

**WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM**  
107 W. Locust Street  
Boonville, Indiana  
March 3, 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.

Auditor Michael Dietsch, Chief Deputy 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/@WarrickCountyMeetings>

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.

**TABLED ITEMS**

These were withdrawn.

**6A. SHERIFF BUSINESS  
SALARY ORDINANCE ADJUSTMENT**

Jail Maintenance	LTC B \$0.00	
Jail Facilities Manager	PAT B Non-Exempt	\$60,121.00

**6B. TRANSFER**

From:	1000.11650.000.0380	Jail Maintenance	\$36,062.00
To:	1000.11280.000.0380	Facilities Manager	\$36,062.00

Sheriff Mike Wilder was on Facetime with the Council. This transfer is for a job description change from Jail Maintenance to Facilities Manager. The Sheriff's Department will be going to a much bigger facility including acreage to control. His current individual will be taking on a lot more work with the move. Sheriff Wilder sent a job description and he said the description does justify the change. Councilman Overton said Council doesn't normally take these at this time, but this is a different situation and different circumstances. He wanted to make sure that was on the record. Sheriff Wilder agreed. Councilwoman Brooks agreed it was a lot more responsibility. She did question if it was in their budget. Council Administrator Powless said that a position was moved to Public Safety to help offset the cost to pay this out of his budget. Councilman Brad Overton made a motion to approve 6A. and B. Councilwoman Pat Brooks seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**February 3, 2026 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes from the ~~February 3~~ 2026 Regular Session Meeting were presented. Councilman Greg Richmond made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Chris Whetstine seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**2. LIT BUSINESS**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOND ORDINANCE**  
**ORDINANCE 2026-02 - SECOND READING**

Economic Director Steve Roelle was present. He gave a brief review of the project which was discussed at the previous Council meeting. He also reviewed again how the bonds would work. There would be some signatures required by the Commissioners as well. There was a brief discussion. President Bacon read the Ordinance title into the record:

*Ordinance 2026-02, Ordinance of the Warrick County Council Authorizing Warrick County to Issue Its Taxable Economic Development Revenue Bonds, Series 2026, (Warrick Gateway District Project), and Authorizing and Approving Other Actions in Respect Thereto*

Councilman Greg Richmond made a motion to approve. Councilman Chris Whetstone seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

*(Ordinance 2026-02 is located on Pages 4 through 6 of these Official Minutes)*

**3. ASSESSOR BUSINESS  
APPOINTMENT PTABOA BOARD**

Assessor Sarah Redman was present. She went over the five members of the board that they have, state statutes that have to be followed, and the need for it to be balanced politically. Right now, there four Republicans to one Democrat and this needs to be addressed. They also have to have someone on the board that has Level II or Level III certifications. They do have one board member that is interested in getting their certifications, but they still need to have a waiver for this until someone can get their certifications or be found with certifications. A resolution was drafted for the waiver by Attorney Gonterman. The Council will need to do both the waiver on the certifications and a reappointment to fix the balance on the board. President Bacon read the following into the record:

*Warrick County Council Resolution 2026-02, A Resolution of the County Council of Warrick County, Indiana, Appointing a Member to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals and Declaring Temporary Waiver Request*

Councilman Rob Dimmett made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilman Pat Brooks seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

They then reviewed the current council appointments of David Ziegler and Kim Seibert. Ms. Seibert was the last to be appointed. There was discussion on how to start the process. Counsel reviewed. Councilman Rob Dimmett made a motion to rescind the motion made in January to appoint Kim Seibert. Councilman Brad Overton seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0. *(At the April 7, 2026 Meeting Pat Brooks stated she was opposed to this vote, making the vote 6-1 with Pat Brooks opposing. RA. 4/8/26)* The Council then appointed a Democrat to balance out the PTABOA Board. Assessor Redman had presented Lacy Pemberton as an appointment who was willing to serve. Councilman Rob Dimmett made the motion. Councilman Brad Overton seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

*(Resolution 2026-02 is located on Page 6 of these Official Minutes)*

**4. COMMISSIONER BUSINESS  
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Commissioner	1000.34200.000.0068	Liability Insurance	\$42,461.48
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County Administrator Debbie Bennett-Stearnsman was present. She did have a handout for the Council to review. She went over what was budgeted and what will be due. She found she can do a transfer from Workman's Comp to Liability. After she ran the numbers, only \$23,086.00 is needed. Councilman Brad Overton made a motion to approve \$23,086.00. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**5. HEALTH BUSINESS  
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Local Public Health	1161.31400.000.0000	Contractual Services	\$66,000.00
Work force Dev. Grant	8345.31400.000.0000	Contractual Services	\$66,000.00

Health Officer Dr. Kaitlin Kahre and Health Administrator April Hicks were present. Dr. Kahre said that this is to appropriate money to support a Warrick Paramedic Program with Warrick EMS. They gave an informational handout to the Council. It was reviewed how this would work and the funds they would use from Workforce Development grants and other HFI carry over funds. They went over what all this position would work on as well.

