

# JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

## COUNTY EXECUTIVE

The County Executive serves as chairman of the Warren County Commission. As chairman, the County Executive is a nonvoting, or ex officio, member of the commission.

The office of County Executive prepares the dockets for monthly meetings of the Warren County Commission. These meetings, commonly referred to as County Court meetings, are held at 6:30 p.m. on the third Monday of every month in the courtroom of Warren County Administrative Offices.

The County Executive's office works closely with county attorney Larry Stanley to ensure proper research and preparation is given to all resolutions and business presented on the monthly dockets.

The County Executive is considered the chief financial officer for the county, and in



**Herschel Wells has decided to leave office after serving one term as Warren County Executive.**

that capacity he is instrumental in preparation of the annual county budget. Final approval of the budget is the result of a very involved process that begins with individual committees reviewing budget requests from department heads.

All county meetings are published in the *Southern Standard* and are open to the public.

## WARREN COUNTY COMMISSION

The Tennessee Constitution provides that each county must elect a county legislative body, whose members serve a term of four years.

The Warren County Commission is composed of 24 members, with two members elected from each of the county's 12 districts. The County Commission has the following committees:

- Financial Management
- Budget & Finance
- Building & Grounds
- Economic & Agricultural Development
- Education
- Health & Welfare
- Highway & Bridge
- Jail Oversight

- Policy & Personnel
- Safety & Beer Board

County commissioners are elected by popular vote in the regular August election in those even-numbered years in which the governor is elected. Each county commissioner takes office Sept. 1 following the election.

The Warren County Commission is the primary policy-making body in the county. The county legislative body has considerable discretion in dealing with the budget for all funds except the school budget, which in most counties must be accepted or rejected as a whole.

The county legislative body sets a property tax rate that, along with revenues from other county taxes and fees as well as state and federal monies allocated to the county, are used to fund the budget.

Another important function is its role in electing county officers when there is a vacancy in an elected county office. The person elected by the county legislative body serves in the office for the remainder of the term, or until a successor is elected, depending upon when the vacancy occurred.

## SHERIFF

The Warren County Sheriff's Department is a community oriented law enforcement agency set out to serve the citizens of Warren County. Along with the staffing and maintenance of the county jail, courtroom security, and school

resource officers, the Sheriff's Department is responsible for the service of warrants, civil process, and the policing of the community itself.

It is the goal of the Warren County Sheriff's Department, through pro-active policing, to provide a safe, drug free environment for its people. With the ever-growing increase of meth use, the Sheriff's Department has to constantly stay on top of the common trends used.

Another method of trying to stay ahead of the growing drug trends is the outreach and education of the youth through the DARE program, which got its start in 1990.



**Sheriff Jackie Matheny is not seeking re-election. He is the longest serving sheriff in Warren County history.**



VOTE  
TERRY  
**BELL**  
COUNTY  
EXECUTIVE

# TRADITIONAL VALUES WITH HOMETOWN ROOTS

One of my opponents is running radio ads and telling You the Voter that Warren County Government is in financial trouble. The truth is no we are not in financial trouble! I have put together budget numbers from our Financial Department as to the condition of Warren County Departments. Warren County always over budgets expenditures and under estimates revenues so we don't get in financial trouble and the county has done this every year since 1994. These numbers are a result of Conservative Management of YOUR TAX DOLLARS WITHOUT A TAX INCREASE OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS. We are required by the state to keep some of these funds at a certain level. This is why you need a leader like me with experience and understanding of the budget. This is all Warren County Tax Payers money and you deserve to know the Truth!

Early Voting:  
July 13 - 28

Election Day:  
August 2

General Fund Balance – \$ 3,548,715.14  
Sanitation – \$368,583.25  
Ambulance – \$875,088.27  
Highway – \$1,085,027.47  
Debt Service – \$ 8,304,635.97  
Schools – \$6, 248,406.04

