



## BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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## **WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PARTICIPATE IN THE RIBBON CUTTING OF THE NEW WARREN COUNTY JAIL AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

WARREN COUNTY, OHIO – This morning, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) joined Warren County Sheriff Larry Sims, as well as executives from Wachtel & McAnally Architects, Granger Construction and Megan Construction, for the ribbon cutting of the new Warren County Jail and Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Dave Young, current Board President, welcomed guests and remarked on the planning process that led to building the County's new Jail and Sheriff's office, stating that the planning subcommittee explored other options, "literally doing everything possible to avoid building a jail." Knowing that the current jail was no longer sufficient, the subcommittee concluded that building a new facility made, "the most sense for not only today, but tomorrow," as stated by Commissioner Young.

Totaling 148,000 square feet, the new Jail and Sheriff's Office more than doubles the existing complex. With an increased bed count of 496 from 280, capacity needs are projected to be met for the next 15 to 20 years. The location and land amount enable future expansion without relocation, and the facility is carefully designed to functionally meet the workflow needs of our Sheriff's Office.

As Warren County's largest project, the new Jail and Sheriff's Office came in at \$56.5 million, \$1.5 million under its projected budget. The strategic planning contributing to this lower cost is thanks to the collaboration of members of the BOCC staff, Sheriff's Office, Wachtel McAnally Architects, Granger Construction and Megan Construction. Financing the project is a testament to the BOCC's long history of conservative fiscal management. The county saved \$10 million for the project and implemented a temporary sales tax policy that allows for the project to be paid for in a 4-5 year period, saving taxpayers nearly \$30 million in borrowing costs.

Closing out the ceremony, Sheriff Larry Sims remarked “this is an exciting day not only for the Board of Commissioners and the Sheriff’s Office, but for the community,” stating, “there is no better place to be in law enforcement than in Warren County.”

### **About the Warren County Board of County Commissioners**

*The Warren County Board of Commissioners is the legislative and executive body of county government. As the governing body, the Board is fiscally responsible for taxpayer dollars and for provision of services as required by state and federal law or mandated by the public. The Board works, through community partnership, to conscientiously protect and enhance the health, safety and quality of life of all Warren County residents, businesses and communities in a respectful, efficient and fiscally responsible way that addresses the needs today and invests in tomorrow.*

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