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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADOPT 2024 BUDGET

WARREN COUNTY, OHIO – The Warren County Board of Commissioners adopted the 2024 annual budget during their final meeting of the year. Totaling, \$89,924,000, the general fund budget is at a 4.5% increase from the previous cycle. Anticipated revenues for 2024 come in at \$93,692,000. A high-level breakdown shows 57% directed toward public safety, 41% to general operating costs, and the remaining 2% to miscellaneous expenses and social services. Additionally, the Board of Commissioners is proud to report that the general fund will continue to have zero debt service payments in 2024.

President of the Board, Commissioner Shannon Jones, thanked the administrative staff and all department heads for their work on the budget, stating that “it is a really fiscally prudent budget that continues the tradition that [the Board has] on behalf of Warren County taxpayers.”

Significant cybersecurity investments continue into 2024 to strengthen risk mitigation efforts, and account for 1.5% of the general fund increase. Public safety is the number one role of government and ensuring that the county’s telecom and IT departments are prepared for any cyber threat is a crucial piece to maintaining safe communities.

Commissioner Dave Young added that even with the necessary investments in cybersecurity and with increased inflation nationally, the budget is still “in such good financial shape [allowing us to] go and do some of the investments in our global asset.”

As 2023 comes to a close, through the month of November, the county currently is at 114% of their anticipated revenue for the year. Sales tax continues to be strong, receiving roughly \$53

million in 2022, receipts for 2023 are anticipated to be just under \$55 million. Over the past five years, the Board committed to creating an infrastructure bank that now totals \$47 million. This comes in addition to their \$12 million rainy day fund and \$49.4 million carry-over.

About the Warren County Board of County Commissioners

The Warren County Board of Commissioners is the legislative and executive body of county government. As the governing body, the Board is fiscally responsible for taxpayer dollars and for provision of services as required by state and federal law or mandated by the public. The Board works, through community partnership, to conscientiously protect and enhance the health, safety and quality of life of all Warren County residents, businesses and communities in a respectful, efficient and fiscally responsible way that addresses the needs today and invests in tomorrow.

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