

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL 2022 FOR 2023 BUDGET MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
107 W. Locust Street
Boonville, Indiana
October 6, 2022
6:20 PM

The Warrick County Council met for the Public Hearing 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 6:20 PM.

ROLL CALL

Krystal Powless: Greg Richmond?

Greg Richmond: Here.

Krystal Powless: Chris Whetstine?

Chris Whetstine: Here.

Krystal Powless: David Hachmeister?

David Hachmeister: Here.

Krystal Powless: Ted Metzger?

Ted Metzger: Present.

Krystal Powless: Brad Overton?

Brad Overton: Here.

Krystal Powless: Ron Bacon?

Ron Bacon: Here.

Krystal Powless: Richard Reid?

Richard Reid: Here.

ORDINANCE FOR SALARIES AND WAGES
ORDINANCE 2022-03

Councilman Greg Richmond: Alright, first up is the Ordinance for Salaries and Wages. It would be Ordinance 2022-03. How much of this do I need to read?

Krystal Powless: Title.

Cliff Whitehead: Just the title.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Just that title that I just read?

Cliff Whitehead: Yes.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay. Then I need to ask for any public input, is that what the procedure would be?

Cliff Whitehead: Yes.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Is there any public comment on this? Seeing none, I'll ask for a, need a motion for the First Reading, right?

Cliff Whitehead: Yes.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Motion for the First Reading.

Councilman Brad Overton: I'll make a motion for the First Reading.

Councilman Rick Reid: Second.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Motion by Brad and second by Rick Reid. This is for the Salary Ordinances, Ordinance for Salaries and Wages 2022-03. Any more discussion? All those in favor? Seven (7), zero (0). Thank you. Oh, I'm sorry, six (6) to one (1). Or are you abstaining?

Councilman David Hachmeister: No, I'm against.

Councilman Greg Richmond: You're a nay?

Councilman David Hachmeister: Yeah.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, six to one and the nay is David Hachmeister (6-1 with David Hachmeister opposing).

**ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATION AND TAX RATES
ORDINANCE 2022-04 FIRST READING**

Councilman Greg Richmond: Next up is the Ordinance for Appropriation and Tax Rates, 2022-04. Any comment from the public? Any questions from the Council? I'll take a motion.

Councilman Brad Overton: Motion, for, for First Reading?

Councilman Greg Richmond: First Reading.

Councilman Brad Overton: First Reading (inaudible).

Councilman Greg Richmond: Is there a second?

Councilman David Hachmeister: Yeah.

Councilman Ron Bacon: I'll second.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I don't know who was first. I'm going to put down David.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Put David.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay. Any discussion? All those in favor? Seven, zero (7-0).

MOU – WARRICK COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

Councilman Greg Richmond: Now, I'm going to skip down to the Memorandum of Understanding that you all got a chance to read between the School Corporation and Warrick County concerning the sharing of the School Resource Officers. Everybody okay? Anything from the public on that? I'll call for a motion.

Councilman Ted Metzger: Motion.

Krystal Powless: This is actually a motion to pass this and have you sign it.

Councilman Brad Overton: Motion.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, this is a motion to pass.

Councilman Brad Overton: I'll make that motion.

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

Councilman Ron Bacon: I'll second.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Seconded by Ron. Any discussion from the Council? All those in favor? I see all seven (7). Seven, zero (7-0).

(WC School Corporation MOU is located on Page 10 of these Official Minutes)

**ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATION AND TAX RATES – SOLID WASTE
ORDINANCE 2022-05 FIRST READING**

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, last is an Ordinance for the Appropriation and Tax Rate for Solid Waste, 2022-05. Any comment from the public? And I believe we have Terry. Would you like to come up and comment at this time? Bring your material. This is recycling and waste disposal.

Krystal Powless: Sorry, they're sticking together.

Councilman Greg Richmond: This is the First Reading, and I think what we have to do is decide on the percent that we want to push forward. It's not the actual final, the actual final on everything, when is it?

Krystal Powless: The 20th, I believe.

Councilman Greg Richmond: 28th?

Krystal Powless: 20th. I think.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I'll check it. It's not the 28th.

Krystal Powless: 20th, I think.

Councilman Greg Richmond: 20th.

Councilman Brad Overton: (Inaudible).

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Ready for me?

Councilman Greg Richmond: As soon as I find the exact date.

Krystal Powless: It's on the back of this (inaudible). The 20th.

Councilman Greg Richmond: The 20th.

