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WARREN COUNTY BOARD DENOUNCES A CAMPAIGN VIDEO FOR DILLAN VANCIL'S POLITICAL CAMPAIGN FOR ILLINOIS 17 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MONMOUTH, ILLINOIS—Warren County's public transportation department, Western Community Public Transportation (WCPT), was recently depicted in a campaign video for Dillan Vancil without the County's consent nor approval.

Vancil originally contacted Director of Transportation, Morgan Lewis, to meet and discuss marketing on the transportation buses for his local business and then to talk about the transportation department itself and its current and future news. Vancil met with Lewis on May 20th and spoke to her for about 20 minutes regarding transportation and its needs and current projects. Lewis then gave a tour of the public facility. Vancil then asked to take some pictures outside. Lewis permitted pictures as it is a public building.

Later it was discovered that Vancil made a campaign video and posted it to Facebook. The video contained a rough 10 second clip of Lewis introducing herself and what she does and then the clip cuts to Vancil outside of the transportation building with a bus and WCPT's logo, talking about his campaign. Upon notification of the video's existence, Lewis immediately reached out to Vancil requesting he remove the video from social media, stating that WCPT, and Warren County cannot and will not support a political campaign. Vancil removed the video from Facebook, but failed to remove the video from Tiktok and Instagram and has continued to gain views these past few weeks.

The Warren County Board and the departments of the County of Warren would like to make clear to the public they do not support any political campaign.

For further information or questions, please contact County Board Chairman, Michael Pearson.