

RECORD OF A WORK SESSION HELD BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE BUCK SPRING CONVENTION CENTER AT LITTLETON ON THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 15, 2018 AT 6:00 PM.

The February 15, 2018 Work Session/Meeting was opened by Chairman Victor Hunt. Other Commissioners present: Bertadean Baker, Jennifer Jordan Pierce and Walter Powell. Commissioner absent: Tare Davis. Others in attendance: County Manager Robert Davie, Interim Finance Officer Jamie Holtzman and County Attorney Hassan Kingsberry.

A moment of silence was followed by acknowledgement of written Department Head Reports from: Human Resources Director Lisa Alston and Emergency Services/EMS Director Dennis Paschall.

ITEM # 2 Opioid Issue/Litigation discussion held by County Attorney Hassan Kingsberry

Kingsberry introduced attorney Keischa Lovelace from the Richardson Law Firm and retired Labor Commissioner Bernadine Ballance. Lovelace shared statistics regarding opioid use in Warren County:

WARREN COUNTY OPIOID CRISIS INFORMATION

Population Estimate (2016): 19,907
Pop. Est. 2011: 20,861

Opioid Prescriptions Per 100 Residents:

- 2016: 32.3 2011: 29.2
- 2015: 33.9 2010: 32.8
- 2014: 31.6 2009: 32.7
- 2013: 30.3 2008: 32
- 2012: 29.9 2007: 34.5

Buprenorphine Prescriptions:

- 2016: 376
- 2015: 410
- 2014: 526
- 2013: 504
- 2012: 273
- 2011: 187

No. Pills Dispensed:

- 2011-2016: 5,431,810 [Avg. 272.85 pills per person]
 - 2016: 1,052,684
 - 2015: 1,117,811
 - 2014: 907,302
 - 2013: 827,294
 - 2012: 793,302
 - 2011: 733,417

Opioid-Related Hospitalizations (2004-2016): 18

Opiate-Related Deaths (1999-2016): 4

Counties must elect to join the joint law suit at the very first. Item was referred to March 12, 2018 board meeting to consider adopting a resolution which would authorize County Attorney to pursue entering Warren County into joint suit.

ITEM # 3 The All Saints Project Early Envisioning Committee members: Charla Duncan, Jere King, Victoria Lehman & Ali Harrington appeared before the Board to inform of the situation and request assistance for proposed program.

THE ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The All Saints Episcopal Church building is the only African American Episcopal Church in Warrenton, built in response to the repressive segregation practices of the late 1800s. It became an anchor in the historically black community of Warrenton, and it continues to anchor a major gateway into our small historic town.

The building still stands, but its walls no longer resound with community voices.

VISION

- Sustain the life of the All Saints Episcopal property
- Create a civic space that can be used for arts and cultural programming
- Create an accessible and personal space for self-expression
- Contribute to quality of life and economic vitality in our community



Charla Duncan requested the Board place this item on the March 12, 2018 board meeting agenda for further consideration.

ITEM # 4 Warren County Tax Administrator Starlin Beatty gave a Report of 2017 taxes that are liens on Real Property and requested authorization to advertise.

On motion of Commissioner Baker, which was seconded by Commissioner Powell and duly carried by unanimous vote, report of 2017 taxes that are liens on Real Property was accepted and Tax Collector Starlin Beatty was authorized to advertise.

ITEM # 5 April 14, 2018 County Government Day – Starlin Beatty & Commissioner Pierce – Event is shaping up, 2 vendors have registered and sponsorship in the amount of \$2,000 has been collected. Board members expressed their support for the April 14, 2018 County Celebration as planned.

ITEM # 6 Revised Resolution Establishing the Fire Commission and Providing for Financial Assistance to all Fire Departments Serving the County was presented by County Attorney Kingsberry. Item was referred to March 12th regular board meeting agenda.

ITEM # 7 Revised Policy for Board/Committee Appointments/Re-Appointments and Board/Committee Activities was referred to March 12th regular board meeting agenda.

ITEM # 8 Revised Rules of Procedure for Warren County Commissioners was referred to March 12th regular board meeting agenda.

ITEM # 9 County Manager Davie gave a brief update on Broadband and Natural Gas projects.

On motion of Commissioner Baker which was seconded by Commissioner Powell, the February 15, 2018 Work Session/Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.


Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk