

**MINUTES FROM THE WORK SESSION HELD BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE WARREN COUNTY ARMORY CIVIC CENTER, MEETING ROOM ON MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2021 AT 6:00 PM.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tare Davis. Other Commissioners present: Victor Hunt, Walter Powell, Jennifer Pierce and Bertadean Baker. Others in attendance: County Manager Vincent Jones, Senior Assistant Charla Duncan, and County Attorney Hassan Kingsberry.

**ITEM 1 - Chairman Davis conducted prayer and pledge to the flag.**

**Warren County Health Director Dr. Margaret Brake provided a COVID-19 Update.**

**ITEM 2 – Department Head Reports were provided in writing by Animal Control Director Dani Bowen, Senior Center Director Vicky Stokes, and Community and Economic Development Director Charla Duncan.**

**ITEM 3 – School Board Chair Jennifer Simes addressed the Board with concerns about School Board Member salaries. After some discussion, Chairman Davis asked that this matter be addressed at the September 13, 2021 Regular Meeting and that Warren County Board Member salaries also be addressed during that time.**

**ITEM 4 – The Warren County School Resource Officer Contract for the 2021-2022 School Year was presented. This item will be placed on the September 13, 2021 agenda for further action.**

**ITEM 5 – Bill Kearney and Richard Hunter, Co-Chairs of the Courthouse Square Memorial Committee, presented the Board with results of surveys and community meetings. Based on the findings, the Committee recommends that the base of the former statue be removed and placed with the statue. The Committee also asked that they be allowed to have NC A & T complete an assessment and design for a proposed new monument to be placed where the statue formerly stood, and asked that a \$500 honorarium be made to NC A & T in exchange for the work they will do. On motion of Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Baker and duly carried by unanimous vote, the recommendation to have NC A & T complete an assessment and design in exchange for a \$500 honorarium was approved. The removal of the base will be discussed further at the September 13, 2021 Regular Meeting.**

**ITEM 6 – Victor Tucker of the Fire Commission presented the Board with information regarding the need for a Fire Training Center, and discussed the possibility of using land owned by the County on US Hwy 158 Bypass by the Recreation Center. County Attorney Hassan Kingsberry provided information regarding donation/conveyance of County land to the Firefighters Association. Further action on this item is moved to the September 13, 2021 Regular Meeting.**

**ITEM 7 – County Manager Vincent Jones provided a brief update on the American Rescue Plan.**

**ITEM 8 – County Manager Vincent Jones provided the Board with the updated Strategic Plan. Updates will be provided at each Work Session.**

**ITEM 9 – County Manager Vincent Jones stated that we are at a milestone with the Kerr Lake Regional Water System. A final decision on next steps will be made soon and will begin at the beginning of the year.**

**ITEM 10 – Information was provided on the Warren County Purchasing Card Policy. Action will be taken on this policy at the September 13, 2021 Regular Meeting.**

**ITEM 11 – On motion of Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Powell and duly carried by unanimous vote, the purchase of a generator, including labor and materials, in the amount of \$65,160 for the Warren County Health Department was approved.**

**ITEM 12 – On motion of Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Powell and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Board entered Closed Session in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) for Attorney Client Privilege.**

**On motion of Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Powell and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Board returned to open session.**

**ITEM 13 – ADJOURN WORK SESSION**