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MINUTES: Regular Session – November 27, 2007

The Board met in regular session pursuant to adjournment of the November 20, 2007, meeting.

David G. Young - present

Pat Arnold South - present

C. Michael Kilburn - present

Tina Davis, Clerk – present

- 07-1899 A resolution was adopted for the Resignation and Replacement of Warren County Member to the Area 12 Workforce Investment Board with term to become effective upon adoption of this Resolution. Vote: Unanimous
- 07-1900 A resolution was adopted to approve and enter into a Renewal Administration Agreement by and between Chard Snyder and the Warren County Board of Commissioners for the Third Party Administration of the Section 125 Flexible Benefits Plan. Vote: Unanimous
- 07-1901 A resolution was adopted to approve various Refunds. Vote: Unanimous
- 07-1902 A resolution was adopted to Set Public Hearing for Rezoning Application of Phil Callahan Agent (Case #07-03), to rezone 0.7890 acres from Heavy Industry “M-2” to General Business and 1.2894 acres from Heavy Industry “M-2” to Rural Residence “R-1” in Franklin Township. Vote: Unanimous
- 07-1903 A resolution was adopted to approve a Subdivision Public Improvement Performance and Maintenance Security Agreement with Dominus, Inc. for Auteur Estates, Section One in Clearcreek Township. Vote: Unanimous

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- 07-1904 A resolution was adopted to Amend Resolution #07-72 adopted May 06, 2007, to amend Natalie Drive in Calloway Farms, Phase 2, for public maintenance by Turtlecreek Township. Vote: Unanimous
- 07-1905 A resolution was adopted to approve Operational Transfers from Commissioners Fund #101-1112 into Water and Sewer Funds #510 and #580. Vote: Unanimous
- 07-1906 A resolution was adopted to approve an Operational Transfer from Commissioners' Fund #101-1112 into Hazmat Fund #290. Vote: Unanimous
- 07-1907 A resolution was adopted to approve Supplemental Appropriation into Health Insurance Fund #632. Vote: Unanimous
- 07-1908 A resolution was adopted to approve Supplemental Appropriation into Probate/Juvenile Fund #247. Vote: Unanimous
- 07-1909 A resolution was adopted to approve an Appropriation Adjustment within the Sewer Revenue Fund No. 580. Vote: Unanimous
- 07-1910 A resolution was adopted to approve Appropriation Adjustment within Fund #101-1600. Vote: Unanimous
- 07-1911 A resolution was adopted to approve Appropriation Adjustment within Commissioners Fund #101. Vote: Unanimous
- 07-1912 A resolution was adopted to approve Appropriation Adjustment within Commissioners Fund #101-1110 and #101-1112. Vote: Unanimous
- 07-1913 A resolution was adopted to approve Appropriation Adjustment within Mason Municipal Court Fund #101-1273. Vote: Unanimous
- 07-1914 A resolution was adopted to approve Appropriation Adjustment from Commissioners Fund #101-1110 into Prosecutor's Office Fund #101-1150. Vote: Unanimous
- 07-1915 A resolution was adopted to approve Appropriation Adjustments from Data Processing Fund #101-1403 into Records Center Fund #101-1500 and within Children Services Fund #273 & Domestic Relations Fund #101-1230. Vote: Unanimous
- 07-1916 A resolution was adopted to authorize payment of Bills. Vote: Unanimous

- 07-1917 A resolution was adopted to continue Public Hearing to consider Modifications to the Rules and Regulations of the Water and Sewer Department relative to an increase to user rates and tap-in charges for connections to the Warren County Water and/or Sewer Systems. Vote: Unanimous
- 07-1918 A resolution was adopted to Waive Water Tap In Fees for Atrium YMCA. Vote: Unanimous
- 07-1919 A resolution was adopted to adopt Classification Specifications and Point Factor Assignments of Data Systems Analyst within the Warren County Telecommunications Department. Vote: Unanimous
- 07-1920 A resolution was adopted to authorize the posting of the “Data Systems Analyst” position within the Telecommunications Department, in accordance with Warren County Personnel Policy Manual, Section 2.02 (a). Vote: Unanimous
- 07-1921 A resolution was adopted to cancel regularly scheduled Commissioners’ Meeting of December 4, 2007. Vote: Unanimous
- 07-1922 A resolution was adopted for the selection of an Engineering Firm for the Lebanon Area – Deerfield Hamilton Interconnecting Waterline Design. Vote: Unanimous

DISCUSSIONS

On motion, upon unanimous call of the roll, the Board entered into executive session at 9:30 a.m. to discuss personnel matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(1) and exited at 10:40 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDER MODIFICATIONS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE WARREN COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT RELATIVE TO AN INCREASE IN THE USER RATE AND TAP IN FEES

The Board met this 27th day of November 2007, in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room to consider modifications to the Rules and Regulations of the Warren County Water and Sewer Department relative to an increase in the user rate and tap in fees.

Richard Renneker, Sanitary Engineer, stated that the proposed rate increase relative to water is 1% for the next three years. He then stated that the proposed sewer rate increase is 4% for the next two years and 3% the third year.

The Board questioned if a 1% increase in the water rate is sufficient to cover future costs.

Patty Solinski, Business Manager within the Water and Sewer Department, stated that the proposed increases are what she has calculated will be necessary to cover operations and maintenance. She then stated that the sewer revenue for 2006 was \$6.649 million and the expenses were \$6.572 million. She stated the need to increase the rates is due to aging lines within the system as well as the increase in operation and maintenance due to the water treatment plant expansion and the sewer treatment plant proposed expansion.

The Board then reviewed the rate study survey presented by the Water and Sewer Department.

Mr. Renneker reviewed the proposed tap fee increases as follows:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Water	\$3800	\$2900	\$4000
Sewer	\$4000	\$4400	\$4800

Commissioner South stated that the Water and Sewer Department has presented realistic increases for the next three years.

Dan Hendricks, Cincinnati Home Builder's Association, stated that his organization has not had an opportunity to sit down with Mr. Renneker to review the proposal.

Upon discussion, the Board resolved (Resolution #07-1917) to continue the public hearing to December 18, 2007, at 12:00 p.m.

Richard Renneker, Sanitary Engineer, was present along with Chris Brausch, Deputy Sanitary Engineer, for the Board to interview the following engineering firms in order to select a firm for the Lebanon-Hamilton Deerfield Water Interconnection Project:

Jones Warner Consultants, Inc.
CDS Associates, Inc.
Henderson & Bodwell, LLP

Upon completion of the interview process and review of the selection ranking sheets by the Board, the Board resolved (Resolution #07-1922) to select Henderson and Bodwell, LLP as the

top ranked engineering firm and authorize the Water and Sewer Department to begin negotiations.

Representatives from the Warren County United Way were present along with representatives from local food pantries to receive the following donations from the Board of County Commissioners:

F.A.I.T.H.	\$8,000
Kings Local Community Services	\$6,000
Lebanon Food Pantry	\$8,000
Little Miami Food Services	\$4,000
Salvation Army	\$10,000
Wayne Township Community Aid	\$4,000
Franklin Community Services	\$10,000

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.

David G. Young, President

Pat Arnold South

C. Michael Kilburn

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 November 27, 2007, in compliance with Section 121.22 O.R.C.

Tina Davis, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Warren County, Ohio