Councilman Brad Overton made a motion to approve. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Brooks questioned Ascension taking it over after five years and if the grant funds would be able to cover for that entire time. Dr. Kahre said it would and reviewed how it would cover.

Councilman Whetstone asked if Mr. Brian Bosaker from Vanderburgh County's Paramedic Program could speak briefly. Mr. Bosaker said they started in 2022. The overhead is very low. They have also had several people from Warrick County reach out for help, so he says there is a need. President Bacon asked if they would be an employee of Ascension. He was told they would, and they would be taking care of all the benefits. The motion carried 7-0.

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

President Bacon read the following into the minutes:

7A. Additional Appropriation Computer	Correction 1000.31400.000.0106	Contractual Services	\$69,000.00
7B. Additional Appropriation Community Corrections	Community Correction Handbook Policy 9203.11111.000.0000	Salaries	\$6,303.00
7C. Salary Ordinance Operations Manager	Retiree or Resignation Community Correction 200 Hours		\$6,303.00
7D. Salary Ordinance Administrative Assistant First Deputy	Retiree or Resignation Assessor 5.83 hours 160 Hours		\$128.97 \$4,550.88
7E. Transfer EMA Transfer From: Transfer To:	1000.36400.000.0302 1000.21100.000.0302	Equipment Maintenance General	\$2,500.00 \$2,500.00
7F. Transfer Sheriff Transfer From: Transfer To:	1000.25000.000.0005 1000.39960.000.0005	Medical Supplies Drug/Alcohol Screening	\$2,101.60 \$2,101.60

There was no discussion. Councilman Brad Overton made a motion to approve 7A through 7F. Councilman Rob Dimmett seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

*(March Appropriations is located on Page 4 of these Official Minutes)*

**OTHER BUSINESS  
NEWBURGH SENIOR CENTER**

The Newburgh Senior Center sent the Council a thank you letter for the Council's support for 2026.

**ADJOURNMENT**

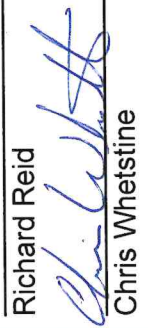
The next Warrick County Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Commissioners' meeting room. Councilman Brad Overton made the motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Pat Brooks seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.


**WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL**

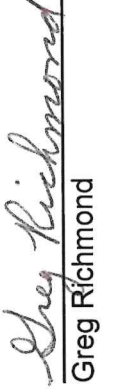
  
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Greg Richmond

ATTEST:

  
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Michael J. Dietsch, Auditor  
Warrick County, IN

Additional Appropriation Ordinance/Resolution

Whereas the proper officers of Warrick County, Indiana have determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money for the calendar year 2026 than the amount that was fixed by the Warrick County Council and finally determined in the annual budget under Indiana Code 6-1.1' and

Whereas notice was duly given to the public in accordance with IC 6-1.1-18-5(a) and IC 5-3-1-2(b) for a public hearing on a proposed additional appropriation and a public hearing was held on 3/3, 2026, by the Warrick County Council regarding same:

Therefore, be it Ordained (Resolved) by the Warrick County Council of Warrick County, Indiana that a need now exists for an additional appropriation out of the following fund or funds named, and for the purposes specified, subject to laws governing the same:

FUND	APPROPRIATION NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Computer	1000.31400.000.0106	Contractual Services	\$69,000.00	69,000
Jail	1000.11278.000.0380	Facilities Manager	\$14,810.00	14,810
Commissioner	1000.34200.000.0068	Liability Insurance	\$42,461.48	23,086
Total County General Fund:			\$6,303.00	6,303
Community Corrections	9203.11111.000.0000	Salaries	\$66,000.00	66,000
Local Public Health	1161.31400.000.0000	Contractual Services	\$66,000.00	66,000
Work force Dev. Grant	8345.31400.000.0000	Contractual Services	\$66,000.00	66,000

Duly adopted by the following Vote of the members of the Warrick County Council on this 3 day of March, 2026.

