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Warren County Board of Developmental Disabilities lowers taxes for all county property owners for third consecutive year

(Lebanon, OH) – For the third year in a row, the Warren County Board of Developmental Disabilities has voluntarily requested the Warren County Budget Commission to reduce the Board’s levy collection for taxes. The Board requested that the County only collect 2.5 mills of the 4.0 mill approved levy in 2020. The Budget Commission approved the Board’s request. This will reduce the amount of money that Warren County taxpayers will pay in 2020 by approximately \$8 million.

Megan Manuel, Superintendent of the Board, said, “We passed this levy in 2002 and told the taxpayers we wouldn’t be back for more money for at least five years. 2020 will be the eighteenth year of this levy. We have not had to ask for more, and because of the strong fiscal stewardship of our agency, we are able to provide a reduction in the amount paid by taxpayers.”

Manuel continued, “We are so appreciative that the taxpayers support our levy and the opportunities we provide to people with developmental disabilities here in Warren County. Even with the reduction in collections, we have been able to grow the services and supports we provide or fund, while maintaining a quality agency and staff. We do not wish to tax people beyond what our need is. This will be a year-to-year decision based upon our budget projections, support needs and carryover balance.”

Matt Nolan, Warren County Auditor, met with Manuel and the board members and said, “It is due to the good fiscal stewardship of your administration and this board that you are in this position. You don’t spend money just because you have it. You are spending it on needed services and provide supports in a fiscally responsible way.”

The reduction would be effective for the 2019 tax year payable in 2020.

The Warren County Board of Developmental Disabilities supports more than 1,800 individuals with disabilities, and their families through Early Intervention, Employment, Residential, Service Coordination, Therapy, and other support programs.

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