

AN UPDATE ON WARREN COUNTY

FROM OUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WINTER 2022

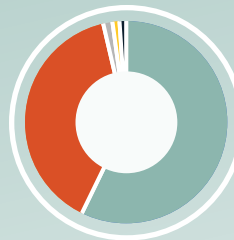


Thank you for your interest in Warren County! We are eager to see what is in store for 2022. Our approach is always about strong fiscal management and we know that our conservative leadership positions the county for success. With the dynamic growth Warren County has experienced, we remain committed to this core principle, all while ensuring outstanding services to our constituents. We know that our county has a vibrant future ahead and it is our privilege to be engaged with our fellow Elected Officials and community partners as we continue moving forward together.

As always, we are thrilled to share with you a few highlights from Warren County and are grateful for your continued support!



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2022 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AT A GLANCE

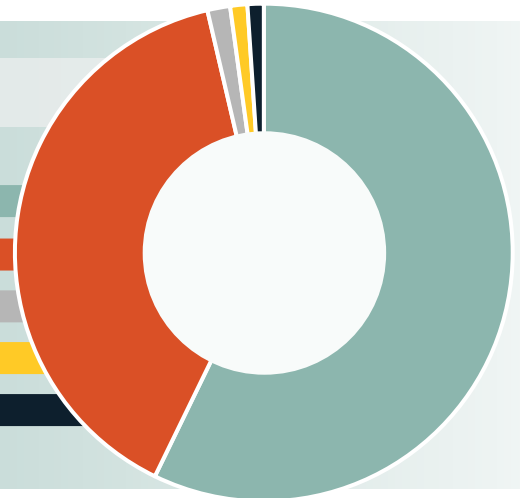
Each year, the Board of Commissioners prioritizes a fiscally responsible budget that delivers high quality services that Warren County residents have come to expect.

This year, the county's collected portion of 2021 property taxes will be reduced by roughly \$46.5 million as a result of the commissioners' implementation of a one-year property tax holiday. This holiday includes an added collaboration with the Senior Services and Developmental Disabilities Boards' levies, delivering an estimated savings of \$151.62 per \$100,000 in home value to Warren County residential property owners, making it the largest tax holiday in state history. This is a strong testament to the county's steadfast approach to conservative fiscal policy.

End of year revenues for 2021 were higher than 2020. Property tax collection was up nearly \$1 million and sales tax remained strong, with an increased collection of nearly \$4.5 million. Additionally, the commissioners have committed to set aside \$10 million for the county's infrastructure bank, a five-year program anticipated to generate approximately \$45 million which will accelerate county road improvement projects brought forward by the Engineer's Office.

\$82,449,915

CRIMINAL JUSTICE	57%
GENERAL OPERATIONS	39%
SOCIAL SERVICES	1.47%
DEBT SERVICE	1.11%
MISCELLANEOUS	1.05%



INVESTMENTS IN WARREN COUNTY

In January, US Treasury released the final rule on ARPA funds. As we work through the guidance, we will refine and reassess items that were laid out in our initial framework. Presentations and discussions are ongoing as a comprehensive plan that reaches multiple sectors of the county takes shape.

FRAMEWORK AT A GLANCE:

- > Extending broadband throughout the county
- > Providing Emergency assistance to our local food banks and community agencies
- > Supporting quality child care in the county
- > Implementing workforce development initiatives
- > Investing in County Economic Development

IMPROVING WATER SERVICE TO OUR CUSTOMERS

The construction at Warren County's two water softening treatment plants is nearing completion, allowing us to provide a higher level of service to those customers. This project broke ground in the fall of 2020 and will improve water softening for approximately 33,000 households.

To lower the financial burden on our customers, we allocated \$6.4 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars to remove the water surcharge two years earlier than previously planned.

FRANKLIN PLANT



RICHARD A. RENNEKER PLANT



PROVIDING SUPPORT TO RENTERS AND LANDLORDS

Launched on April 5, 2021, the Warren County Rental Assistance Program provides needed rent and utility assistance to residents in our county. The program has a dual impact – providing financial support to both renters and landlords experiencing economic hardships from the COVID-19 pandemic. After one year, the program will be coming to a close. The decision comes following the report from Job and Family Services Director, Lauren Cavanaugh, indicating that the program had met its intended goals and similar supports will remain available through other avenues. Applications and recertifications will be accepted through March 31, 2022.

BY THE NUMBERS

CASES	ASSISTANCE RECEIVED
65	UTILITY PAYMENTS
255	RENT ARREARS
302	RENT PAYMENTS
	TOTALS
	\$53,330.61 UTILITY
	\$2,273,310.10 RENT



PLANNING FOR GROWTH

DEVELOPING A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR COUNTY FACILITIES

As Warren County continues to experience vibrant growth, our current facilities will inevitably be faced with capacity challenges. In 2019 we unveiled the 15,000 square foot expansion and renovations to our juvenile-probate court. In the fall of 2021 we cut the ribbon on the county's long-awaited Jail & Sheriff's Office. We know that space limitations are being felt in our health and human services, county court and Board of Elections buildings.

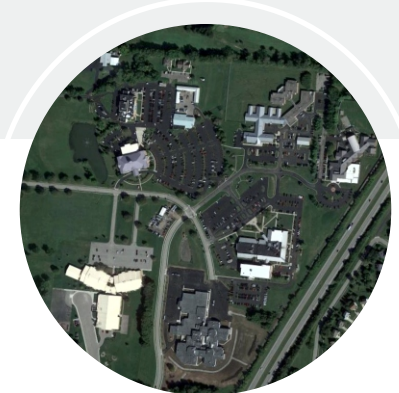
To address our long-term needs, we are developing a master plan to think strategically about the county's footprint. This will uncover how to best use our current assets and determine what future investments make the most economic sense.

“ If there was ever a time to do something right, it is now. This is the time to have a master plan. This is the time to get this campus looking exactly the way we want it. ”

Commissioner Dave Young

“ We have infrastructure that has outlived its useful life. We have to understand what it's going to cost to make it useful again and whether or not we are willing to spend that. ”

Commissioner Shannon Jones



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

COMMISSIONER JONES SPEAKING AT KIWANIS LUNCH

Commissioner Shannon Jones was invited to share updates from Warren County during the Mason-Deerfield Kiwanis Club December lunch.



COMMISSIONERS NAME COUNTY GARAGE THE WARREN COUNTY ROBERT "ANDY" RUSSELL MECHANICS GARAGE

To commemorate 40 years of dedicated service as the Director of Warren County's garage, the Commissioners named the county's garage after Andy Russell upon his retirement at the end of 2021. Andy was instrumental in taking the garage from servicing 25 Sheriff's cruisers to its current capacity of 500 vehicles for 40 different agencies. We wish Andy much happiness during his well-deserved retirement.



COMMISSION LEADERSHIP IN 2022

This year Commissioner Tom Grossmann was appointed as President of the Board, and Commissioner Shannon Jones was appointed to serve as Vice President.

Commissioner Shannon Jones was appointed to the CCAO Board and NACo Human Services & Education Committee.



The Warren County Board of Commissioners meets on most Tuesdays at 9:00 AM and on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, as needed.

Meetings are held in the county administration building and live streamed to www.youtube.com/channel/UC1ELh0jGpXd4VV2DTgsuqPA

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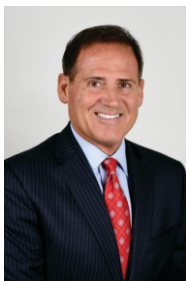
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