Krystal Powless: At 5:00 (PM).

Councilman Greg Richmond: There it is. Okay, I'm ready.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Alright. Terry Phillippe, Warrick County Commissioner, President of the Solid Waste Management District Board. I'm going to have you guys all refer to this document first. The one (1) with the little asterisks out to the side. You guys have seen all the documentation here before. This is all repeat. On the second page there, I've simply highlighted in an orange circle, an orange circle, the strategy that the Solid Waste Management District is taking, approaching our automation project. And it simply states the District through its current levy and forecasted savings can likely afford, to comfortably, the debt service on the automation project over a twenty (20) year term. However, in consideration the total impact on the community, we determined that we should pursue increasing the levy and save up to one point five million dollars (\$1,500,000.00) in interest payments. So, of course, that information comes from our financial advisor that we hired. That's not us doing math, that's our strategy. If you'll refer to the second document, here again, the information you've all seen before. Just a couple of bullet points I want to reiterate. I won't take up much of your time. So, circled there in the top orange circle, in years six (6) to twenty (20), we'll save three hundred thirty-eight thousand nine hundred and eleven dollars (\$338,911.00) projected. So, that's a lot of savings. Yes, in years one (1) through five (5), the money goes up. But in six (6) through twenty (20) for fourteen (14) years, the money goes down. So, we're going to save the tax payers quite a bit of money in the long term. And what does that mean to the average tax payer? In the very bottom there circled in green, someone that owns a two hundred thousand dollar (\$200,000.00) homestead property, that basically means an annual increase of eight dollars (\$8.00). So, quite a bit of savings. That's what we're asking for. We hope you'll consider it. I don't have a whole lot else to say. But, I'm certainly here for questions.

Councilman Greg Richmond: And this is at what percent?

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: We don't know yet.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, I mean these figures that you have here, were they at the twelve percent (12%)?

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Yes, I thought you were referring to the interest rate.

Councilman Greg Richmond: No, no, not, sorry. Not interest rate. I was referring to the levy. So, we really need to decide the, the growth is five (5%). It can be five (5%), six (6%) or twelve (12%). I can't remember the different figures on it that you presented to us.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Correct, yeah, and I believe the math goes, the lower the rate, the less we save the tax payers over the long term.

Councilman Greg Richmond: And at the end of the sixth year, then the levy would be reduced to where it is now or less?

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: That's up to you guys, of course. But, yes, we, we have said as a Solid Waste Management District Board, that we needed to increase temporarily, and we're all in agreement that it would go back down.

Councilman Greg Richmond: And this also is saving quite a bit of labor costs.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Yeah, you know, there's, there's many facets, many factors to this whole equation, but, Greg, as you know, the Solid Waste Management District Board is going to do the automation project with or without the levy increase. The levy increase simply helps to save more money over the long term. By doing the automation project, we're able to reduce seven (7) to nine (9) of the temporary workers and then we'll also bring in additional materials to be sold on the commodities market for recycling. And the more money we save, the more money we can invest, the more money we can or the more recyclables we can bring in.

Councilman Greg Richmond: It's a big factor. We'd be able to bring in like Newburgh's and Solid Waste anymore has changed.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: We've got other carriers that we've stopped bringing in, that we can bring in. We've got verbal conversations and pretty much verbal agreements with Dubois County, Spencer County already. So, we're going to make it happen.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I saw a new carrier the other day. ABC. I don't know where they're from.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Any questions from anybody?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Questions or comments from the Council? Freddie or Reagan, you have anything to add?

Freddie Rowland: No, Sir. He covered it, pretty much.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: So, I say, I think you pretty well clarified. But, just want to reiterate that you're planning to go with this project regardless?

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Yes, sir.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: And, I take it, you're just simply asking the Council to decide which program you should go with? Is that right? As far as...

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: We are asking for the max levy increase as stated in our (inaudible).

Councilman Chris Whetstine: And these two (2) lined out here. These couple of examples, you can only do it if you have the increase. Is that right?

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: We can only save the maximum amount of money if we increase the levy.

Councilman Greg Richmond: The increase allows us to pay it off in five (5) years.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Yes.

Councilman Greg Richmond: And saves all that interest he was talking about. If we don't, then we don't save the interest, they still get it and it's a twenty (20) year time issue instead of five (5) years. So, we need to decide on what we want to do with this. So, I'd entertain any motions.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: So, what is being decided tonight?

