as bond counsel to the Solid Waste Board on this potential refunding. In your packet tonight, you should have received a Resolution. I just want to talk briefly about what that is, what that covers and what the purpose of that is. Under, under Indiana law, the Solid Waste Management District cannot issue any debt, any bonds, or any financing type without the approval of the Warrick County Council. That's just the way the law is these days. And so, this Resolution would authorize the approval of the issuance of bonds at the District in an aggregate amount not to exceed two point eight million dollars (\$2,800,000.00) with a maximum interest rate not to exceed five (5%). Now, yesterday, the Solid Waste Management Board met and they adopted a final bond Resolution where they've actually lowered that maximum interest rate down to three and a half percent (3 ½%). The actual rate, that won't be determined until once the bonds would be sold, but it, it will be somewhere near like the mid two percent (2%) range at this, at this time. So, that Resolution authorizes the approval, authorized the issuance of those bonds. And in sort of corollary is that the Solid Waste Board also made an additional appropriation that will be funded out these bond proceeds. And so, this Resolution acknowledges that they've made that appropriation and authorizes the bond proceeds to be spent to refinance these loans that were done back in 2015. That's really kind of the legal aspect. I'll step aside here and let Oscar Gulierrez with Bondry Consulting talk more about the economics as to why this kind of makes sense to look at, at this time.

Councilman Rick Reid: Hey, Brad, what's the current rate?

Brad Bingham: Well, there's two (2) loans. There's actually two (2) separate ones. There's one (1) on the larger piece is five and a half percent (5 ½%). The smaller equipment loan was about, there's like six hundred thousand (\$600,000.00) or so outstanding. That's at four percent (4%). So, that's, and current market rates for similar kind of maturities. Again, I think, as Oscar will talk about, it's really down (inaudible), so, it's a significant difference from what they're currently paying.

Councilman Rick Reid: That's great.

Oscar Gulierrez: Thank you, Brad. Council, Oscar Gulierrez, Bondry Consulting, Municipal Advisor for the Solid Waste District. In front of you, you should have a two (2) page document that summarizes the refinancing. I'm not gonna read the whole thing to you, but ultimately it highlights some of the things that, that Councilman Reid just brought up. So, there are two (2) outstanding loans from Solid Waste District. One (1) still has two hundred fifty-seven thousand nine hundred ninety-eight dollars (\$257,998.00) outstanding at four percent (4%) and the second one (1) still has two million four hundred six thousand dollars six hundred twenty (\$2,406,620.00) at five and a half percent (5 ½%). So, that's the larger chunk that's really going to make an impact here. What you would, what will be accomplished out of this is a total savings over the life of the bonds for four hundred forty-seven thousand nine

hundred and eighty-one dollars (\$447,981.00). Now, that four hundred forty-seven thousand (\$447,000.00) is going to be net of all bank fees, lawyer fees, advisor fees, so that is the true savings to the County. And that's, you know, and that's real money. On the back of that, you'll have an actual schedule of how, of the year by year savings. So, in 2023 it's a thirty thousand dollar (\$30,000.00) savings and (20)24, it's eighty thousand (\$80,000.00). The reason why they jump around is because we wanted to have a flat payment to create the savings to allow for more flexibility, so that the County would be able to have a set payment every year. As you can see on the debt, on the refunding piece, which is the third column on this, on the back page, all of those payments are fairly close to each other. And that's why the savings are different, because it wasn't even before. And that allows the Solid Waste District to budget accordingly, so that if they use it towards wages, it's a consistent savings. If you actualize that to present value today, by doing this, it's about four hundred thirteen thousand dollars (\$413,000.00) of present value savings. But, over the life of it, it will be four hundred forty-seven (\$447,000.00). Again it's about two point four percent (2.4%) where we expect to, the rate to be. We plan on closing these bonds on the 28th of this month. So, unless something catastrophic happens in the next couple of weeks, which with everything happening, I can't promise that rate, but we have everything locked up to achieve that with the bank currently. Are there any questions specific to this?

Councilman Rick Reid: Probably, the sooner the better for the bonds, isn't it?

Oscar Gulierrez: So, that's the fastest we could do it. And we did this for speed. Typically, we would go to Standard and Poor's and do a whole rating thing, but we wanted speed, so that we didn't delay this another month and then lost the savings and interest.

Councilman Rick Reid: Yeah.

Oscar Gulierrez: Any more questions gentlemen and lady?

Councilman Greg Richmond: And Counsel, how we do this? Read it by Resolution number and title?

Cliff Whitehead: Correct.

Councilman Greg Richmond: And this is Resolution number?

Kristine Georges: 2022-04.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay and I would need a motion to read it by title.

Councilman Brad Overton: Motion to read it by title.

Councilman Rick Reid: Second.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, motion by Brad. Let me write that down. And second, who was the second? Rick? Title and number. I guess we ought to vote on the motion or do I read it first?

Cliff Whitehead: The motion on the floor is to read it, so then you can, if that passes, you can read it, and then a motion to approve the Resolution.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay. So, I have a motion and a second. Any discussion? All those in favor? That's five, zero (5-0) on that part. And the second part now, Warrick County Council Resolution 2022-04. A Resolution of the Warrick County Council approving the issuance of refunding bonds of the Warrick County Solid Waste Management District and the appropriation of the proceeds thereof to refinance certain loans of the district and pay certain related costs. The floor is open for a motion and discussion.

Councilman Rick Reid: Motion.

Councilman Brad Overton: Second.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Motion by Rick and second by Brad. Any further discussion? Questions? If not, I'll call the question. All those in favor? That's five, zero (5-0).

Cliff Whitehead: And to be clear, the motion was to approve the Resolution.

Councilman Rick Reid: Yes.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yes, to approve, yes. I'm sorry, thank you. Okay, that's it. Thank you.

Brad Bingham: Thanks, everyone. Appreciate it.

(Resolution 2022-04 is located on Pages 10 through 11 of these Official Minutes)

SHERIFF/COMMISSIONER BUSINESS REDUCTION FROM COVID EXPENSE TO HAZARD PAY

Councilman Greg Richmond: Next step is a Budget Reduction. This is a reduction from Commissioners, Fund 1000.31116.000.0068 COVID Expense. One hundred thirteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$113,500.00).

Councilman Brad Overton: Motion to approve.

Councilman Rick Reid: Second.

Krystal Powless: Oh, wait. Whoa, appropriating to, why don't you go ahead and read those?

Councilman Greg Richmond: And the Additional Appropriations, so, we don't have to vote on the reduction first?

Krystal Powless: No, just, all one (1) motion. Please.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, Sheriff's Business, Additional Appropriation, Sheriff's Hazard Pay, seventy-two thousand dollars, (\$72,000.00); Jail Hazard Pay, twenty-eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$28,500.00); and Dispatch Hazard Pay, thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000.00). I assume that adds up to a hundred and thirteen-five (\$113,500.00)?

Krystal Powless: Yep.

Councilman Greg Richmond: So, I will entertain a motion to do all of those.

Councilman Brad Overton: Motion to approve. Motion to approve the reduction, 3A, and the Expenses or Additional Appropriations, 3B.

Councilman Rick Reid: Second.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Second by Rick. Motion by Brad, second by Rick. Any discussion? All those in favor? Five (5) of us. Five, zero (5-0). Thank you.

PUBLIC SAFETY LIT MOTORIZED VEHICLE

Councilman Greg Richmond: Next is Additional Appropriation, Motorized Vehicle, Public Safety Local Income Tax, one hundred twenty-six thousand dollars (\$126,000.00).

