

Warren County Board of Commissioners

Summer Newsletter



Summer 2019 Newsletter

On August 27th, the Commissioners, along with the Sheriff's office, the jail planning committee, and the architectural and construction teams held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Warren County Jail & Sheriff's Office. The new jail, a \$56.5 million project, will provide much needed capacity with 496 beds and room for expanded treatment programs. The location of the new jail also allows for the ability to expand to 1,000 beds well into the future. Anticipated completion is September 2021.

Commissioner Young said that while programs and modifications implemented over the years have allowed the County to prolong the expenditure, the new jail has been a long time coming. He thanked all involved in the planning, noting the cost will come in \$1.4 million under budget.

"In Warren County we have a history of projects coming in on time and under budget. We expect the same for this project." - Commissioner Young



Re-Purposing a County Asset

As we kick off construction of the new jail, the commissioners have asked the Warren County Criminal Justice Board to evaluate the existing asset and provide recommendations for the best use of the building/site. The board will consider the gaps identified in the *Blueprint* prepared by Addiction Policy Forum last summer as part of their analysis. Recommendations will be presented to the commissioners considering the following options:

- Re-purpose existing facility
- Re-evaluate needs once new jail is operational for a period of time
- Rebuild on existing land to meet the need

Commissioner Shannon Jones Recognized

"Woman of Influence"
by Venue Magazine

- Leadership
- Service
- Champion



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Redevelopment Site Recognized by EPA



United States EPA officially recognized the redevelopment efforts at the Peters Cartridge Superfund site in the Village of South Lebanon, Ohio as part of the Superfund Redevelopment Initiative's 20th anniversary.

Commissioner David Young joined federal, state and local officials for the event.



"It's not often that these buildings get re-purposed but Peters Cartridge is an exception and we should all be proud," said Young

Peters Cartridge Redevelopment Site

Coming Soon!

Warren County Sports Park



Opening October 2019

Fairgrounds Event Center



Coming February 2020

Domestic Relations Court



Completed July, 2019

Leading Right



Warren County's conservative budgeting practice has provided the opportunity for implementation of an infrastructure bank to facilitate much needed road, bridge, and utility projects. As funding for local projects are tightening at the state and national levels, we are fortunate to be in a financial position to provide local match funds that make projects like the widening of State Route 63 a real possibility. Stay tuned!

INFRASTRUCTURE
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Economic Development

Capacity

Safety

Supporting Business

Accompanied by our Office of Economic Development, Warren County business owner and Area Workforce Investment Board Chair Justin Conger testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Small Business Committee on the positive impact of the small business tax cuts. During the hearing, Ranking Member Steve Chabot read letters of testimony from other Warren County businesses who support continuation of the tax cut.

Commissioner David Young also wrote in favor of keeping the tax cut. *"I support the continuation of the Tax Cut and Jobs Act so that small businesses will continue to have the confidence they need to grow, invest and provide more jobs in Warren County"* said Young



Justin Conger, Owner of Conger Construction and President of the Warren County Chamber Alliance

Summer Happenings



Special needs kids show livestock with 4-H mentors at the "Animal & Me" event



W & S Open saw largest crowd in the tournament's history



Commissioner Jones attends Girl Scouts Southwest Ohio event at Camp Stonybrook



Advocating for Counties

Commissioner Shannon Jones appointed to CCAO Board of Directors

The County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) advocates for county priorities at the state level, and its Board of Directors help guide the association's advocacy efforts. The policy victories that counties achieved in this year's biennial budget are significant. Increased indigent defense reimbursement to help counties pay for the rising cost of providing criminal defense

for the poor, historic investments in Children Services, and a Local Government Fund increase are among the policy changes CCAO, its Board of Directors and the Lobbying Task Force were able to achieve for counties. Last year Warren County spent \$1.3 million on indigent defense. The state's reimbursement will free up county revenue for other needed services. We thank Governor DeWine and the Ohio Legislature for their support!

Warren County Shines

Warren County Children Services' back to school backpack drive was a shining success. Thanks to all who donated school supplies for our foster kids!



Stay connected with us. We value our relationships with our citizens, businesses, organizations, and our Elected Officials. Contact us with your input, questions or concerns.

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The Warren County Board of Commissioners begin public meeting sessions every Tuesday (9am) and the 2nd and 4th Thursday (5pm), as needed, of each month in the County Administration Building, 406 Justice Dr., Lebanon, OH.