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MINUTES: State of the County – April 9, 2024

This is a summary of actions and discussions of the meeting. You may view this meeting through our YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1ELh0jGpXd4VV2DTgsuqPA> or by contacting our office.

The Board met in regular session pursuant to adjournment of the April 9, 2024, general session meeting.

David G. Young – present

Shannon Jones – present

Tom Grossmann – present

Krystal Powell, Clerk – present

DISCUSSIONS


The Board met in regular session for the annual State of the County hosted by the Area Progress Council Warren County at Shaker Run Golf Club in Lebanon.

The Commissioners presented the attached State of the County report outlining the current position of the county.

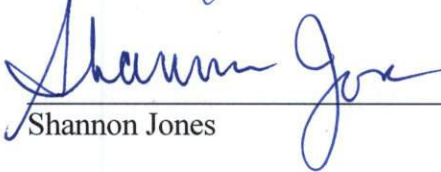
Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.



David G. Young, President



Tom Grossmann



Shannon Jones

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held on April 9, 2024, in compliance with Section 121.22 O.R.C.



Krystal Powell, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Warren County, Ohio

AN UPDATE ON WARREN COUNTY

FROM OUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

2024



This year the Board of Commissioners, in partnership with the Records Center & Archives, unveiled the BOCC exhibit, serving as a legacy snapshot that links the past with the present as the vision for the future of Warren County takes shape.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP

2023 was a busy year for Warren County! A quick look-back, and it is not hard to see two themes emerge: strong partnerships and strategic local investment.

The Commissioners entered into a partnership with altafiber to extend access to broadband services to 100% of the county.

Commissioner Dave Young worked on behalf of the Board to partner with the state and City of Mason to ensure that the Cincinnati Open, a vital international asset, remained in Warren County.

Commissioner Shannon Jones convened business leaders, educators and workforce partners to collaborate around the challenges of attracting and retaining a strong workforce.

The Commissioners continued the process of advancing the strategic plan for the county's facilities.

Thank you for your continued interest and partnership with the Board of Commissioners to make Warren County the best place to live, work, and visit!

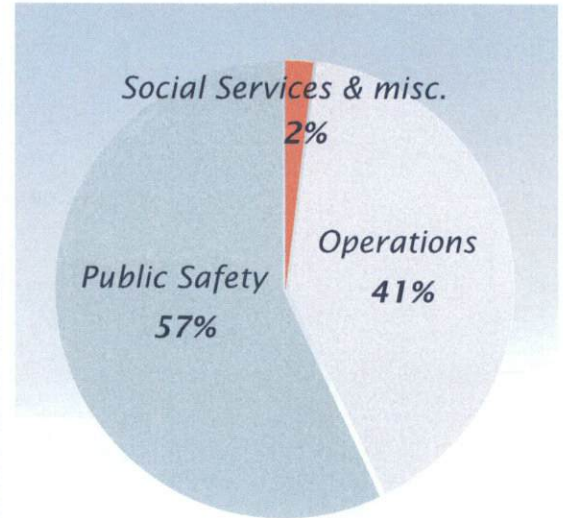
2024 ANNUAL BUDGET

MAINTAINING THE COUNTY'S STRONG FINANCIAL POSITION

The Board of Commissioners adopted the annual 2024 general fund budget during their final meeting of 2023, totaling \$89,924,000, with anticipated revenues for 2024 coming in at \$93,692,000. Sales tax continues to be strong for the county, with receipts just under \$55 million for 2023. As a reflection of their steadfast approach to conservative fiscal management, the Board is proud to report that the general fund continues to have zero debt payments in 2024.

Over the past five years, the Board has remained committed to creating an infrastructure bank that now totals \$47 million. This fund allows the county to have resources readily available for needed projects. This comes in addition to their \$12 million rainy day fund and \$50 million carry-over.

BUDGET QUICK-LOOK



CYBER DEFENSE

STRENGTHENING CYBERSECURITY

Public safety is the number one priority of local government, and the need for an aggressive cyber risk mitigation plan has only increased as county services rely more and more on technology. The Commissioners have been consistent in their desire to make needed investments in cybersecurity so that all of the county's assets are protected. Through a multi-faceted approach, Warren County Telecommunications and IT Department is working hard to ensure that leaders county-wide are developing trusted networks and not getting beat by the basics.

TOURISM BY THE NUMBERS

WARREN COUNTY IS THE BEST PLACE TO LIVE, WORK, AND VISIT!