Sheriff Mike Wilder: Sheriff Mike Wilder, I don't like being here this early asking for money, but when we actually did the budget, at that time, we obviously, eventually, passed the Public Safety LIT which we hired eight (8) new officers. So, we really need eight (8) new cars and that wasn't the appropriate line item we gave you at that time in July. But, when it came time, once everything was approved, we had to wait 'til February for the first dump of money to come in January. So, we didn't want to order any of those car 'til we actually knew we had the money. Car prices are not the same as July. So, that's the reason that we're asking for that additional appropriation. We went ahead and we already have ordered five (5) of those vehicles that we were, you know, wanting to purchase for them. We're needing three (3) more. And that's why, that, that's what that additional appropriation will cover. When we bought vehicles in 2021, for the Durango's, we paid just under thirty thousand (\$30,000.00) for them. Right now they're at forty-one thousand (\$41,000.00) for a 2021. The 2022, they haven't even give us pricing or anything on them yet. I think they'll be over forty (\$40,000.00) and it's, this year, Chrysler's not doing the bid assist where they give governments bid assist. So, they're actually, basically, sticking to the price of the sticker. So, the actual vehicles we did order are going to be Ford Police Interceptors. The, the, it's called the Police Interceptor, but it's basically the police version of the Explorer. Because it was thirty-two (\$32,000.00), almost right at thirty-three thousand (\$33,000.00) which was the cheapest. I really hate to keep changing our fleet around, but we obviously are chasing prices too. We're trying to stay at the cheapest that we can get vehicles. I think they're all good vehicles, but when you change your fleet, a light bar may not fit on a Dodge Durango that fits on a Ford Interceptor. So, it's a challenge. And you know, we're trying to do what's best, you know, with money and stuff. So, we did, the vehicle we currently ordered will be Ford Interceptors just because right now they have the best price. I don't know. And now, we don't even know when we're gonna get them for sure. That's the other challenge.

Councilman Rick Reid: What time now they talking about delivering?

Sheriff Mike Wilder: Well, they gave us a bid, build date of April. But, I've talked to people that have already had personal vehicles and things like that, that had build dates in March, and they keep pushing them back. So, yeah, I mean, it's a challenge. I mean I'm hoping that will eventually correct itself.

Councilman Rick Reid: You have bicycles?

Sheriff Mike Wilder: We don't have bicycles.

Councilman Brad Overton: (Inaudible) maverick now.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: I do want to, yeah, I do want to, these aren't vehicles that are replacing old cars, like, where, hey, you just keep the old cars. These are actually needing to go into service cause we have that many Deputies, which is great. And I commend, but that's not the reason I'm here this soon asking for this money. There's plenty in the LIT; that's what it was passed for was for these things. But, we're trying to do our due diligence too. But, it's just, pricing is different than what it was six (6) months ago. And I'm sure...

Councilman Chris Whetstone: Sheriff, are these prices now, they're set now, they locked in? Or?

Sheriff Mike Wilder: Well, the Ford is. The, like I said, on some of the Dodge/Chrysler products, we've not even got bids. The only ones with prices, unless it, I haven't seen it. The only ones I can get a price on is Chrysler is actually a 2021 Durango and it's forty-one thousand (\$41,000.00) that we paid twenty-eight (\$28,000.00) for last year. They're

actually on a lot we could get our hands on those today. Cause those actually sit on a lot, maybe. Cause I was just at the Sheriff's Conference and they, those things are going pretty quick too.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: What I mean is the price that, the bid you're receiving now, are those set no matter when they're delivered?

Sheriff Mike Wilder: Yes. Yeah, those are set. Yeah, those are state bids.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Even if it's nine (9) months from now?

Sheriff Mike Wilder: Right, yes. Those pricing. That's correct. And we've been doing some different things, I mean just I, I, just kind of share this with you, we've used to always trade our cars and surplus. We found out we could take them to Wolfe's Auto Auction and kind of get a little bit more especially in this market. And we've also, now, recently, we're dealing with Commissioners and trying to help the Town of Chandler out, or Chandler, I'm sorry, Lynnville out. So, we're doing different things trying to get the most we can for our vehicles. But, it's kind of, some of the trucks we trade, it's kind of nice. We're getting more from them than we ever expected. But, the problem is you're still paying on the other end. And it's kind of a wash. But...

Councilman Rick Reid: Motion to approve.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Motion by Rick. Is there a second?

Councilman Chris Whetstine: I'll second it.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Second by Chris. Any discussion? All those in favor? Five...five, zero (5-0). Thank you.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: Thank you, all.

Councilman Rick Reid: Thank you, Sheriff.

PUBLIC DEFENDER BUSINESS PAUPER COUNSEL

Councilman Greg Richmond: Public Defender Business. This is an Additional Appropriation, Pauper Counsel, one hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000.00).

Warren Mathies: Thank you. Warren Mathias the Chief Public Defender. When we came and presented our budget to you, there's a line item and it's called Pauper Counsel. And that's the one (1) we're asking for the additional appropriation. That, that line item pays for the part-time Public Defenders that have been in existence for, I guess, twenty (20) years or so. And what happened, I think when, when we looked at the new, we have like eight (8) or nine (9) line items. I think when the Council saw that there was one (1) that said attorney above and it had a certain amount in it, that amount was subtracted thinking we had enough. But, this is a specific line item for the contract Public Defenders. The line item that everyone saw above was the one (1) that covers my full time salary. And that's not, it's not a number that fluctuates. So, when that occurred, we didn't, we, we're a hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) short. So, I caught it in January and kind of panicked and then figured I'd better get to you guys before we run out of what's there, there's a hundred (\$100,000.00), there was a hundred (\$100,000.00) there. So, each of these part-timers gets three thousand three hundred thirty-three dollars (\$3,333.00) a month to cover their part-time work. They take their caseload for the County. And it's various cases, misdemeanors, felonies, child (inaudible) services cases. We can't all take all the cases, because we'd have such a load. It's spread out over all those lawyers so there's no conflicts. That's just been the way it's been before we even existed as an office. So, I'm asking you guys to consider doing that. And I'm happy to answer any questions you might have about it.

Councilman Rick Reid: Motion to approve.

Councilman Brad Overton: Second.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Motion by Rick and seconded by Brad. Any discussion? All those in favor? That's all five (5) of us. Five, zero (5-0).

Warren Mathies: Thank you very much. And I will, we're meeting tomorrow. We, we have a quarterly report that we give every quarter to the State of Indiana and last year we brought in over two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) of revenue to the County. And we're working on getting that better. And then there was a new, a new group of people formed in our County that the State mandates by Statute that has us do tracking and cost cutting measures. And so, I think in the next couple years, you're gonna see the true benefit of all of our stuff that we do to bring back stuff to the County.

Councilman Greg Richmond: That's another part of my reading this week.

Warren Mathies: Yeah, the new J...judicial recidivism, whatever account, they want to make sure that we're not paying too much for keeping people local.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Right.

Warren Mathies: Get them where they need to be and not have to ask us, pay it, you know, which is a good thing. Thanks.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah, just by being your President, I got put on that committee on that. Didn't even know it was out there.

COUNCIL BUSINESS LEGAL SERVICES

Councilman Greg Richmond: Alright let's see. Council Business, Additional Appropriation, and claim approval for our attorney for legal services and again this is COVID Relief Expense.

Councilman Brad Overton: Motion to approve.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Motion by Brad. Is there a second?

Councilman Chris Whetstine: I'll second it.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Second by Chris. Any discussion? All those in favor? Five, zero (5-0). Thank you.

Cliff Whitehead: Thank you.

ESTABLISH NEW HOME RULE FUND JAIL CONSTRUCTION SAVINGS

Councilman Greg Richmond: Now, 5B, Establish a new Home Rule Fund. We, I talked to Krystal about this earlier. We have made a commitment to certain areas and we have a budget. And we've talked about putting away money for a new Jail. And this would need to be established, from what I understand, for us to have the funds to save towards a new Jail which will be two (2) or three (3) years down the road. And that would be a savings account we make a down payment on. The Sheriff and I and few others, the Jailer, we visited a lot of jails. They sure are different from ours out there. A lot more improvements. Anyway that's what this is all about and...

Councilman Rick Reid: Is that going to come out of the LIT?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yes, would be the LIT. We would, tell us how this works, Cliff, I'd appreciate it.

Cliff Whitehead: Yeah, we set up this Home Rule, this Ordinance, and however much you all decide to flow into that Fund would flow. And we reached out to the SBOA just to make sure that we're gonna do it correctly if we decide to do it. And so, this would be the first step just to get some guidance from the Council on that, something we want to do, and then we bring the Ordinance back to the Council on actually approving it.

Councilman Greg Richmond: So, tonight, we would maybe make a motion for you to...

Krystal Powless: Draft it.

Cliff Whitehead: Yes.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay.

Krystal Powless: And with a possible amount coming from LIT, Public Safety.

Councilman Rick Reid: I'll make that motion.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay. Motion by Rick. Is there a second?

Councilman Brad Overton: Do we need to put the amount? Does he need to put that in his motion?

Councilman Rick Reid: I think you're going to study it right now, aren't you?

Cliff Whitehead: It's up to you. You can, you can make that amount now, or that can be left blank and you determine it at next meeting.

Krystal Powless: Right, I mean, if you want to look at some of my notes, you can make a recommendation tonight. Or you can look at the notes and make a recommendation next meeting. But, you know, I was, I felt like it could hold two million (\$2,000,000.00) a year. Possibly, maybe a distribution of one million (\$1,000,000.00) in June and one million (\$1,000,000.00) in December. Something like that. You have, we have to be specific in how we collect the money to the, to the Fund.

Cliff Whitehead: So, what I could do, I could draft two (2) Ordinances. One (1) having one (1) payment a year and the other having two (2) payments a year, leaving the numbers blank, and then you all think about it. And then at the next meeting, you have two (2) options, blanks in each, and then make a decision if you'd like to at that point.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I think it'd be wise, would be further down the road, a little bit more, what's going in there.

Councilman Rick Reid: Yeah, I think we need to study that. Whose toes we're going to step on.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah. So, we have a motion. Need a second.

Councilman Brad Overton: Second.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Brad?

Councilman Brad Overton: There's your second.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Thank you. Any discussion further? All those in favor. Five, zero (5-0). Thank you.

HANDBOOK POLICY, REIMBURSEMENTS, TRANSFERS, OR CORRECTIONS HIGHWAY – LEAD FORMAN RETIREE – ENGINEER VACATION PAYOUT CIRCUIT COURT REPORTER – PAY FROM COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH – VAXCARE/ANIMAL CONTROL

Councilman Greg Richmond: Boy, I hear sirens way too often. Additional Appropriation, Highway, 6A, Salary Ordinance, these are all Handbook. I'm gonna read them though. Highway, Lead Foreman Retiree, five thousand two hundred eighty-four dollars (\$5,284.00). Engineer, four thousand four hundred seventeen dollars (\$4,417.00), for a total of nine thousand seven hundred one dollars (\$9,701.00). That's the additional appropriation for Highway. Salary Ordinance, Engineer, two (2) week vacation payout, four thousand four hundred sixteen dollars and twenty-seven cents (\$4,416.27). And Salary Ordinance for Circuit Court, amended correction for the Clerk Reporter Misdemeanant, the full salary paid from General Fund. I have down here forty-two thousand seven hundred forty-nine (\$42,749.00). Is that correct?

Krystal Powless: For what? No. That's...

Councilman Greg Richmond: 6C.

Krystal Powless: No.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, well, there's a...

Krystal Powless: You don't have to have a number down. All we're doing is saying that it's paid from, it's all paid from the County General Fund.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, cause there was a list of, somewhere.

Krystal Powless: Yes, but the only thing that you're truly approving tonight is that the full salary is paid from County General.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay. So, the full salary to be paid from County General. Okay. So, 6A, B, C, then 6D, the additional appropriation for Health is the normal Vaxcare. It's a reimbursement, nine thousand ninety-three dollars (\$9,093.00). Animal Control, twelve thousand three hundred fifty-five dollars (\$12,355.00), for a total additional appropriation of twenty-one thousand four hundred forty-eight dollars (\$21,448.00). So, I'll entertain a motion for all, for those.

Councilman Chris Whetstone: I'll make that motion.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Motion by Chris. Is there a second?

Councilman Brad Overton: Second.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Second by Brad. Any discussion? All those in favor? Five, zero (5-0). Thank you.

