

**WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR SESSION  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM  
107 W. Locust Street  
Boonville, Indiana  
May 2, 2024  
7:00 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 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOK8y7lXcLpK9le8WV4pr9w?view_as=subscriber)

Council President, Brad Overton, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call showed the following Councilmen present in person: Ron Bacon, Rob Dimmett, Brad Overton, Greg Richmond, and Chris Whetstine. Ted Metzger and Richard Reid arrived late and time entry is recorded in the minutes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
APRIL 4, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes from the April 4, 2024 Regular Session meeting were presented. Councilman Greg Richmond made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

**PARK & RECREATION BUSINESS  
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS  
OTHER SERVICES**

President Overton read the following into the record:

Park and Recreation	1219.30200.000.0000	Other Services	\$26,000.00
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This is for the storm damage that Parks Superintendent Ben Labhart presented at the last meeting. The total amount needed was reduced to \$18,500.00. Councilman Rob Dimmett made the motion to approve the \$18,500.00. Councilman Ron Bacon seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

*Councilman Ted Metzger arrived at 7:03 pm.*

**ELECTION BUSINESS  
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES – ELECTION EQUIPMENT**

President Overton read the following into the record:

Election	1215.31440.000.0000	Contractual Service-Election Equip	\$13,300.00
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Clerk Patty Perry presented. She explained that this was money that should have come from reimbursement from the Municipal Elections in 2023. This is for the purchase of hot spots for this year's elections through Noink that is owned by Microvote. There were issues last year with their previous hotspots. Some were failing.

*Councilman Rick Reid arrived at 7:05 PM.*

Councilman Ron Bacon made a motion to approve the appropriation for Contractual Services. Councilman Greg Richmond seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**CONCERNS OVER 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION**

Clerk Perry wished to address the Council on the 2024 Primary Election. There has been a lot of negativity. It's getting to the point where it is out of control. People are threatening people. It is unnecessary. She feels like both Republicans and Democrats need to work together. The fighting and bickering needs to stop. In the nine years that she's ran election, this has been the worst she has seen. She is not addressing just one individual, but overall. Everyone needs to be considerate and kind. She knew this would be on YouTube and wanted to address it in the hopes that people would heed her advice. She thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak.



**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUSINESS  
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION  
CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT – BRIDGE PROJECT 148**

President Overton read the following into the record:

Cumulative Capital Dev.	1138.31515.000.0000	Bridge Project 148	\$650,000.00
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Administrator Krystal Powless said that the explanation was in front of them. The money is available in the fund. Councilman Bacon said that this bridge was in his township of Campbell and where it was located. Councilman Greg Richmond made the motion to approve. Councilman Chris Whetstine seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**HANDBOOK POLICY, REIMBURSEMENTS, TRANSFERS OR CORRECTIONS**

President Overton read the following into the minutes:

<u>5A. Additional Appropriations-correction Economic Development</u>			
Economic Dev.	1112.31500.000.0000	North Warrick Contractual	\$32,868.00
 <u>5B. Transfer-Treasurer</u>			
Transfer From:	1000.21100.000.0003	General Supplies	\$2,925.88
Transfer To:	1000.34000.000.0003	Property Tax Billing	\$2,925.88

There was no discussion. Councilman Rob Dimmett made a motion to approve 5A and 5B. Councilman Ron Bacon seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

*(May Appropriations are located on Page 4 of these Official Minutes)*

**SHERIFF BUSINESS  
CORRECTIONAL FACILITY UPDATE**

Sheriff Mike Wilder was present and gave an update on the new Correctional Facility Project. The final design and bidding process was completed. Most bidders were local and a low bid was accepted. They broke ground in April. He said they are currently under budget. He thanked Councilman Richmond for his speech at the ground breaking and Attorney Cliff Whitehead for all his help. It will be about a twenty-four-month buildout. There were no questions by the Council members.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS  
TRANSFER - JAIL FACILITY TRANSFERS FOR PAYMENT AND DISCUSSION**

This was removed from the agenda. Ms. Powless said that it will hopefully come back in June when everything is in order.

**OTHER BUSINESS  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE – FURNITURE**

President Overton read the following into the record:

Transfer from:	Contractual Services	\$12,000.00
Transfer to:	Furniture	\$12,000.00

Interim Health Director Marlin Weisheit presented. They would like to order furniture for the new building. The ladies in the Health Department are working off card tables. That is what the request tonight is for. President Overton asked if the furniture from the former office could be used. Mr. Weisheit said that the offices are a lot smaller and most of the furniture they had is too big. It is however a nice facility and is working out great. He also gave the Council a review on what all they are doing right now and the money they are taking in. The office is currently preparing the budget for State. The Council is also welcome to tour or call him at any time.

Mr. Weisheit also commented on Clerk Perry's statements on the current election. He felt it was a shame that people felt threatened in their jobs and he supports the Clerk 100%.

Councilman Greg Richmond made the motion to approve the transfer. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**UPCOMING INDIANA COUNTY COUNCIL STATE-CALLED MEETING**

Councilman Greg Richmond wanted the Council to know that the Annual County Council State-Called meeting is coming up June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> in Carmel, Indiana. They should be watching their emails for more information.

**CLOSING REMARKS FROM PRESIDENT OVERTON**


President Overton wanted to reiterate some of the comments of Clerk Perry. It is not the way things should go. We are supposed to be a society of laws and rules and civilized behavior. To experience such things as she stated is very unfortunate.

**ADJOURNMENT**


The next Warrick County Council meeting will be held on June 6, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Commissioners' meeting room. Councilman Rick Reid made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Ron Bacon seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.


The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

**WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL**

  
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Brad Overton, President

  
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Ted Metzger, Vice President

  
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Ron Bacon


  
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Robert Dimmett

Richard Reid

  
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Greg Richmond

  
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ATTEST:

  
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Michael J. Dietsch, Auditor  
Warrick County, IN

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Kristine Georges, Official Recording Secretary*



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
Park and Recreation	1219.30200.000.0000	Other Services	\$26,000.00	<u>18,500</u>
Economic Dev.	1112.31500.000.0000	North Warrick Contractual	\$32,868.00	<u>32,868</u>
Election	1215.31440.000.0000	Contractual Service- Election Equip	\$13,300.00	<u>13,200</u>
Cumulative Capital Dev.	1138.31515.000.0000	Bridge Project 148	\$650,000.00	<u>650,000</u>

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 2 day of May, 2024.

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ATTEST: [Signature] Mike Dietsch - Auditor Warrick County