Krystal Powless: You need to decide if you want to give them the maximum levy at twelve percent (12%) that they're requesting or do you want to go a lesser percentage. You know, you just need to decide that tonight so we can write it in the Resolution and then approve it next meeting.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: I was going to say, and then there's a second and final on it?

Krystal Powless: Yes. Yes.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Certainly, give us all more time to think and discuss and listen. We'll probably have plenty of time now. I don't know.

Councilman Greg Richmond: It can be, it's not in concrete, it can be changed at that Second Reading. Right?

Krystal Powless: Yeah. Yes. It makes things difficult, but yes.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Okay.

Krystal Powless: But, it can. Yes.

Councilman Greg Richmond: It makes it hard on the ones that have to do all the figures.

Krystal Powless: That's okay. That's alright.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: And does this get revisited every year?

Krystal Powless: Yes.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yes. We can wait, or we can do something.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Well, I'll go ahead and make the motion that we increase the tax levy to, I think it was twelve (12%)?

Krystal Powless: Twelve percent (12%).

Councilman Ron Bacon: Twelve percent (12%). My main reason is, I think the project needs to be done. And if I was doing this myself as a homeowner, a business owner, to save that much money over the long term would be good business, good operating. So, I'm going to go ahead and make the motion.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Is there a second?

Councilman Chris Whetstone: You know, I'll just piggy back off of what Ron here thinking very similar thoughts. So often, I kind of rely on experts to give me advice on things and this seems to be a little unusual where I find myself, I'm relying on my own life's experiences. And I agree with what Ron said, that if I were to finance this myself, I would want to shorten it as much as I could to save that one point five million (\$1,500,000.00). And I agree, I think it makes good business sense so I will second the motion.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I have a motion by Ron and second by Chris. Any further discussion from the Council? That is the twelve percent (12%) maximum levy.

Councilman Brad Overton: Yeah, I mean I've made enough comments at the last meeting. I mean, I was hoping maybe we could have gotten some ears to listen. But, I think what we're doing here is first of all, we're backing ourselves off to the edge of a cliff and we're deciding, well, I'm at this cliff, so, I mean, I've got to jump. It's my only option. Well, that's not your only option right now. The other option is, I mean, the economic times that we're in right now and just slightly uncertain. So, biting off something like this seems to be, you know, you guys could reference business experience as well. But I'm also not going to go out and make some exorbitant purchase when I look at opportunities and investments and see what the costs are right now. Maybe I want to hold off on buying that new house at this point in time and see what happens if the market changes. Secondly, there was five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) you could have asked for, for this recycling automation from the ARPA money. That wasn't approved. And also, there's another five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) that Solid Waste asked for, for additional equipment and I don't know that anyone presented as being, you know, have to have or we can't continue to run Solid Waste. So, there's roughly, I mean, that's a million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) right there. You know, so, I'm really concerned with spending this money, even though we've laid this out and it's only eight dollars (\$8.00) to the homeowners, so on and so forth. But, you know, at a certain point in time, we've got to decide where are we going, you know, where does it stop at? You know, you started losing a little hair on the top of your head, and then before you know it, you're bald-headed. So, you know, that's the way things go. You just keep pick, pick, pick, pick and then that's where, you know, end up with large costs. So, there's my two cents (\$0.02) worth. I'll keep it short compared to last week. I thought I laid out some good facts at that last meeting. Time to...

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Can I respond?

Councilman Brad Overton: Yeah.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: So, appreciate that. Don't necessarily disagree. But, I'd like to kind of bring it back into what it is. You talked about some equipment that has nothing to do with this. You talked about the ARPA money (inaudible).

Councilman Brad Overton: Yeah, and let me make a point before you do that. Because that's money, they could have took that five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) and instead of spending that for new equipment, they could have paid that down on what we're going to borrow here. Also, they could have applied some of that money with the ARPA, half a million dollars (\$500,000.00) and applied to that to pay that that automation project. And I'll stop (inaudible).

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Okay..

Councilman Greg Richmond: I've got to address that, we've already taken out this loan, correct?

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: What's that?

Councilman Greg Richmond: We've already taken out this loan, right, over a twenty (20) year period?

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Correct.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay.

Councilman Brad Overton: We've already taken a loan out before we got this squared away?

Councilman Greg Richmond: No, no, no. This was done last year. We decided this last year, right?

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Yeah, and that's, Greg, that's what I was going to bring back into (inaudible). We're not asking...

Councilman Greg Richmond: And the ARPA doesn't allow you to spend money that's already been done.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: You guys to approve the project. We're not asking for anything else other than to help bring in some additional revenue to pay down the bond quicker so that we save money over the long term. That's the very simple line of what we're asking for.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Just like I paid off my car early to save interest.

Councilman Brad Overton: Yeah, I understand that. I refinanced my house to do the same thing.

Councilman David Hachmeister: But, you didn't go ask the public to help you.

Councilman Ted Metzger: Exactly. You're going to ask, you're asking the taxpayers to help you pay this off.

Councilman Greg Richmond: (Inaudible) public for my car, yes. But, I'm just saying that I'm a person too. I'm a part of the public and if this was something I needed, and so I decided that I was going to save the interest and I took some money out of my savings to do it. And I had to put the money in there with a lot of hard work to get there. It's, I understand what you're saying about the taxpayers and all that. But, if we can save the taxpayers a million and a half (\$1,500,000.00) interest money, it's like me paying off my car early. I'm saving myself money in the long run that I'd be throwing off to something else.

Councilman Ted Metzger: That's kind of candy coating it. You know, it's, you're still going to the taxpayers and asking them to fund this project that we don't know how successful it's going to be, you know? How much longer, how many years do we have to keep propping up this Solid Waste Management. I mean Evansville has suspended their Solid Waste Management Program. It just doesn't work.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Well, we can quit recycling and we can let the trash just keep piling up.

Councilman Ted Metzger: Well, you know, St. Louis doesn't do it. Cincinnati doesn't do it.

Councilman Greg Richmond: St. Louis has a big mountain of trash over there too. I tried to tell you to look at it.

Councilman Ted Metzger: Right. But, I'm saying, what we're doing here in Warrick County is just a drop in the bucket compared to nationwide.

Councilman Greg Richmond: It can be more though.

Councilman Ted Metzger: And now you're going to taxpayers and asking them to fund more money to prop up a failing idea.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I don't think it's failing. It's the easiest thing we can do to save our environment.

Councilman Ted Metzger: They're shutting down all over the Country.

Councilman Rick Reid: Well, this is the second tax rate (inaudible).

Councilman Greg Richmond: I don't think you're right on that.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: The Solid Waste Management District, we've got one (1) of the best guys in the area right there.

Councilman Ted Metzger: I believe it.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: It's not failing. It's successful. We are faced with the same economic conditions as everyone else. He can't get people to come to work. We fund it, you guys have funded his ability to hire, but he can't get them, he can't get them to come to work.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I want the number five's to be recycled.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: And he still maximizes the commodities market. He's still putting out clean material. It's successful. He's got guys coming to him today. So, I just want to clarify it's very successful.

Councilman Ted Metzger: Right. I'm not saying our....

Councilman Rick Reid: Terry, how much have you given, how much has the County given Solid Waste every year?

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: I don't know that number. What is their number?

Councilman Rick Reid: It's high.

Councilman Greg Richmond: The County doesn't really give anything.

Councilman Rick Reid: Well, it comes from the taxes.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah. Taxes and revenue.

Krystal Powless: The levy, last year, I believe was one million seven-ninety-five-thirty-one (\$1,795,031.00). A million seven-ninety-five (\$1,795,000.00).

Councilman Rick Reid: Yeah, and it's increased every year. We're just subsidizing this thing and now you're asking for us to donate more.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: We're not subsidizing anything. Solid Waste has its own levy.

Councilman Rick Reid: You're not making money; you're not making money on this. It's a loser.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: We brought in a half a million dollars (\$500,000.00) in additional revenue last year off of recyclable sales alone.

Councilman Rick Reid: So, you brought half a million (\$500,000.00) and we've paid one point seven million (\$1,700,000.00). That doesn't sound very smart.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: We could have not brought in five hundred thousand (\$500,000.00) and we still would have had the one point seven (\$1,700,000.00).

Councilman Greg Richmond: And if they would have dumped all the trash, you've heard the story of how much trash that he's, how much recyclables he's collected. It'd be up over the top of the Courthouse if they dumped it all here in the Courthouse square.

Councilman Brad Overton: Yeah. So, let me just, let me just kind of back this up a little bit. First off, any chance I get to recycle anything, I do. I always do. I mean, everything that I get, I recycle it. I've been doing that ever since I've had an opportunity to do that. So, I, I'm not making a vote against environmentalism, environmental protection. I probably do that as much or more than anybody. So, however that may be. So, I really wouldn't like to make this a vote against recycling. But, I think this is more a vote of, you know, looking at our funding and is this our very best opportunity? Is this the best time to do this? And you know, does this have to be done? You know, the first thing that came up was, we're doing this no matter what whether the levy is increased or not. So, I mean, those kind of things, that concerns me. I mean, I feel like maybe we need to step back and at the last discussion, you know, I referred, you know, possibly needing to hire maybe full-time employees out of there instead of just using part time people that we're paying, I forget what the wages were very low compared to what anybody else is making. So, I mean I think there's some other ways to try to reevaluate this. So, I mean to make this a personal attack against, you know, recycling, I think that's probably taking this, you know, maybe into, you know, an area that we don't necessarily want to go. Because I'm always going to do that. I did that before Solid Waste, you know, before I was using our trash here and I used a different hauler. So, you know, I think that part, you know, I think that might be a little bit, you know, a little more harsh that what that might need to be. I mean I definitely recycle materials. But, maybe some of this needs to be pushed back and revisited a little bit and look at some different approaches. And possibly, like I said, going with different hiring opportunities out there. I mean I don't really know the answer to that. But, you know, my thought is that I don't think this is the answer right now. So, you know, and if I came across a little bit aggressive earlier, I apologize for that. That really wasn't my point. But, I feel like, you know, we've had this discussion now for quite a bit and I feel like the information's out there. So, it's just really up to us to decide and make that decision one (1) way or another.

Councilman Greg Richmond: After Terry speaks, I'm going to call the question.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Just to, I don't, again disagree with you on hiring full time employees. But, please recognize that it takes 'x' number of employees to run that line as it is.

Councilman Brad Overton: Sure.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: And that would be more money. That would be a much...

Councilman Brad Overton: I think if we go back to what I, and I didn't bring all of my paperwork from last week, but I've tried to highlight where we could have cost savings. Where we see some of this extra money spent for things we didn't need to spend. And maybe we could adjust that. I mean we haven't even tried that and tried to look at reducing some of those costs. So, maybe there's some other avenues we need to take. I, so that's, that's my take on it.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I'll call the question. All those in favor? One (1), two (2), three (3). All those opposed? Four (4). Fails. Twelve percent (12%) fails. So, that's three and the four nays were David, Brad, Rick, and Ted. (Motion fails 3-4 with David Hachmeister, Ted Metzger, Brad Overton, and Rick Reid opposing).

Councilman Greg Richmond: So, we need to establish a rate then. Can't leave it blank.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Well, I'll make a motion to leave the levy the same.

Councilman Brad Overton: Second.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Wait a minute. The same? Or allow the five percent (5%) growth it's allowed?

Councilman David Hachmeister: (Inaudible) get that anyway. But correct.

Krystal Powless: No, no. The growth quotient for the year is five percent (5%). You would have to...

Councilman David Hachmeister: On everything?

Krystal Powless: Yeah, you would have to motion for it to be five percent (5%).

Councilman David Hachmeister: So, was that your motion?

Krystal Powless: Five percent (5%)?

Councilman David Hachmeister: That's just allowable. No, leave it, I make a motion to leave it at zero (0%) or the same as last years, the tax levy.

Councilman Brad Overton: Well, that was five (5%).

Krystal Powless: No.

Councilman Rick Reid: No. It's five percent (5%) each year.

Councilman David Hachmeister: With no increase.

Councilman Rick Reid: So, it's zero (0%).

Krystal Powless: He's saying no increase to the levy.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Don't even increase it the five percent (5%) growth?

Councilman Rick Reid: Second.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Do you guys really know what you're doing? I'd like you to go out there and visit and watch it happen.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Been there, Greg.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah, one (1) time.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Every week. But...

Councilman Rick Reid: I've been there.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Everybody else is getting the growth quotient. But, you don't want them to have it.

Councilman David Hachmeister: That's my motion. You haven't done anything else.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Is there a second on his motion?

Councilman David Hachmeister: I made a motion to give you my opinion.

Krystal Powless: Rick. Rick seconded that one (1).

Councilman Greg Richmond: Rick seconded? Okay. Zero percent (0%). Okay, all those in favor of the motion? One (1), two (2), three (3). All those opposed to that? Four (4). The three (3), four (4) against. Let me get all this written down. Zero percent (0%), zero percent (0%). Okay. Zero percent (0%), the nays were myself, Brad, Brad...

Krystal Powless: Ron and Chris.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Ron and Chris. Okay, that's zero percent (0%). (Motion failed 3-4 with Ron Bacon, Brad Overton, Greg Richmond, and Chris Whetstone opposing). Alright, I need another motion.