(March Appropriations are located on Page 12 of these Official Minutes)

**OTHER BUSINESS
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION – HOLLY MCCUTCHEM**

Councilman Greg Richmond: Is there anybody on the sign-up sheet? Oh, something else here? Thank you. Holly McCutchen?

Holly McCutchen: Good evening, I'm Holly McCutchen, Warrick County Soil and Water Conservation District. I just wanted to stop by and invite you guys to our annual meeting. It's gonna be March the 28th, so, I'll give it to you after that. And then, I have, if you guys can come, it's our 70th year. So, doing conservation in the County for seventy (70) years. So, we're pretty excited about that. Hoping to bring in some people who've been on our Board in the past to come and talk about it. And, so anyways, I just, if you guys could come, we'd love to have you. And to let you know we're doing a cover crop breakfast next Tuesday at 7:00 AM; if anybody would like to come. Economics of Cover Crops, trying to help farmers figure out inputs through, you know, as you guys know, fertilizer cost has gone up. So, this is a way maybe to help our farmers to be able to manage to make a living. And then in Envirothon with schools are March the 15th. We're gonna have it at the 4-H Fairgrounds. Pond Workshop is on the 2nd. We're doing AG Days with all of the elementary schools, and thankfully it's gonna be in person this year, so, we'll do that with everybody at the Farm Bureau. And then our Forestry Workshop, it's a series of three (3), we started it, January was our first one

(1). And our third one (1), then, will be April the 9th at Scales Lake. So, we had a really good participation there. And then in June and July and August, we're renewing our Conservation Crusaders program, which tends to be a big hit with the kids. And we've included, we talked to the Mayor of Boonville, and now we're gonna include Boonville City Park. So, we'll be at Lynnville, Tennyson, Boonville, and Friedman Park. So, we're trying to cover all of the areas of the, of the County and reach out to the kiddos. So, so anyways, I just wanna let you know what's going up. We still are working on a Clean Water Indiana Grant, helping our farmers and small producers with cover crops and heavy use protection pads, helping them with that. And we are going to be getting a new NRCS District Conservationist, I don't know if you guys are, know, but we've been without one (1) for almost a year now. So, he'll start at the end of March. So, any questions for me? I just wanna do an update. I hate it when we see you only once a year, so, I thought, well, I'll just come and do an update.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Well, I appreciate that.

Councilman Rick Reid: You're doing a great job.

Holly McCutchen: Thank you, I appreciate it.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I've been to every one (1) of their meetings.

Councilman Rick Reid: Seventy (70) years right?

Councilman Greg Richmond: It's a great meeting (inaudible).

Holly McCutchen: All seventy (70) years, right?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Not, no, every one (1), since I've been on the Council. I'm 71. If I started...

Councilman Brad Overton: Oh, that was the best joke.

Holly McCutchen: You could have then. You could have been there.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah, thank you.

Holly McCutchen: Do you guys want me to hand them to you or pick him up on the way?

Councilman Rick Reid: (Inaudible).

Councilman Greg Richmond: But, it is a good, informative meeting that's nice to go to. But, this time, I won't be there.

Holly McCutchen: I know, I'm sorry. We moved it because of COVID to the end of March. We had to do it by law by the end of March. So, we thought if we pushed it off, it might, which was good, because January's numbers weren't very good with COVID. So, but, we're gonna have, what's is that called, the barbeque, The Butcher Shop in Newburgh. They're gonna, we're gonna try them. They're gonna do a meal and we're gonna have it at Friedman Park. So, we appreciate Friedman Park Event Center. That's been really nice. We utilize that a lot. So, all right, well, thank you, gentlemen. I just wanted to tell you, I'll just put them over here.

Krystal Powless: Okay.

Councilman Ted Metzger: Thank you.

Councilman Rick Reid: Thanks.

Councilman Brad Overton: I like to know if Rick's got any more jokes tonight. On a roll here. I don't know this is a side of him. Also we've noticed that, obviously, Ron and Dave are the anchors and slow down all the meetings. We're much more efficient.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: (Inaudible) think of that.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah, keep David in your thoughts. He had a fall today.

Councilman Rick Reid: Uh oh.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Not serious, I hope? Obviously, he's not here.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I don't know.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Is he at home? Is he...?

