

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
107 W. Locust Street
Boonville, Indiana
April 4, 2024
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.

Chief Deputy Auditor Barbi Shelton 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/UCOK8y7lXclpK9le8VV4pr9w?view_as=subscriber

Council President, Brad Overton, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Overton read a quote from John Wooden, "Success is peace of mind in knowing you did your best."

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Councilmen present in person: Rob Dimmett, Ted Metzger, Brad Overton, Greg Richmond, and Chris Whetstone. Rick Reid was present via Facetime. Councilman Ron Bacon was not present for this meeting.

All actions on motions throughout the meeting were done by a roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the March 7, 2024 Regular Session Meeting were presented. Two corrections were made. The first on Page 2, under EMA Business, "Bobby Howard was presented" should be "Bobby Howard was present." The second was on Page 3, under Area Plan Commission Business, "Ms. Barnhill that they would," should be "Ms. Barnhill said that they would." Councilman Rob Dimmett made the motion to accept the minutes. Councilman Greg Richmond seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

LIT BUSINESS
TAX PHASE-IN CONFIRMING RESOLUTION FOR MATRIX DESIGN GROUP
RESOLUTION 2024-06

Economic Development Director Steve Roelle presented the Confirming Resolution for the Matrix Design Group. The Preliminary Resolution was approved at the March Council meeting. He briefly reviewed the Matrix Design Group and the abatement.

Councilman Greg Richmond made the motion to approve. Councilman Chris Whetstone seconded the motion.

President Brad Overton read the number and title of Resolution 2024-06 into the record:

Resolution 2024-06, A Resolution Confirming the Declaration of an Economic Revitalization Area for Real and Personal Property Tax Phase-in

The motion carried 6-0.

(Resolution 2024-06 is located on Page 5 of these Official Minutes)

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Director Steve Roelle also presented the annual report for the Redevelopment Commission. He said it is something they fill out every year and give to the County Auditor who uploads the report to Gateway. There is now new Indiana Code that says it has to be presented to the Council in a public meeting before April 15th. He went over some of what was in the report including the TIF Districts and debt service. All Councilmen received a copy of the report. No action was needed by the Council.

**PARKS & RECREATION BUSINESS
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
OTHER SERVICES**

President Overton read the following into the record:

Park and Recreation	1219.30200.000.0000	Other Services	\$25,000.00
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Parks Superintendent Ben Labhart was present. This was brought before the Council at the March meeting. It is for a much needed culvert repair. Councilman Greg Richmond made the motion to approve. Councilman Chris Whetstone seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

MAINTENANCE BUILDING STORM DAMAGE

Mr. Labhart also wanted to make the Council aware that they had damage, during the recent storms, to the Maintenance Building. A tree fell on the building putting a hole in the roof. He is getting quotes on fixing the roof and having the tree removed. He will be advertising for an additional appropriation next month and will be advertising for the worst-case scenario of \$26,000.00. It is an emergency need as the hole exposes the inside of the maintenance building. They do have items of value moved out of the way. He is looking at all options as the first quote he felt was way too high.

Councilman Richmond asked if insurance would cover any of it. Mr. Labhart said that the deductible is \$50,000.00. They were the first call he made. If other departments were affected, the claims could be combined. But he hasn't heard of any others.

Councilman Richmond asked if maybe use of the Rainy Day Fund should be considered or if an additional would be okay. Ms. Powless said that an additional would be okay. There is enough money in their budget.

Consensus was given to continue.

**PROSECUTOR BUSINESS
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT**

President Overton read the following into the record:

Prosecutor	1000.44400.000.0009	Computer Equipment	\$25,300.00
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Deputy Prosecutor John Schafer was present to speak to the request. NOMAD is their IT service and there is about a year left on the server and the server is full. There is no more storage. The server is ten years old and at the end of its life. Comparisons have been made and this would be \$1,000.00 less. There is a warranty and it is an HP product. NOMAD expects the new server to last about seven years at a minimum. Councilman Greg Richmond made a motion to approve. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUSINESS
TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

President Overton read the following into the record:

