

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
107 W. Locust Street
Boonville, Indiana
January 6, 2026
6:00 PM

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

Council Attorney Rhett Gonterman and Administrator Krystal Powless were in attendance.

Chief Deputy Auditor Barbi Shelton attended and recorded the minutes.

The public could view the meeting via Warrick County Government YouTube channel at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOK8y7IXclpK9le8VV4pr9w?view_as=subscriber

Council President Ron Bacon called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Council members present in person: Ron Bacon, Patricia Brooks, Rob Dimmett, Brad Overton, Richard Reid, Greg Richmond, and Chris Whetstine.

2026 APPOINTMENTS
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Councilman Rob Dimmett nominated Ron Bacon to serve as President. Councilman Greg Richmond seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The motion passed 6-0-1 with Brad Overton abstaining.

VICE PRESIDENT

Councilman Greg Richmond nominated Rob Dimmett for Vice President. Councilman Chris Whetstine seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL ATTORNEY

Councilman Rob Dimmett made a motion to retain Rhett Gonterman. Councilman Greg Richmond seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Councilman Rob Dimmett made a motion to retain Brad Overton. Councilman Greg Richmond seconded the motion to retain Brad Overton. Councilman Rick Reid made a motion to appoint Pat Brooks. There was no second. The motion to retain Brad Overton carried 6-1 with Pat Brooks opposing.

Councilman Brad Overton made a motion to retain Rob Dimmett. Councilman Greg Richmond seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Rob Dimmett made a motion to retain Chris Whetstine. Councilman Greg Richmond seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1 with Rick Reid opposing.

Councilmen Overton, Dimmett, and Whetstine will serve on the Personnel Committee for 2026.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Current appointment is Greg Richmond. Councilwoman Pat Brooks made a motion to retain Councilman Richmond. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD

Councilman Rob Dimmett made a motion to retain Steve Williamson. Councilman Greg Richmond seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

Councilman Rob Dimmett made a motion to retain Jeff Valiant on the Area Plan Commissioner Board. Councilman Brad Overton seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD

Councilman Brad Overton made a motion to retain Rob Dimmett. Councilwoman Pat Brooks seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

President Bacon stated that Aric Pryor had resigned and Economic Development Director Steve Roelle asked that this be tabled. Councilman Greg Richmond made the motion to table. Councilman Rick Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Current members are Courtney TenBarge, Mike Andreas, Aric Pryor, Paul Perry, and Lynn Lingafelter. All appointed members on the Economic Advisory Council are willing to continue to serve. Councilman Rob Dimmett made the motion to retain all five individuals. Councilwoman Pat Brooks seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Councilman Bacon is the Council member serving on the Advisory Council and he would like to continue. Councilman Brad Overton made a motion to retain Councilman Bacon. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Currently serving is Steve Smith, Aric Pryor, and Courtney TenBarge. Aric Pryor would like to be removed from this board as well. Economic Development Director Steve Roelle also asked that this be tabled. Councilman Rob Dimmett made a motion to keep Steve Smith and Courtney TenBarge on the Redevelopment Commission. Councilwoman Pat Brooks seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Greg Richmond made a motion to table the appointment of the vacant seat. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

NEWBURGH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Greg Richmond made a motion to keep Todd Titzger. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD

Current is Elizabeth Mayes and David Zingler. Elizabeth Mayes is coming off and Mr. Zingler has requested to stay on. Councilwoman Pat Brooks made a motion to appoint Kim Seibert to the Board. She is the current CEO of the Board of Realtors in the area and feels she is well suited to the position. Councilman Rick Reid seconded the motion. Ms. Powless told the Council that Assessor Sarah Redman had recommended Dan Humphrey. Councilwoman Brooks said she would like to see someone from the Realtor Board on the Assessment Board. There was a brief discussion. The motion to appoint Kim Seibert carried 5-1-1 with Brad Overton opposing and Rob Dimmett abstaining. Councilman Dimmett expressed a concern in not knowing the person being recommended and wished to abstain.

TOURISM

Councilman Rob Dimmett made a motion to retain Steve Smith. Councilwoman Pat Brooks seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Councilman Pat Brooks made a motion to retain Councilman Richmond. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0. Councilman Richmond encouraged members to come out to the Processing Center to see the upgraded facility.

BOONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Councilman Greg Richmond made a motion to appoint Patty Wilbanks. Councilman Brad Overton seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
DECEMBER 2, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes from the December 2, 2025 Council meeting were presented to the Council members. Councilman Greg Richmond made a motion to approve. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION FOR PROJECT FIREFLY

This resolution needs to be put on hold. Councilman Greg Richmond made a motion table. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE ON DONATION FUND
ORDINANCE 2026-01**

This Ordinance was requested by the State Board of Accounts as a matter of housekeeping establishing a donation fund. Administrator Powless read the Ordinance into the record:

“Ordinance 2026-01, Warrick County, Indiana,
An Ordinance establishing a Donations Fund.”