Krystal Powless: I think he's at home. Brenda called and he had fallen when he was feeding the cows, and maybe hurt his back.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Okay.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Any other business come for Council?

Councilman Rick Reid: Looking for one (1) more motion?

Councilman Greg Richmond: I'm looking for one (1) more motion.

Councilman Rick Reid: Motion to adjourn.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Motion by Rick. Is there a second?

Councilman Brad Overton: Second.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Second by Brad. All in favor?

Councilman Rick Reid: Aye.

Councilman Brad Overton: Aye.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Aye. (Motion carried 5-0).

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL


Greg Richmond, President



Ron Bacon


Ted Metzger


Chris Whetstine


Brad Overton, Vice President


David Hachmeister


Richard Reid

ATTEST:

Deborah K. Stevens, Auditor
Warrick County, IN

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PROCLAMATION

County of Warrick Warrick County Council

WHEREAS, The Tecumseh High School Lady Braves won the 1A Basketball State Championship on Saturday, February 26, 2022.

WHEREAS, Citizens of Warrick County and fans of the Lady Braves are proud of their accomplishments.

WHEREAS, The # 7 Braves (20-8) beat the #3 Lafayette Central (24-4) by a score of 60 to 53.

WHEREAS, The state title is the first in program history for the Lady Braves.

WHEREAS, The County of Warrick Indiana commends the Tecumseh Lady Braves for their teamwork, athleticism, and grace in the sport of basketball, and are proud of their accomplishment!

Now, Therefore, I, Greg Richmond, President of the Warrick County Council, do recognize this day, March 3rd, as

LADY BRAVE BASKETBALL DAY!

PROCLAMATION OF WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL

Greg Richmond

This was done on the 3rd day of March 2022

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF REFUNDING BONDS OF THE WARRICK COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND THE APPROPRIATION OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF TO REFINANCE CERTAIN LOANS OF THE DISTRICT AND PAY CERTAIN RELATED COSTS

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the "District Board") for the Warrick County Solid Waste Management District (the "District"), previously incurred (i) a loan of the District, dated October 9, 2015, in the original aggregate principal amount of \$2,967,718.83, bearing interest at a rate of 5.50% per annum, to finance the acquisition and/or construction a new recycling and processing center facility operated by the District, and (ii) a loan of the District, dated October 9, 2015, in the original aggregate principal amount of \$600,478, bearing interest at a rate of 4.00% per annum, to finance certain equipment to be used by the District such recycling and processing center facility (collectively, the "Prior Loans"); and

WHEREAS, such Prior Loans of the District are currently outstanding on the date hereof in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,589,326.99; and

WHEREAS, the District has been advised that, based on prevailing market interest rates, the District could achieve a substantial interest cost savings with respect to the Prior Loans through the issuance of refunding bonds of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District Board adopted a preliminary bond and appropriation resolution on February 17, 2022 (the "District Resolution"), preliminarily authorizing the issuance of its bonds to be designated the "Warrick County Solid Waste Management District Refunding Bonds, Series 2022," together with such additional or different series designation determined by the District to be necessary or appropriate (the "Bonds"), in an original aggregate principal amount not to exceed Two Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,800,000) and preliminarily appropriating the proceeds thereof, for the purpose of providing funds to (i) refinance the Prior Loans, thereby achieving a substantial savings in the interest expense associated with such financing, and (ii) pay the costs of selling and issuing the Bonds (collectively, the "Refunding"); and

WHEREAS, the Bonds will be payable from legally available revenues of the District, and, to the extent such revenues are insufficient, from a special benefits tax levied on all taxable property in the District; and

WHEREAS, on or prior to the date hereof, the District Board, following a public hearing conducted upon notice duly given, also adopted a resolution appropriating a sum not to exceed Two Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,800,000) (the "Additional Appropriation"), which is to be provided for out of the proceeds of the Bonds, together with all investment earnings thereon, for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the costs of the Refunding; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Indiana Code § 6-1.1-17-20.5 and Indiana Code § 13-21-3-16(f), each as amended, the District may not issue the Bonds unless it obtains the approval of the Warrick County Council (the "County Council"); and