Councilman Ted Metzger: I'd like to make a motion that we raise it the one percent (1%) of the five percent (5%) allowed.

Councilman Greg Richmond: One percent (1%), is there a second? Is there a second?

Councilman Rick Reid: Second.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Have a motion by Ted. Second by Rick. Discussion? All those in favor? Three (3). Opposed? Four (4). The four (4) against were myself, Brad, Chris, and Ron. (Motion failed 3-4 with Ron Bacon, Brad Overton, Greg Richmond, and Chris Whetstone opposing).

Councilman Brad Overton: I'll make a motion for the five percent (5%) growth quotient.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Five percent (5%) motion by Brad. Is there a second?

Councilman Ron Bacon: Second.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Ron? Was that you? Okay. Any discussion?

Councilman David Hachmeister: What will that increase, about sixty (60)?

Krystal Powless: Well, I mean, I can tell you what the levy would be. The levy would be one-eight-eight-five-six-two-three (\$1,885,623.00).

Councilman Brad Overton: So, it's about one point one (1.1).

Councilman David Hachmeister: Okay. Seventy (70).

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, all those in favor of five percent (5%)? Four (4). And opposed?

Krystal Powless: David voted for it.

Cliff Whitehead: David voted...

Councilman Greg Richmond: David, you voted for it?

Councilman David Hachmeister: I did.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Opposed were two (2). Five to two and the two were Rick Reid and Ted Metzger (5-2 with Ted Metzger and Rick Reid opposing). Okay. I'll take a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Brad Overton: Motion to adjourn.

Councilman Rick Reid: Second.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Motion by Brad. Second by Rick Reid. All those in favor? Seven, zero (7-0).

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL


Greg Richmond, President


Ron Bacon


Ted Metzger


Chris Whetstone


Brad Overton, Vice President


David Hachmeister


Richard Reid

ATTEST:


Deborah K. Stevens, Auditor
Warrick County, IN

Minutes transcribed by Kristine Georges

Memorandum of Understanding between the Warrick County Council and the Board of Trustees of the Warrick County School Corporation Regarding Funding of School Resource Officers

This Memorandum of Understanding ("SRO MOU") is entered into by the Warrick County Council (the "Council") and the Board of Trustees of the Warrick County School Corporation (the "School Corporation"), pursuant to the authority of Indiana Code § 20-26-18.2 *et seq.* and is not an interlocal agreement pursuant to Indiana Code § 36-1-7 *et seq.* The parties agree as follows:

1. The Council agrees to fund the wages, benefits, and equipment necessary for the placement of nine (9) School Resource Officers ("SROs") within the schools of the School Corporation as follows:
 - (a) Base wages;
 - (b) Benefits and insurance;
 - (c) Seven (7) vehicles;
 - (d) Automobile insurance for two (2) additional vehicles, for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2029; and
 - (e) Uniforms for each of the nine (9) SROs.

2. In exchange for the Council providing the funding described in Paragraph 1, the School Corporation shall reimburse the County the cost of:
 - (a) One-half (1/2) of the cost for the base wages of six (6) SROs;
 - (b) One-half (1/2) of the cost for the benefits and insurance of three (3) SROs;
 - (c) One-half (1/2) of the cost for the uniforms of three (3) SROs;
 - (d) Two (2) vehicles, which shall be for exclusive use of two (2) SROs until December 31, 2029.

("School Corporation Funded Amount").

3. On or about October 1 of each year of this SRO MOU, the Sheriff shall provide written notice to the School Corporation of the School Corporation Funded Amount, which shall be paid by the School Corporation to the County within thirty (30) days of receipt thereof.

4. The SROs shall be employees of the County, as deputies of the Warrick County Sheriff's Department.

5. At all times, each party shall retain ownership of each vehicle it purchases, as described in Paragraphs 1(c) and 2(d).

6. This SRO MOU shall continue until either party serves written notice of the cancellation, with the understanding that the School Corporation shall be required to pay the School Corporation Funded Amount in the calendar year of any such written notice of cancellation.

ALL OF WHICH IS AGREED TO BY:

Warrick County Council

Greg Richmond
By: Greg Richmond, President of the Council

Date: 10 06, 2022

Board of Trustees of the Warrick County School Corporation

Jane Wilhelmus
By: Jane Wilhelmus, President of the Board of Trustees

Date: 10 10, 2022