

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
2024 for 2025 BUDGET SESSION – PUBLIC HEARING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
107 W. Locust Street
Boonville, Indiana
October 3, 2024
7:12 PM

The Warrick County Council met for a Public Hearing for the 2024 for 2025 Budget at the Warrick County Courthouse, 107 W. Locust Street, Boonville, Indiana.

Attorney Cliff Whitehead and Administrator Krystal Powless were in attendance.

Auditor Michael Dietsch and Recording Secretary Kristine Georges attended and recorded the minutes.

The public could view the meeting via Warrick County Government YouTube channel at:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOK8y7lXcLpK9le8WV4pr9w?view_as=subscriber

Council President, Brad Overton, called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Councilmen present in person: Ron Bacon, Rob Dimmett, Ted Metzger, Brad Overton, Greg Richmond, and Chris Whetstine. Rick Reid was present via Facetime.

It was also stated that Councilman Reid could participate in discussion, but cannot vote on any motions made, therefore, roll call votes were not necessary.

ORDINANCE OF SALARIES AND WAGES
ORDINANCE 2024-02
FIRST READING

President Overton read the following Ordinance into the record:

Warrick County Council Ordinance 2024-02, Warrick County, Indiana, 2024 Salary Ordinance

Councilman Ron Bacon made a motion to approve. Councilman Greg Richmond seconded the motion. It was stated by the Administrator that this was just for the salaries. President Overton asked if there was any comment from the Council. There was none. He then asked for public comment.

Mr. Dennis Wilzbacher came forward to speak. He asked about the positions in the Surveyor's Office. He would be the Elected Official if the election goes that way. His question was about the Chief Deputy, the First Deputy, and other positions. He asked to put names with some of the positions. Ms. Powless stated that the Chief Deputy is a contracted employee and the contract is with the Commissioners and the individual is Steve Sherwood. She said it had been that way a long time. Councilman Richmond said that Mr. Sherwood is the one that stamps all the surveyor paperwork. Mr. Wilzbacher understood that since he is not a registered surveyor.

Mr. Wilzbacher asked if Jason Baxter was then the First Deputy. Ms. Powless said that he was paid out of Cum Drain and his title is Assistant to the Surveyor and is LTC A employee. She was not sure where Mr. Wilzbacher was seeing the First Deputy title at. Mr. Wilzbacher then asked why Mr. Baxter's salary appeared two times both in the Cumulative Drain and the Surveyor. Ms. Powless said that it didn't and it was just in Cum Drain. She then went over the Job Classification System and positions in the Surveyor's Office. After a brief discussion, Ms. Powless said she may have misspoken. Mr. Wilzbacher asked about a Matt Miley as an Assistant to the Deputy Surveyor. Ms. Powless said he was correct and apologized. Matt Miley is the Assistant to the Deputy Surveyor. Mr. Wilzbacher asked why he was the Assistant to the Deputy Surveyor. Ms. Powless said that she thought he was probably the Assistant to the Surveyor and that was probably just a title they came up with, but he would assist Mr. Wilzbacher if he becomes the new Surveyor. The Surveyor will direct all the employees in the Surveyor's Office. Mr. Wilzbacher said that the title did not match that. She didn't feel the Council would change the title tonight.

Councilman Dimmett spoke to the people he knows that are in the Surveyor's Office and that Mr. Miley does assist in that office.

Attorney Whitehead said that the Council's purview is to establish the salaries and the Commissioners propose and hire, so this body would not be the correct body to ask. He then stated that the Council has a protocol of three minutes per public speaker. Attorney Whitehead also stated that Mr. Wilzbacher was welcome to talk to them outside of a public meeting to help answer questions.

President Overton then called for the vote on the First Reading of Ordinance 2024-02. The motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATION AND TAX RATES
ORDINANCE 2024-03
FIRST READING

President Overton read the following Ordinance into the record:

Ordinance 2024-03, An Ordinance for appropriation and tax rates

President Overton asked for any comments or questions first from the Council, then from the public. There were none. Councilman Ron Bacon made the motion to approve. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1 with Ted Metzger opposing.

**ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATION AND TAX RATES – SOLID WASTE
ORDINANCE 2024-04
FIRST READING**

President Overton read the following into the record:

Ordinance 2024-04, Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriation and Tax Rates

President Overton asked for any comments or questions first from the Council, then from the public. There were none. Councilman Greg Richmond made a motion to approve. Councilman Chris Whetstine seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1 with Ted Metzger.

ADJOURNMENT

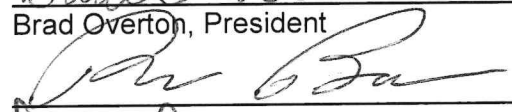
The next Warrick County Council budget meeting will be held on October 17, 2024 at 5:00 PM in the Commissioners' meeting room. Councilman Greg Richmond made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Brad Overton seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

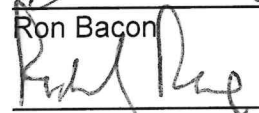
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Brad Overton, President




Ron Bacon



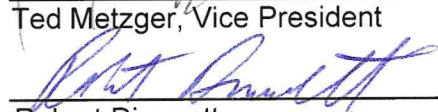
Richard Reid



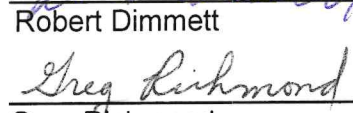
Chris Whetstine



Ted Metzger, Vice President



Robert Dimmett



Greg Richmond

ATTEST:



Michael J. Dietsch, Auditor
Warrick County, IN

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Kristine Georges, Official Recording Secretary