Councilman Brad Overton made a motion to approve. Councilman Pat Brooks seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**SHERIFF BUSINESS
COMMISSARY**

Sheriff Mike Wilder presented the Commissary Report for the Council to review.

UPDATE ON NEW SECURITY CENTER

Sheriff Wilder said that they would be moving to the new facility this year. They are going to try to operate with the staff that they currently have but there are still some unknowns that he wants the Council to be aware of. He is trying to do his due diligence and reviewed all issues with keeping a consistent staff and also spoke to their current shortages. He wants to continue to keep communications open with the situation.

JOB DESCRIPTION CHANGE FOR SECURITY CENTER

Sheriff Wilder also went over his current maintenance person with the Council and that he will be submitting for a pay increase and job description change as they switching to the larger facility that will require more work. A job description change of Facility Manager has been submitted for review by Waggoner, Irwin, and Scheele. The Sheriff will take care of the increase in his budget. This will be presented at the March meeting.

PIGEON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

They received a letter of thanks from the Pigeon Township Trustee for the new brush truck and for all the Council's help.

ROB DIMMETT - LOCAL FIRES

Councilman Dimmett wanted to point out several recent fires in the Tennyson area and thank all the firefighters that have responded.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Warrick County Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Commissioners' meeting room. Councilman Rick Reid made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Greg Richmond seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM.

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL

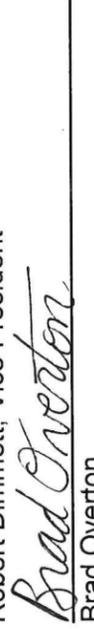

 Ron Bacon, President

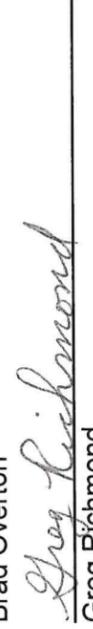

 Patricia Brooks


 Richard Reid


 Chris Whetstone


 Robert Dimmett, Vice President


 Brad Overton


 Greg Richmond

ATTEST:


 Michael J. Dietsch, Auditor
 Warrick County, IN

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Kristine Georges, Official Recording Secretary
Warrick County Council
Ordinance 2026-01

ORDINANCE NO: 2026-1
 INTRODUCED BY: County Council
 COMMITTEE: _____

WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A DONATIONS FUND

WHEREAS, IC (36-1-4-10) authorizes Warrick County to accept donations of money and to execute any documents necessary to receive money or other property donated from any source; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana has received information that various individuals and organizations wish to donate money or property to Warrick County to be used to support county Employees and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana State Board of Accounts has instructed that all monies donated to the County for a specific purpose should be receipted into a separated fund properly titled, and not co-mingled with other funds; and

WHEREAS, the collection of donations by Warrick County departments must be duly authorized by an adopted ordinance of the Warrick County Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Warrick County, Indiana, as follows:

Section 1. Creation of Fund. There is hereby established a Warrick County Donations Fund to receive and distribute donations received for the purpose of supporting County Employees and initiatives.

Section 2. Purposes of Fund. The funds may be disbursed or expended for any lawful purpose that is consistent with any restrictions, requirements, or purposes required as a condition of the application donation.

Section 3. Appropriations from Fund. The County department or office that will be the beneficiary of the donated funds must prepare a formal request to the Warrick County Council, which must include:

- a. A copy of the Board of Commissioners' resolution accepting the donation.
- b. The name of the special revenue fund holding the donation.
- c. A detailed explanation of the intended use of the funds, ensuring it aligns with the donor's specified purpose.
- d. A breakdown of the proposed expenditures.

Section 4. Separate Accounts. If the volume of restricted donations is sufficient, the Warrick County Treasurer may create separate accounts for all restricted donations to account for receipt and distribution of each type of restricted donation. The total activities of the separate accounts, i.e., receipts, disbursements, and total balances, shall then be reflected on a control account.

Section 5. Non-Reverting Fund. Monies deposited in the Warrick County Donations Fund shall not revert to other funds.

Section 6. Dissolution of Fund. The fund shall be perpetual until terminated or amended by subsequent ordinance of the Warrick County Council. Upon termination of the fund, the balance thereof shall revert to the General Fund.

Section 7. Incorporation of Standard Operating Procedure. The Warrick County Standard Operating Procedure ("SOP") governing the Acceptance and Use of Donations, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, is incorporated herein by reference and every person working for Warrick County is required to follow its guidelines for the acceptance and use of donated funds.

Section 8. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 9. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 10. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana, and publication as required by law.

[Signature Page Follows]

Adopted this 6th day of January, 2025.

<u>Brad Overton</u> Brad Overton	<u>Pat A. Brooks</u> Pat A. Brooks
<u>Greg Richmond</u> Greg Richmond	<u>Richard Reid</u> Richard Reid
<u>Chris Whetstone</u> Chris Whetstone	<u>Ron Bacon</u> Ron Bacon
<u>Robert Dimmett</u> Robert Dimmett	

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<u>Ron Bacon</u>	<u>Ron Bacon</u>

ATTEST:
Michael Dietsch
Michael Dietsch, Warrick County Auditor