



BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Spring 2018 Newsletter

State of the County

The Commissioners provided their annual State of the County update on April 17th, highlighting our strong fiscal health, new investment projects, infrastructure and job growth. There was also discussion about the opioid crisis, its impact on our community, a call for collaborative solutions, and the need for a new jail and expanded Probate/Juvenile Court. In this newsletter, we'll expand upon those topics.

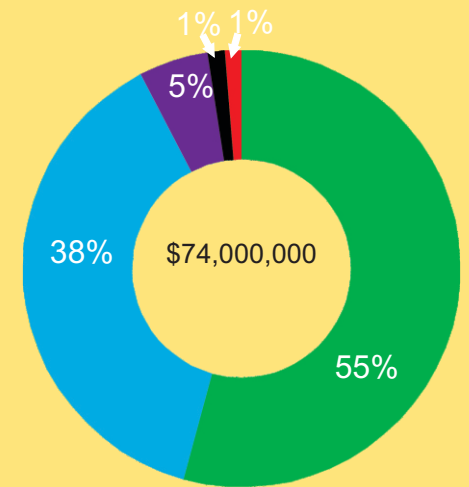


Thank you to everyone who attended our State of the County Update and the Warren County Area Progress Council for hosting us!

The County's Fiscal Health is Strong!



- Bond Rating is Aaa
- Tax Receipts are Up
- Spend to 94% of Budget
- \$26.4 Million Carryover
- Elected Partners!



How Dollars Are Spent

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



Warren County continues to be a model of fiscal health. Several indicators include last year's bond rating being upgraded by Moody's Investor Services to **Aaa**. Only 3 Ohio counties have Moody's highest rating. The county continues to budget and spend conservatively. Other office holders work hard to maintain their budgets, which reflects well on the County as a whole. Our debt burden is low and expected to be zero by the end of this year. A recent workers' compensation study shows a net savings to date of nearly \$5 million. So how are we different than other counties?

It's not one thing ... it's everything!

Growth is happening all throughout our county. Warren County continues to rank 3rd in the state in population growth, and 4th in job creation. Working together, the county and local economic development teams brought in new companies as well as significant expansion projects for some of our top employers throughout the county. The Warren County Port Authority has helped finance some of these economic projects, along with a centrally located sports park that will bring an estimated \$54 million in annual revenue via our #1 industry, which is tourism.

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

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3,074 new

5,200 retained



Allied-Crawford STEEL

\$275,000,000 investment

3.7 million sq.ft.

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With growth comes challenges. Like the rest of the nation, we're seeing the devastating effects of the opioid epidemic. It's impacting our justice system and, most importantly, our kids. The need for foster families is URGENT. Our jail and Probate/Juvenile Court are over-crowded. Many of these challenges are inter-related. We're committed to working with experts, listening to our residents and collaborating with county office holders, local governments, law enforcement, judiciaries, departments of mental health, service providers and other stakeholders to develop develop solutions that work for our community.

New Warren County Jail and Sheriff's Office

- 468 beds needed, currently 280
- 197 emergency releases in 2017
- 5,000 inmates booked/released
- \$50 million new facility
- 1/4% sales tax increase for 5 years
- 20 year life expectancy

Probate/Juvenile Court



Urgent!

Foster Families Needed

57	34	50
# of foster families in Warren County	% increase of kids in need from '15 - '17	% of kids placed out of County

Notable Events

In January the County convened a community forum, with the help of the Addiction Policy Forum, a resource provided by the U.S. Dept. Justice, to discuss the opioid problem and begin the process of mapping areas of need. In the coming months we will again call for stakeholders from throughout the county to meet for the purpose of rolling out the mapping and gap analysis done by the Addiction Policy Forum, as well as comprehensive solutions to address specific needs in our communities. Additionally, we want to stop the revolving door at our jail by intercepting those with drug/mental health issues and provide treatment opportunities to help with successful re-entry into the community.



March for Meals

Commissioners Grossmann and Jones rode along with Meals on Wheels drivers for the March for

Meals campaign, raising awareness for the need to help seniors remain in their own homes by providing a nutritious meal and a friendly face check in on them every day. The Commissioners were personally gratified by the opportunity to meet some of our seniors, and impressed with the Meals on Wheels operation, led by Warren County Community Services.



Warren County Can Now Text to 9-1-1

This new life-saving technology allows for people to text an emergency to 9-1-1 when it is unsafe to make a call. It also removes barriers for people with hearing and speech impairments who can now text an emergency. Calling is always best, but if that's not possible you can now text to 9-1-1.

Commissioner Grossmann
Recognizes
Developmental Disabilities
Awareness Month





Commissioner Jones talks with students about leadership and encourages students to find their passion at Springboro High School Career Day





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.