Accounting for nearly **\$1.5 billion** in annual economic impact, tourism continues to be Warren County's **#1** industry. 2023 reporting showed roughly **13.4 million** visitors to the county. Employment opportunities in hospitality, food service, and the county's many tourist attractions support more than **12,000** jobs and **\$346 million** in wages. An estimated **\$809 million** annual economic impact is generated for the region from sports tourism. Seeing the great economic opportunity in youth sports and beyond, Warren County continues to grow this business, and in 2023 was named the **#2** sports destination in the nation by the sports tourism index!



CINCINNATI OPEN IS AT HOME IN WARREN COUNTY

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE CINCINNATI OPEN IS STAYING IN WARREN COUNTY!



Commissioner Dave Young spearheaded the discussions on behalf of the Board of Commissioners and led the effort as the State, County, City of Mason and Convention & Visitor's Bureau worked together to ensure the Cincinnati Open (FKA: Western & Southern Open) remained in Warren County. The tournament is a key asset to the region, drawing an impressive amount of international attention, and we are proud to have it continue to call Warren County home for the next 25 years. Beemok Capital, the new tournament owner, plans to invest approximately \$130 million into the current facility, and the State, County and City worked to provide local match dollars. Looking forward to the 2024 tournament, and the expansion plans that are underway!



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COMMISSIONER JONES' NACo LEADERSHIP

COUNTIES COMING TOGETHER TO ADVANCE LOCAL PRIORITIES

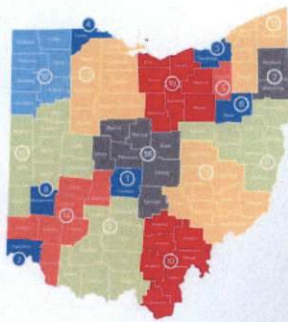
Commissioner Shannon Jones currently serves as the chair for the National Association of County's (NACo) Human Services and Education (HSE) Policy Steering Committee. In this appointed role, Commissioner Jones is actively involved in shaping policy priorities for services that counties provide to children, families, senior citizens, veterans, individuals with disabilities, and more. The platform and policies determined by the committee inform the advocacy efforts for counties across the country at the federal level.

In addition to this, Commissioner Jones was

elected to one of two Ohio seats on the NACo Board of Directors. Similar to her role in the policy steering committee, this seat allows her to participate in the governance of the policies and priorities for the whole association. These positions allow Commissioner Jones to not only be directly involved in representing what matters most to counties at a national level, but also gain insights and share her own with commissioners from all over the United States.



Commissioner Jones presenting policy resolutions and joining fellow Ohio Commissioners at the 2023 & 2024 NACo Conferences.



ONEOHIO RECOVERY FOUNDATION

1ST ROUND OF GRANT FUNDING NOW OPEN

Leaders from around the state have been hard at work standing up a structure to begin distributing funds from the OneOhio opioid settlement. The first round of the grant submission process is now open until May 3rd. Projects that prevent, treat and support recovery services and meet the eligibility requirements can be submitted through the OneOhio Recovery Foundation's portal. After projects are reviewed by the Foundation, each

region will have the opportunity to vote on the projects they would like to have approved for funding. Warren County sits in Region 14 and has been busy collaborating with its neighboring county partners to ensure that the funds go to projects that will have the strongest impact in the region.

HAVE A PROJECT?



Scan the QR code to visit the grant portal & find more resources from the OneOhio Recovery Foundation.

A CONNECTED COUNTY

UPDATE ON THE ALTA FIBER BROADBAND BUILD

Work continues on the plan to get 100% of the county access to reliable broadband services. The Commissioners signed a contract with alfiber in March of 2023, leveraging just under \$5 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds, to unlock a \$100 million private investment. alfiber spent much of 2023 strengthening and extending pre-existing connections, as plans are underway to prioritize the eastern portions of the county that are unserved or underserved.

8,865 locations have been fiber qualified since contract start date.

More than 52,000 locations will have access to fiber once project is complete!



GET CONNECTED!



Scan the QR code to stay informed of all updates from alfiber and learn when fiber is available near you!

COMMISSION LEADERSHIP IN 2024

This year Commissioner Dave Young was appointed as President of the Board, and Commissioner Tom Grossmann was appointed to serve as Vice President.

Commissioner Shannon Jones was elected to the CCAO Board of Directors and was appointed as Chair of the NACo Human Services & Education Committee, and elected to NACo's Board of Directors.



Stay connected with us! We value our relationships with our residents, businesses, community organizations and fellow elected officials. Contact us with your input, questions or concerns.

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



David G. Young



Shannon Jones



Tom Grossmann

The Warren County Board of Commissioners meets on most Tuesdays at 9:00 AM, with an additional regular session meeting on the 1st Tuesday of the month. The Board also meets as needed on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

Meetings are held in room 128 of the County Administration Building and live streamed to www.youtube.com/channel/UC1ELh0jGpXd4VV2DTgusuqPA

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