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**MINUTES: Regular Session – January 3, 2017**

The Board met in regular session pursuant to adjournment of the December 27, 2016, meeting.

David G. Young – present

Shannon Jones – present

Tom Grossmann – present

Tina Osborne, Clerk – present

- 17-0001      A resolution was adopted to designate Family and Medical Leave of Absence to Jacqueline Ruffner, Custodial Worker, within the Facilities Management Department. Vote: Unanimous
- 17-0002      A resolution was adopted to hire William Pryor as Service Worker I within the Warren County Facilities Management Department. Vote: Unanimous
- 17-0003      A resolution was adopted to approve hiring of Joshua Moyer as Application Analyst I within the Telecommunications Department. Vote: Unanimous
- 17-0004      A resolution was adopted to approve promotion of Amber Valentine from the position of Foster Care Adoption Caseworker I to Lead Caseworker III within the Warren County Department of Job and Family Services, Children Services Division. Vote: Unanimous
- 17-0005      A resolution was adopted to authorize the posting of the “Foster Care/Adoption Caseworker I” position, within the Department of Job and Family Services, Children Services Division, in accordance with Warren County Personnel Policy Manual, Section 2.02 (A). Vote: Unanimous
- 17-0006      A resolution was adopted to authorize the posting of the “Deputy Director” position, within the Warren County Job and Family Services, Children Services Division, in accordance with Warren County Personnel Policy Manual, Section 2.02 (a). Vote: Unanimous

- 17-0007 A resolution was adopted to advertise for bids for the Butterworth Road Bridge #156-0.68 Replacement Project. Vote: Unanimous
- 17-0008 A resolution was adopted to Cancel regularly scheduled Commissioners' Meeting of Tuesday January 17, 2017. Vote: Unanimous
- 17-0009 A resolution was adopted to declare an emergency and waive competitive bidding process for emergency replacement of compressor at Juvenile Justice Center. Vote: Unanimous
- 17-0010 A resolution was adopted to acknowledge payment of bills. Vote: Unanimous
- 17-0011 A resolution was adopted to approve operational transfer from Commissioners Fund #101-1112 into Children Services Fund #273. Vote: Unanimous
- 17-0012 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustments from Commissioners General Fund #101-1110 into County Court Probation Fund #101-1283. Vote: Unanimous
- 17-0013 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustments within Adult Probation Fund #101-1223, Community Corrections Fund #101-1224, and Warren County CIP #284. Vote: Unanimous
- 17-0014 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustments from Sheriff's Office Fund #101-2200 into #101-2211. Vote: Unanimous
- 17-0015 A resolution was adopted to accept resignation of Anthony Workman on the Warren County Rural Zoning Commission effective December 26, 2016. Vote: Unanimous

#### DISCUSSIONS

On motion, upon unanimous call of the roll, the Board accepted and approved the consent agenda.

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Larry Sims, Warren County Sheriff, was present along with Barry Riley, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Trevor Hearn, Facilities Management Director, and Scott Maloney, K2M Design, for a work session to discuss the Warren County Jail Project.

Commissioner Young provided background information for Commissioner Shannon Jones due to today being her first official Board of Commissioner meeting.

Mr. Maloney stated that he has completed the initial assessment and reviewed the four (4) questions that need to be answered:

1. What do we have
2. What do we need
3. What can we do
4. What are the next steps

Mr. Maloney then stated that they are ready to begin Step 1 – Program and Planning Phase. He stated the increase in staff that would be required in rehabilitation of the current jail facility vs. the construction of an entirely new building. He stated the need to ensure that we are efficient and effective with programming and staff in the final facility. He then stated that the current jail was not designed to handle the number of prisoners that are being held today.

Sheriff Sims stated the concern that Warren County Judges no longer have the ability to give sanctions for not following the rules due to the overcrowding. He stated that there is not a lot that could be done with the current facility without an enormous cost and additional staffing.

Commissioner Jones questioned the finances associated with the proposed project as well as the construction for future needs.

Tiffany Zindel, County Administrator, stated that a \$30 million borrow is being proposed over twenty (20) years at a debt service payment of approximately \$2 million per year.

Mr. Maloney stated that the design he will propose will include a future expansion location within the facility. He then stated that based upon the studies that have been completed; he recommends the new facility design to house approximately 450 prisoners and estimated that will provide capacity for twenty (20) years.

Commissioner Grossmann questioned if the assessment is complete for a recommendation to construct a new facility vs. rehabilitate the current facility.

Mr. Maloney stated that it is not fully completed and is scheduled for February – March completion.

Commissioner Young stated his desire for consideration of the current facility for a “day reporting” type facility, requiring no supervision other than video monitoring.

There was discussion relative to the jail project and the Board stated that this project is their top priority.

Chris Romano, Deerfield Township Trustee, discussed the growth in population of Deerfield Township and they are planning to accommodate a population of approximately 50,000

residents. He stated his opinion the need to anticipate the need for a larger, newer and more efficient facility rather than repurposing the current facility.

There was discussion relative to the growth in residential population in Deerfield Township and the perspective that the township followed in their future land use plan.

Mr. Romano explained the desire of the township to accommodate the needs of the current residents that are aging and desire to relocate from their current larger homes into smaller square footage living spaces including town homes, small lot subdivisions and high end apartments.

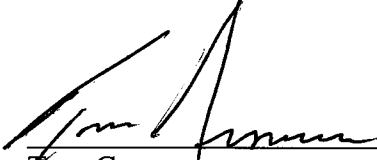
There was then discussion relative to the condition current jail facility.


Mr. Hearn stated the need to identify if there is a need for this space to be repurposed. He stated that the current facility will require millions of dollars to just stabilize the building. He informed the Board of failing roofing, plumbing, HVAC and security systems. He stated the current facility was constructed to be a jail with all of the mechanical systems being embedded in concrete. He then stated he is a proponent of demolishing the current facility and constructing a new one in the current location.

Upon further discussion, the Board concluded this work session.

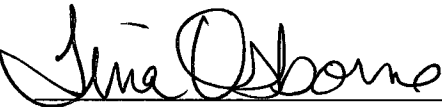
Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.

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David G. Young, President

  
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Tom Grossmann

  
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Shannon Jones

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 January 3, 2017, in compliance with Section 121.22 O.R.C.

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