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MINUTES: Regular Work Session – May 7, 2024

This is a summary of actions and discussions of the meeting. You may view this meeting through our YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1ELh0jGpXd4VV2DTgsuqPA> or by contacting our office.

The Board met in regular session pursuant to adjournment of the May 7, 2024, General Session meeting.

David G. Young – present

Shannon Jones – present

Tom Grossmann – present

Krystal Powell, Clerk – present

DISCUSSIONS

Tori Otten, Records and Archives, was present to discuss America 250 Ohio, the Semiquincentennial of the United States Declaration of Independence. Ms. Otten presented the attached PowerPoint presentation outlining Ohio's initiative, theme, and community involvement for the upcoming celebration planned for 2026.

Ms. Otten stated the need for the Board to adopt a resolution in order for Warren County to apply to be designated as and participate as an America 250- Ohio community. She further stated the special designation would afford Warren County the opportunity to network and coordinate with surrounding communities and allow access to additional funding and resources for celebration activities. Ms. Otten named several county and community representatives who may potentially serve as committee members on behalf of Warren County. Additionally, she requested that a member of the Board of County Commissioners serve as a committee member.

Upon further discussion, the Board expressed their encouragement and agreed to move forward with the process of Warren County applying to become a designated America 250- Ohio community.

Cameron Goschinski, Regional Planning Commission, was present to discuss proposed Rural Zoning Code Amendments relative to residential zone development standards and solar energy. Mr. Goschinski presented the attached PowerPoint presentation summarizing the potential clerical amendments to the current Residential Zones Development Standards Table. He further stated the amendments are solely to clarify definitions on the existing table.


Ray Dratt, Zoning Inspector, presented the attached PowerPoint presentation outlining the proposed regulation standards for solar energy systems. Mr. Dratt requested the Board's guidance in creating and adopting regulations for solar energy systems producing less than 50 megawatts. He stated the current regulations are applicable only to solar energy systems mounted for accessory use on residential roofs. Mr. Dratt further stated the proposed standards would categorize solar energy systems producing less than 50 megawatts as principal solar energy production facility use and would not amend the current standards for accessory uses and structures.

Bruce McGary, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, questioned if the Board desired the Building and Zoning Department to proceed in drafting and initiating the process of creating regulations for solar energy systems less than 50 megawatts.

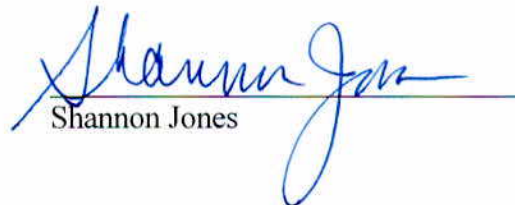
Upon further discussion, the Board recommended the Building and Zoning Department move forward with drafting proposed regulations and allow the Board the opportunity to reflect on and discuss aforementioned staff recommendations at a later date.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.

David G. Young, President

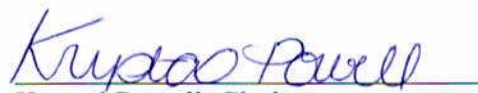


Tom Grossmann



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 May 7, 2024, in compliance with Section 121.22 O.R.C.



Krystal Powell, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Warren County, Ohio

Original Presentation Provided By
America 250 - OH



Building Momentum for 2026



Prepared for the Warren County Board of Commissioners by the WCRC&A

OHIO REVISED CODE: THE OHIO COMMISSION FOR THE U.S. SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL



“...to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the United States and the impact of Ohioans on the nation’s past, present, and future.”

Ohio Revised Code (149.309)



OUR KEY MESSAGE

To tell the story of Ohio's contributions to the U.S. for the past 250+ years and create a sense of pride about the impact that Ohio and Ohioans have on the state, nation, and the world.



AMERICA 250-OHIO INITIATIVES AND THEMES

- Celebrations and Signature Events
- Ohio Originals – Highlighting Ohio firsts, points of pride and unity
- Engaging Youth and Lifelong Learners – Developing educational touchpoints
- Inclusive Statewide Engagement – History, Arts, Culture, Museums, & People
- Telling Ohio's Stories – Highlighting under-told stories



Past

Heritage
Reflection
Preservation

Present

Interpretation
Celebration
Commemoration

Future

Education
Building for the next
generation



AMERICA 250-OHIO COMMUNITIES



Bucyrus Bratwurst Festival Queens – New Philadelphia First Town Days-2023

- A special designation for counties, cities, villages, and townships
- Opportunity for local leaders to network and coordinate AM 250-OH activities
- Recognition as an AM 250-OH community
- Access to resources
- Simple to activate
- Approximately 41 communities to-date

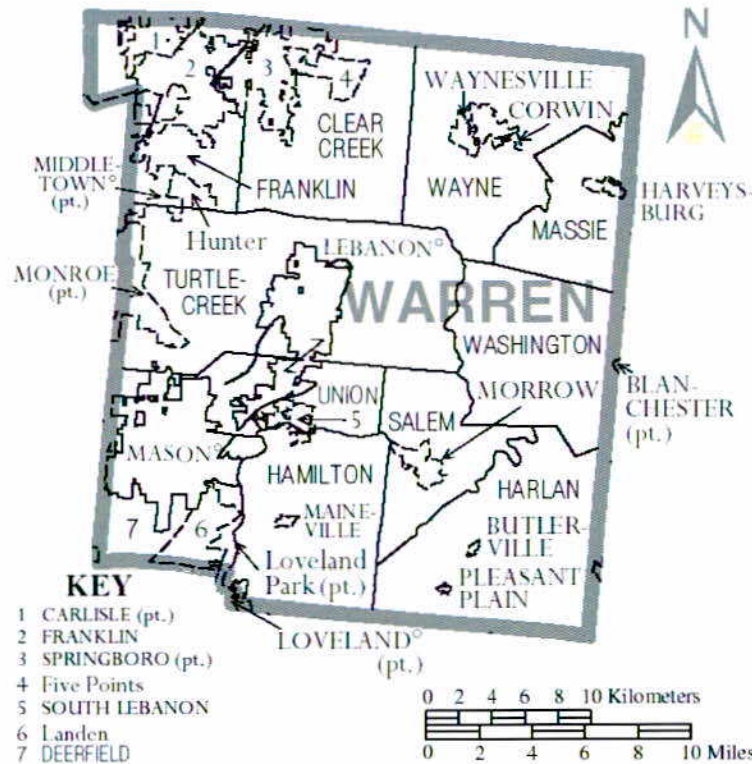


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WARREN COUNTY INVOLVEMENT

Source: US Census, Ruhrfisch



County Representatives

- Candace Miller
- Tori Otten
- Jen Haney Conover
- County Commissioner?

Community Representatives

- Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Park District
- ?





Warren County Rural Zoning Code Text Amendments Work Session

May 7th, 2024

Introduction



Warren County Rural Zoning Code Amendments

- **Section 3.102.10 – Solar Energy Systems**
- **Section 2.302.1 – Residential Zones Development Standards Table**

Process