WHEREAS, the County Council now desires to approve the issuance of the Bonds and the Additional Appropriation, subject to the terms contained herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL, as follows:

Section 1. Approval of Bonds. Pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-17-20.5 and Indiana Code § 13-21-3-16(f), each as amended, the County Council hereby approves the proposed issuance of the Bonds by the District, upon the following terms and conditions: (a) the Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates producing a yield not to exceed five percent (5.00%) per annum, (b) the Bonds shall have a final maturity date no later than January 1, 2036, and (c) the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds shall not exceed \$2,800,000. The proceeds of the Bonds shall be applied solely for the purpose of the Refunding, including paying costs of issuance incurred on account of the issuance and sale of the Bonds.

Section 2. Approval of Additional Appropriation. The County Council does hereby approve the Additional Appropriation in order to pay costs of the Refunding, which includes costs of issuance incurred on account of the issuance and sale of the Bonds. The Additional Appropriation shall be in addition to all appropriations provided for in the existing budget and levy of the District, and shall continue in effect until the completion of the Refunding. Any surplus of such proceeds shall be credited to the proper fund as required by law.

Section 3. Authorization of Other Actions. Any member of the County Council or the District Board of Commissioners of the County and the County Auditor, and any other officer, employee or agent of the County is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the County, to execute and deliver any contract, agreement, certificate, instrument or other document and to take any action as such person determines to be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this resolution, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by such person's execution of such contract, agreement, certificate, instrument or other document or such person's taking of such action.

Section 4. Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions. All ordinances, resolutions and orders, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this resolution, are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 5. Effective Date. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption by the County Council and upon compliance with the procedures required by law.

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DULY PASSED and ADOPTED on this 3 day of March, 2022, by the Warrick County Council, as fiscal body of Warrick County, Indiana, by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL

Greg Richmond
Greg Richmond, President

(not present)
Ron Bacon

Ted Metzger
Ted Metzger

Chris Whetstone
Chris Whetstone

Brad Overton
Brad Overton, Vice President

(not present)
David Hachmeister

Richard Reid
Richard Reid

ATTEST:

Deborah K. Stevens
Deborah K. Stevens, Auditor
Warrick County, Indiana

Sec. 1 Be it ordained (resolved) by the Warrick County Council, Warrick County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the taxing unit the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the proposed specified, subject to the laws governing the same:



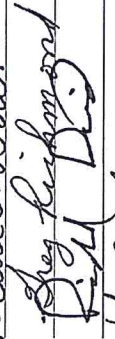


FUND	APPROPRIATION NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Highway	1176.11523.000.0530	Lead Foreman	\$5,284.00	5,284
Total Highway	1176.11340.000.9604	Engineer	\$4,417.00	4,417
Health	1159.21375.000.0000	Vaxcare	\$9,093.00	9,093
Total Health	1159.22500.000.0000	Animal Control	\$12,355.00	12,355
Public Safety LIT	1170.44300.000.0000	Motorized Vehicle	\$21,448.00	21,448
Total Public Safety LIT			\$126,000.00	126,000
Sheriff	1000.11332.000.0005	Hazard Pay	\$72,000.00	72,000
Total Sheriff			\$72,000.00	
Jail	1000.11332.000.0380	Hazard Pay	\$28,500.00	28,500
Total Jail			\$28,500.00	
Dispatch	1000.11332.000.0303	Hazard Pay	\$13,000.00	13,000
Total Dispatch			\$13,000.00	
Council	1000.31200.000.0061	Legal Services	\$3,072.00	3,072
Total Council			\$3,072.00	
Public Defender	1000.31891.000.0271	Pauper Counsel	\$110,000.00	110,000
Total Public Defender			\$110,000.00	
Reduction Commissioners	1000.31116.000.0068	COVID Expense	-\$113,500.00	-113,500
Total Reduction Commissioners			-\$113,500.00	

Taxpayers appearing in the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the State Board of Tax Commissioners. The Board will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action.

Adopted this 31st day of MARCH, 2022.

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ATTEST:

 Auditor Warrick County

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