

**MINUTES FROM A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO RECEIVE FY 2019-2020 BUDGET MESSAGE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019 AT 6:05 PM IN THE ARMORY CIVIC CENTER.**

The special meeting was called to order by Chairman Tare Davis. Other commissioners present: Bertadean Baker, Victor Hunt, Jennifer Pierce and Walter Powell. Others present: County Manager Vincent Jones, County Attorney Hassan Kingsberry and Finance Officer Katherine Brafford.

On motion of Commissioner Hunt, which was seconded by commissioner Baker and duly carried by unanimous vote, May 13, 2019 Special Meeting suggested agenda was adopted as presented.

Clerk to the Board Kearney-Dunlap, read the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement:

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• *“Members of the Warren County Board of Commissioners are advised, hereby, of their duty under the State Government Ethics Act to avoid conflicts of interest and the appearance of such conflict; and, further, are instructed to refrain from participating in any matter coming before this Board of County Commissioners with respect to which there is a conflict of interest or appearance of such conflict”.*

• In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict.

• Does any Board member have any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matter coming before this Board today?

• If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any undue participation in the particular matter involved.

Chairman Davis read an opening statement after which, County Manager Vincent Jones was given the floor to present FY 2019-20 budget message.

“Honorable Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members of the Warren County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with the North Carolina Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, I am pleased to submit to you for your consideration the proposed FY 2019-2020 Warren County Budget. A Public Hearing to receive citizen comments on the proposed budget is scheduled for June 3, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Warren County Armory Civic Center. Presented below is the recommended Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Warren County Budget. The General Fund budget is proposed to be \$31,653,009 which represents an increase of \$376,070 from the current revised FY 2018-19 budget or 1.2%. It is important to note that most of this growth can be attributed to modest growth in revenues and expenditures that includes the proposed use of \$524,685 in Lottery Funds, which can only be used by and for school related projects, to support capital improvement and school security improvements identified in the Warren County Schools FY 2019-2020 budget

requests. This proposed budget was crafted using the following guidelines: 1) no increase in property taxes and 2) a focus on organizational development improvements. There are a few major environmental factors impacting the FY 20 Proposed Budget. Impacting the budget positively are: 1) Moderate improvements in the economic climate, nationally and statewide, 2) Anticipated increases in two categories of Ad Valorem taxes to include property taxes and motor vehicles, and 3) A statewide projection of increased sales tax revenues. Negatively impacting the FY 20 Proposed Budget are the following factors: 1) Significant increase in employee health insurance costs (4.8%), 2) Increase in required retirement contributions for general employees and law enforcement personnel, 3) Additional costs associated with public safety and organizational development improvements, 4) Mostly stagnant revenue growth and decreases in certain categories of Ad Valorem taxes 5) Anticipated significant reductions in State assistance for the Health Department and the Department of Social Services.”

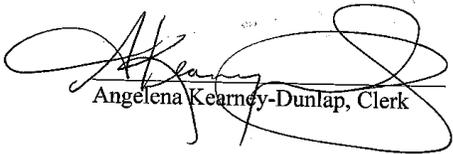
Budget Message is available on request by e-mail and on the county website at:

<http://www.warrencountync.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/05132019-531>

The floor was opened for introduction of Emma Perry, Department of Social Services (DSS) Deputy Director. Ryan Whitson, DSS Director gave a forecast of 2019-20 DSS outlook. It was announced that Whitson would be deployed with the military for approximately eleven (11) months.

Coach Pete from Middle School softball team made an announcement that his girls team did something never done before. The team won the national championship. Requested the county do some type of recognition for the team.

On motion of Commissioner Hunt, which was seconded by Commissioner Baker, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

  
Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk