

AN UPDATE ON WARREN COUNTY

FROM OUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FALL 2021



COMMISSIONERS APPROVE \$100 MILLION INVESTMENT PLAN IN WARREN COUNTY

WARREN COUNTY TO HAVE LARGEST PROPERTY TAX HOLIDAY IN STATE HISTORY

We are pleased to announce a one year "Property Tax Holiday" for 2021. This will include the County's share of collected property taxes in 2022 and in collaboration with our Senior Services and Developmental Disabilities Boards, we incorporated their levies into the holiday. The combined savings to Warren County property owners is roughly \$151.62 per \$100,000 in home value.

The cumulative savings from this one-time reduction for all households amounts to approximately \$46.5 million. Residents will still have a property tax bill in 2022, as this is a partial tax holiday. However, the portion that directly goes toward the county will not be collected. We are proud of all the work that went toward making this happen and know it is a testament to Warren County's steadfast fiscal approach to governance.



COMMISSIONERS' COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO INVESTING FEDERAL ARPA FUNDING

Warren County maintained a strong financial position throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. To ensure a secure path to full recovery, and provide relief to all residents, key investment areas have been identified for the \$46 million received through the Federal funds under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

WHAT THIS WILL LOOK LIKE:

Funding to Warren County Health District to continue with pandemic related costs.

\$6.4 million for replacement of the water surcharge for customers served by Warren County Water treatment plants. Which will impact roughly 33,000 households.

Broadband investments in our under-served and rural communities.

Support to workforce with programming and building up capacity in childcare centers while ensuring quality programs.

Reinvigorating our travel & tourism sector by expanding current developments and partnering with others for new projects.

WARREN COUNTY'S NEW JAIL & SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS COMPLETE!



On October 12, the Commissioners joined Sheriff Sims and their partners at Wachtel & McAnally Architects, Granger Construction, and Megen Construction to cut the ribbon on the county's new Jail & Sheriff's Office! This long-awaited project broke ground on August 27, 2019, and Sheriff Office staff has fully transitioned into their new space. While building a new facility was the last resort to address the long-time capacity issues faced by the Sheriff's Office, it was the most cost-effective way to meet the needs of today and 15 to 20 years from now. As part of the project's financial plan, the Commissioners raised sales tax by 1/4 percent to offset long-term borrowing costs. This increase will expire at the end of 2022 and will ultimately save the residents of Warren County approximately \$30 million in interest costs.

COMMISSIONERS FUND OHIO TEST & STAY PILOT PROGRAM

WARREN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS LAUNCH PILOT PROGRAM THAT BECOMES STATE MODEL

In an effort to assist Warren County school districts' continued response to COVID-19, the commissioners allocated \$850,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars to fund the Ohio Test and Stay Pilot Program. This program has been developed through the collaboration of the Warren County Education Service Center, our superintendents, The Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Education. The program is designed to give an alternative to quarantining should a student experience possible COVID-19 exposure. This will allow students to remain in school with prevention measures in place, such as masking, regular testing, and close symptom monitoring.

OHIO ADOPTS ACROSS THE STATE

Following the pilot program's success, Director Bruce Vanderhoff of the Ohio Department of Health, included the "test & stay" template in new guidance for all Ohio schools.



Commissioner Dave Young speaking during the pilot's launch meeting. Addressing the importance of in-person learning and applauding the work that went into creating the program.



Ten Warren County school districts participated in the pilot beginning in late September.

THE STATE OF THE COUNTY IS STRONG

It was wonderful to be back together again for the Area Progress Council's Annual State of the County Luncheon! The commissioners spoke about the county's strong financial position, responding to the pandemic, and the growth Warren County has experienced in recent years during their update.



“ Because we have strong fiscal health, we are poised to be a leader in the region in terms of economic recovery. ”

Commissioner Shannon Jones

“ Government is about facilitating you all to have a good business and good jobs. The companies and the residents are what make the county great. ”

Commissioner Tom Grossmann

#ONE VOICE WARREN COUNTY

Commissioner Shannon Jones led a panel discussion during the Chamber Alliance's 6th Annual Washington DC Fly In. The panel included Kuna Tavalin, representing the US Chamber of Commerce Foundation, and Robert Dugger, formerly a partner at Tudor Investment Corporation and currently with ReadyNation. The conversation focused on the necessity of investing in children from birth to five years to best prepare them for all of life. Tavalin and Dugger both emphasized that businesses leaders have identified these early investments as essential to solving the workforce crisis of today and tomorrow. They also emphasized the need to provide quality childcare options for families. This strategic approach prepares our youngest children for school and career success while enabling parents to be fully connected to the workforce.



Left to right: Commissioner Jones, Kuna Tavalin, Robert Dugger

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

COMMISSIONER GROSSMANN SPEAKS AT UNION VILLAGE RIBBON CUTTING

Union Village, located in Turtlecreek Township, is a new development containing single family homes, town homes, several parks, a bank and a Premier Health facility. Based on the emerging design concept of new urbanism, Union Village offers a vibrant community that adds to its residents' quality of life.

COMMISSIONER YOUNG SPEAKS AT THE BON SECOURS MERCY HEALTH KINGS MILLS HOSPITAL GROUNDBREAKING

This \$200 million investment in the community will deliver convenient access to full-service, comprehensive care to residents. Over the next five years, it will account for roughly 275 employment opportunities. Most importantly, this project supports the mission of public health, safety, and wellness in Warren County.



COMMISSION LEADERSHIP IN 2021

This year Commissioner Dave Young was appointed as President of the Board, and Commissioner Tom Grossmann 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/UC1ELh0jGpXd4V [V2DTgsuqPA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V2DTgsuqPA)

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