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*[Signature]* NAY

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ATTEST: *[Signature]* Mike Dietsch - Auditor Warrick County

ORDINANCE NO. 02 2026

ORDINANCE OF THE WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL  
 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TAXABLE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2026  
 (WARRICK GATEWAY DISTRICT PROJECT), AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING OTHER ACTIONS IN RESPECT THEREOF

WHEREAS, Warrick County, Indiana (the "County") is a political subdivision of the State of Indiana and, by virtue of Indiana Code 36-7-11.9 and Indiana Code 36-7-12, each as amended (collectively, the "Act"), is authorized and empowered to adopt this ordinance ("Bond Ordinance") and to carry out its provisions; and

WHEREAS, Epworth Development, LLC (or an affiliate thereof) (the "Company") desires to develop a mixed-used project generally known as the "Warrick Gateway District" on an approximately 294-acre area (the "Development"); and

WHEREAS, the Warrick County Redevelopment Commission and the Company entered into an Economic Development Agreement dated December 23, 2025, pursuant to the Development, pursuant to which the Warrick County Redevelopment Commission has agreed subject to further proceedings required by law, to support the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of certain site development and related services, including but not limited to the drainage/detention areas needed for the homes, with a lifestyle component, and site development and construction and installation of drainage, including but not limited to roads, sidewalks, drainage and sanitary sewers, stormwater, and/or other necessary utilities for the homes, among other improvements (collectively, the "Project"), which Project will be located in or physically connected to the area previously established in the County known as the "Warrick County Economic Development Area, Epworth Road Corridor" (the "Area") and is an "economic development facility" (as defined in the Act); and

WHEREAS, the Company has requested that the Warrick County Economic Development Commission (the "Commission") and the County cause to be issued by the County its Taxable Economic Development Revenue Bonds, Series 2026 (Warrick Gateway District Project), in one or more series in a combined principal amount not to exceed Five Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,100,000) (the "Bonds"), pursuant to the Act, and to loan (subject to forgiveness) all or a portion of the proceeds of the Bonds to the Company for the purpose of financing a portion of the costs of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has considered the issue of adverse competitive effect on any similar facilities located in the County, finding that the Project would not have an adverse competitive effect, and has determined and further found that the financing of the Project complies with the purposes and provisions of the Act, and that such financing will be of benefit to the health, prosperity, economic stability and general welfare of the County and its citizens, and has rendered and approved a report regarding the financing of a portion of the Project consistent with those findings (the "Report"); and said Report has been submitted to the Warrick County Plan Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has heretofore (a) published notice of a public hearing (the "Public Hearing") on the proposed issuance of the Bonds, in accordance with Indiana



DULY PASSED and ADOPTED on this 3 day of March, 2026, by the Warrick County Council, as fiscal body of Warrick County, Indiana, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL

Chris Whetstone  
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Greg Richmond  
Greg Richmond

Pat A. Brooks  
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Ron Bacon  
Ron Bacon

Richard Reid  
Richard Reid

Robert Dimmett  
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Brad Overton  
Brad Overton

ATTEST:

Michael Diegisch  
Michael Diegisch, Auditor,  
Warrick County, Indiana

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WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 02  
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA,  
APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF  
APPEALS AND DECLARING TEMPORARY WAIVER REQUEST

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-28-1, the Warrick County Council, as the fiscal body of Warrick County, Indiana, is required to appoint members to the County Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals ("PTABOA"); and

WHEREAS, Indiana law requires that at least one member appointed by the county fiscal body be certified as a Level II or Level III assessor-appraiser; and

WHEREAS, the County Council has undertaken reasonable and documented efforts to identify and recruit a qualified individual holding the required Level II or Level III certification; and

WHEREAS, despite such efforts, the County Council has been unable to secure a qualified certified appointee at this time; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to ensure the continued and uninterrupted operation of the PTABOA in order to fulfill statutory obligations and protect the interests of the taxpayers of Warrick County;

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

1. Appointment. The County Council hereby appoints Brad Overton to serve as a member of the Warrick County Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals.
2. Certification Status. The Council acknowledges that the appointee does not currently hold a Level II or Level III assessor-appraiser certification as referenced in Indiana Code § 6-1.1-28-1.
3. Good Faith Compliance Efforts. The Council affirms that it has made reasonable and documented efforts to identify a qualified certified individual and will continue such efforts.
4. Temporary Nature and Request for Relief. The Council declares this appointment to be temporary in nature.
5. Continued Compliance. The Council shall appoint a certified Level II or Level III assessor-appraiser upon identification of a qualified candidate and in full compliance with Indiana law.

PASSED this 3 day of March, 2026.

Warrick County Council

Greg Richmond  
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ATTEST:

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Michael Diegisch, Auditor  
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