



BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Winter 2019 Newsletter

The 2019 budget represents the ongoing model established by the Board to spend less than what is anticipated. A conservative approach to budgeting has allowed Warren County's fiscal health to be one of the strongest in Ohio and the nation. Low debt and fiscal strength have also afforded the County an upgraded bond rating of Aaa by Moody's. Warren County is one of only three counties in Ohio to achieve this rating. The rating is of significant value to the County as it seeks borrowed funds in 2019 for the new Warren County Jail and Sheriff's Office project planned to begin construction mid-year. Additionally, the County has been able to carry over funds from previous years and set money aside for capital needs as warranted. For 2019's General Fund Budget and beyond, the commissioners are committed to sound fiscal policy that utilizes taxpayer dollars in the most efficient manner.

Commissioners Adopt \$74 Million Budget

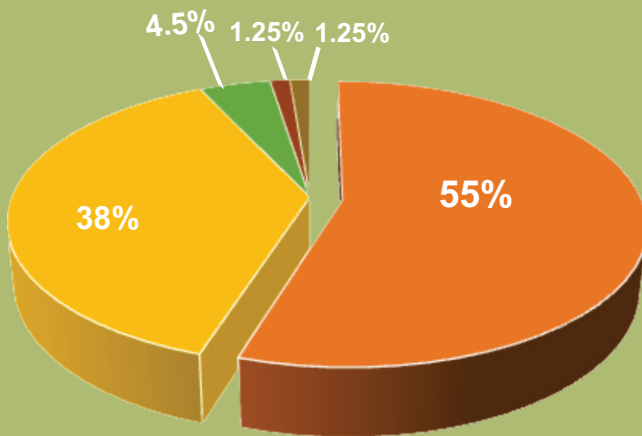
\$74,293,364



As the County continues to grow, our ability to keep spending to less than 1% growth while providing outstanding services is an achievement I'm very proud of.

- Commissioner David Young

Where Your Tax Dollars Go



- Public Safety/Judicial
- General Operations
- Social Services
- Miscellaneous
- Capital Projects/Debt Service

At the Commissioners' annual organizational meeting Shannon Jones was elected to serve as President and David Young as Vice President of the Board of County Commissioners for 2019.



"I'm grateful for the confidence my colleagues have placed in me to continue our tradition of strong fiscal management while providing outstanding service to our residents. I look forward to our continued work together to keep Warren County a great place to live, work and raise a family."

Commissioner Shannon Jones

Breaking Ground



Commissioner Shannon Jones joins Judge Joseph Kirby and the Design-Build Team at the Groundbreaking for the Probate-Juvenile Court Expansion Project



Speaking on behalf of the Board, Commissioner Jones thanked Judge Kirby and his staff for their leadership on this vital project. *“In Warren County, we’re fortunate to have elected officials and staff who truly understand the needs of the County and share our respect for our constituents’ tax dollars”* said Jones. *“Our fiscally conservative nature makes us a pretty tough customer, but we are united behind the goal to deliver this project on time and on budget.”*

Fostering futures

Warren County Children Services strives to serve both the children in our system and the foster families who selflessly care for our the County’s most vulnerable kids. Efforts to raise awareness and increase recruitment have resulted in more interest from the community. While this is great news, we still have many kids in need. If you or someone you know are interested in fostering, please contact **Children Services at 513-695-1546.**



13 Recruiting Events
130 Inquires
65 Foster Families

33% **63%** **25%**
Increase from Last Year



Emergency Services

New Information you need about outdoor warning sirens:

In 2019, communities throughout Warren County will begin programming a 2nd type of siren to warn those outdoors about a chemical emergency. This siren is a wail tone that increases in pitch and lasts no longer than 3 minutes. Additionally, sirens can now be activated by zone, as well as county-wide. The ability to activate by zone reduces confusion of hearing sirens throughout the county that were meant to be a warning only for a specific area. Zone activation will be based on warning issued, location of sighting, and direction of travel.

Outdoor Warning Sirens:

Hearing a siren is a signal to move indoors to seek shelter and additional information.

Sirens are activated by the appropriate dispatch center, not the weather service.

Outdoor warning sirens are tested on the 1st Wednesday of every month at noon unless there is severe weather or extreme temperatures that could damage siren parts.

For Tornado Warnings, the sirens will emit an eerie windup wail increasing and decreasing in pitch for no less than 3 minutes.

For Chemical Emergencies, the siren will sound a wail tone (high tone increasing in pitch) for no less than 3 minutes.

Sirens are only activated for:



Tornado Warnings issued by the National Weather Service



Confirmed active touchdown of a funnel cloud or tornado by Law Enforcement, Fire or EMA



Can also be activated for chemical incidents where people need to seek shelter indoors.

Holiday Happenings

"We are blessed." That's the phrase heard by department heads and other leaders who attended the Commissioners' Annual Christmas Lunch.

"We have so much to be thankful for in our county, including our staff and other county elected officials who work to serve this community. We're blessed to have such a great team."

Commissioner Tom Grossmann



Decking The Halls

Congratulations to Warren County Child Support Enforcement Agency for being selected as "most creative" and Telecom for the "best theme" in the #ChristmasChallenge2018 decorating contest! Thanks to all who participated in this year's challenge. With so many creative entries, the judges had quite a dilemma! Thank you retired County Commissioner Pat South, Lebanon Mayor Amy Brewer and Dave Nieman for judging the contest.



Child Support Enforcement Agency



Telecom

Fostering Christmas



A special thank you to all who sponsored a foster child or donated gifts for Christmas. Thanks to your generosity, Warren County Children Services was able to provide gifts to 403 kids!

Giving Thanks

Commissioners Jones and Young attend the John K. Lazares Alternative School's Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon

The school's Thanksgiving Luncheon provides an opportunity for students to share stories and express their heartfelt gratitude for the positive impact the school has had on their lives. Thank you Superintendent Tom Isaacs, Dr. Kevin Harleman, teachers, staff and business partners for your dedication to helping at risk students work through social challenges, achieve academic success, and prepare students to enter the workforce. The school is also celebrating it's 20th anniversary.





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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.