Grant ISDH-9185	-\$5,982.77
REM-COVID Vaccine-9187	-\$20,359.21
BIRP Vaccine-9188	-\$109,361.70
Total Amount to Transfer to Fund 1159 (Health Fund)	\$135,703.68

Council Administrator Krystal Powless gave the background on this transfer. The Grants Department has been researching and found that all of these grants should have been put into Fund 1159 from the beginning. The State Board of Accounts said that any cash balances should be transferred to Fund 1159. The Council could make that transfer and the Auditor's Office would take care of the transfer. Councilman Greg Richmond made the motion to approve the transfers. Councilman Ted Metzger seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

**HEALTH-CONTRACTUAL SERVICES
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

President Overton read the following into the record:

Health	1159.31400.000.0000	Contractual Services	\$63,000.00
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Ms. Powless addressed this request. She said that this was for three contractual services employees being paid, but now there are two. They are not on payroll at this time. When or if they become employees of the County, they will no longer be paid contractually. These contracts were being paid out of these grant line items that they just transferred to 1159. That was the reason for the additional appropriation in Fund 1159. The Councilmen received copies of the contracts for each employee and their duties.

Councilman Whetstine asked if anyone was there to present for them. Candace Heubner with the Health Department said she could not speak to this because she didn't know who submitted the request. She didn't see it. It was stamped with Dr. Yeager's name, but she didn't receive a copy of it. Ms. Powless said that Sidney Little submitted it.

Ms. Powless said that if the appropriation is not made, the contractual employees will not be paid. Ms. Heubner said that it was her understanding that they were paid out of 8340. Ms. Powless stated they could no longer be paid out of 8340. Ms. Heubner clarified that they were paid out of the grant 8340 and not from the grants monies that were just approved for transfer. With the new HFI money, she said they had advertised those positions as full time. Ms. Powless said that those hadn't been approved yet. Ms. Heubner agreed and stated that there had not been another Health Board meeting to decide what to do with them either.

Ms. Powless said that if they are approved, this would go away. But, if it is not approved for the additional, they have no place to pay them currently.

Councilman Whetstine asked if their pay was up to date. Ms. Powless said that they were.

Councilman Richmond asked if one of them was retired personnel that came in to help the new person in the position. Ms. Powless said that they were, but are no longer doing so. That individual did submit a claim for March.

Councilman Whetstine asked if the \$63,000.00 covered the two contracts. Ms. Heubner stated that the money was for the two contracted individuals for the rest of the year and the month of March for the former employee and contracted individual, Linda Derr.

Councilman Whetstine said that he saw that these were month to month contracts and he wanted to make sure they were all current on payments. The Chief Deputy Auditor indicated that they were. Since it is a month-to-month contract, he is concerned about approving \$63,000.00 which may make it turn into a long-term contract. He would be more comfortable approving a smaller amount.

Councilman Metzger asked if they were potentially going to be employees and not paid out of Contractual Services anymore. Ms. Powless said, potentially, but it has not been approved at this point.

County Administrator Heather Soberg stated that it was a statement made by Health Board President Melanie Lutz at the last Health Board meeting that these contractual workers would be transitioning to employees. They would hope that that would be done by the end of the year, but worse case scenario, if it's not, the funds would be available.

If just a portion of the funds were approved, Ms. Powless said that the Health Department would have to come back for more.

Councilman Richmond asked, if they were employees and not contractual, was there an amount budgeted to pay their salaries. Ms. Soberg said there was and that there were two open positions in the Health Department at this time. He agreed on going with a smaller amount.

Ms. Powless said that if they appropriated the full amount, then when they stop paying the contract, that money would just stay there within the fund. A budget reduction could also be done. There was a brief discussion to this point and possible amounts.

Councilman Chris Whetstine made a motion to approve twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000.00). Councilman Greg Richmond seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

HANDBOOK POLICY, REIMBURSEMENTS, TRANSFERS or CORRECTIONS

President Overton read the following into the record:

Health	1159.11250.000.0000	Pound-keeper	\$233.00
	1159.11420.000.0000	Part Time	\$1,605.00
	1159.22500.000.0000	Animal Control Expense	\$1,369.00
	*1159.21375.000.0000	Vax Care	\$2,695.00

Councilman Greg Richmond made a motion to approve. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

**SALARY ORDINANCE
SHERIFF – FY 2025 PAY ADJUSTMENTS**

President Overton read the following into the record:

Sheriff	80% of Prosecutor	\$150,810.40
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Councilman Richmond said that it is circulating around the State that they are picking up the Public Defenders. He hopes it happens.

Councilman Greg Richmond made a motion to approve. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

COUNCIL BUSINESS
ROB DIMMETT

Councilman Rob Dimmett wanted to thank the people of District 4 in response to all the storm damage. There were many out helping to get trees cleared for emergency personnel.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Warrick County Council meeting will be held on May 2, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Commissioners' meeting room. Councilman Ted Metzger made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Greg Richmond seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM.

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL



 Brad Overton, President

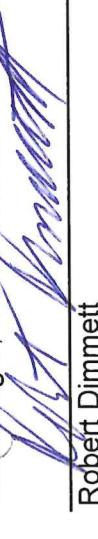

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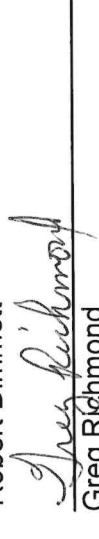

 Kathy Reed


 Richard Reid


 Chris Whetstone


 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

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	\$25,000.00	25,000
Prosecutor	1000.44400.000.0009	Computer Equipment	\$25,300.00	25,300
Health	1159.11250.000.0000	Pound-keeper	\$233.00	233
	1159.11420.000.0000	Part Time	\$1,605.00	1,605
	1159.22500.000.0000	Animal Control Expense	\$1,369.00	1,369
	1159.21375.000.0000	Vax Care	\$2,695.00	2,695
	1159.31400.000.0000	Contractual Services	\$63,000.00	63,000

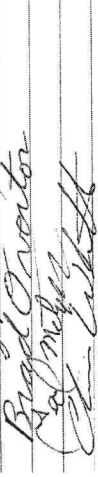
Taxpayers appearing in the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the State Board of Tax Commissioners. The Board will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15)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


Adopted this 4 day of April, 2024.

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 Brad Overton


 Robert Dimmett



ATTEST:  Mike Dietsch - Auditor Warrick County

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 6

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX PHASE-IN (Matrix Design Group, LLC)

WHEREAS, Matrix Design Group, LLC (the "Applicant") has made application for Economic Revitalization Area designation pursuant to IC 6-1.1-12.1 et seq. and for Tax Phase-In for real and personal property, which real property is located in Warrick County, Indiana and described as:

5688 Prospect Drive, Newburgh, Indiana 47630, which includes parcel numbers 87-13-19-100-047.000-019, 87-13-19-100-039.000-019, and 87-13-19-100-052.000-019, with a legal description attached as Exhibit A to the Preliminary Resolution described below (the "Property").

WHEREAS, on the 7th day of March, 2024, under provision of Preliminary Resolution No. 2024-03 (the "Preliminary Resolution"), the Warrick County Council ("County Council") found the Property to meet the requirements of an Economic Revitalization Area pursuant to IC 6-1.1-12.1 et seq., and declared the Property to be an Economic Revitalization Area and further approved property tax deductions for real and personal property taxes for ten (10) years commencing with increases in assessed value as more specifically set forth in that Preliminary Resolution; and

WHEREAS, notice of the adoption and substance of the Preliminary Resolution have been published in accordance with IC 5-3-1 and the County Council has conducted a public hearing as of the date hereof to determine whether the qualifications for an Economic Revitalization Area and approval of property tax deductions for real and personal property taxes have been met.






NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council as follows:

Section 1. The Property description, included above, is made a part hereof.

Section 2. The Preliminary Resolution, which was adopted by the County Council on the 7th day of March, 2024, is hereby confirmed.

Section 3. This Confirming Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and execution by the County Council.

PASSED, ISSUED, AND APPROVED by the County Council this 4th day of April, 2024.

 Brad Overton, President	 Ted Metzger, Vice President
 Greg Richmond	<i>Present by Secretary</i> Richard Reid
 Chris Whetstone	<i>not present</i> Ron Bacon
 Robert Dimmett	

ATTEST:

Warrick County Auditor