

MINUTES FROM A PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED FY 2014-2015 WARREN COUNTY BUDGET HELD BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE WARREN COUNTY ARMORY CIVIC CENTER MEETING ROOM, ON JUNE 18, 2014 AT 6:00 PM.

The Public Hearing was called to order by Chairman Bertadean W. Baker. Other Commissioners present: Ruby Downey, Jennifer Jordan and Ulysses S. Ross. Commissioner absent: Barry Richardson. Others in attendance: County Manager Linda T. Worth and Finance Director Gloria Edmonds.

Clerk to the Board Angelena Kearney-Dunlap read Conflict of Interest Disclaimer followed by Notice of Public Hearing and Rules for Citizen Comments.

Citizen Comments were as follows:

Ron Skow inquired as follows:

- 1) increase in Building and Grounds budget by \$300,000 over FY 2013-14 budget;
- 2) Public Schools budget did not show justification for sizable increase in budget requests.

County Manager Worth answered:

- 1) Building & Grounds contingency line is reduced as funds are allocated to individual Departments requesting repairs. Funds are transferred to departments as used.
- 2) Public School Systems budget request came in after the deadline, therefore initial budget figures were based on prior year's budget. Schools' budget report is the justification for increase. It is included in the budget document that has been provided to the public.

David Duxbury questioned

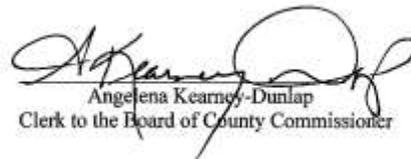
- 1) if County only covers Public School's capital expenses or does county also support current expenses.
- 2) comparison of 2009 to 2015 DSS budgets: Administration for 2009 was 3.5 million and public assistance was 2.8 million. For 2015 Administration is 3.8 million and public assistance decreased to 1.4 million. Why have salaries increased but help to people decreased?

County Manager Worth answered:

- 1) County shares with state in current expenses as well as capital expenses for the public schools.
- 2) the state has taken over Medicaid, therefore county budget is reduced by that amount since there is a lesser local allocation for Medicaid. Also, the county is reimbursed a percentage of administration costs from Federal and State programs.

County Manager Worth reminded the Board and public of the final budget work session scheduled for Monday, June 23, 2014 at 1:00 pm at which time the Manager will provide estimated fund balance and information requested pertaining to outstanding loans.

On motion of Commissioner Jordan, which was seconded by Commissioner Ross and duly carried, the Budget Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:20 pm.


Angelena Kearney-Dunlap
Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners