

COMMISSIONER MEETING

JANUARY 2, 2023

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200
SALEM, INDIANA 47167

THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD AT 8:00 A.M. PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN, COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS, ATTORNEY DUSTIN HOWARD, AND AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON. THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFY THAT THE ONLY ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) INITIATION OF LITIGATION OR LITIGATION THAT IS EITHER PENDING OR HAS BEEN THREATENED SPECIIFCALLY IN WRITING, I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1-(9) TO DISCUSS JOB EVALUATION OR INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES AND I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6)(A) TO RECEIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING AN EMPLOYEE'S ALLEGED MISCONDUCT AND/OR ANY OTHER MATTER SUBJECT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION STATE IN I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) ET. SEQ.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG BY COMMISSIONER EWEN FOLLOWED BY A PRAYER LED BY PRESTON SHELL.

CCOMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

ATTORNEY DUSTIN HOWARD ASKED FOR APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSIONERS. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT PHILLIP MARSHALL AS PRESIDENT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. ATTORNEY HOWARD ASKED FOR APPOINTMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSIONERS. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS AS VICE PRESIDENT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC DEFENDER – RYAN BOWER

NEWLY APPOINTED PUBLIC DEFENDER RYAN BOWER INFORMED THE COMMISSIONERS OF A PILOT PROGRAM FUNDED BY A GRANT FOR A SYSTEM NAVIGATOR. THE PROGRAM WILL GIVE PARENTS RESOURCES HELPFUL IN DEALING WITH CHILDREN THAT ARE IN TROUBLE. THE PRGRAM IS FULLY FUNDED FOR THE FIRST TWO YEARS WITH THE SALARY BEING \$42,500.00. AFTER THE TWO YEARS, THE STATE WILL REIMBURSE AT 80% AND IT WILL REDUCE EACH YEAR. COUNCILMAN JOE WALKER WAS IN ATTENDANCE AND HE STATED HE WOULD STRESS TO THE PERSON CHOSEN FOR THIS PROGRAM, THAT IT MAY ONLY BE A TWO-YEAR JOB AS IT WOULD BE UP TO THE COUNCIL TO SEE IF THERE ARE FUNDS TO SUPPORT IT AFTER THE TWO YEARS. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL WHO SITS ON THE PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD MADE A RECOMMENDATION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROGRAM FOR THE TWO YEARS. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO PROCEED ON AS RECOMMENDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

ALL BOARD APPOINTMENTS REMAINED THE SAME FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE TOURISM BOARD. THE TOURISM BOARD WILL REMOVE PATTY COLGLAZIER'S POSITION. THERE IS A VACANCY FOR D JACK MAHURON'S PLACE ON THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THIS POSITION UNTIL THE TOURISM BOARD MAKES A RECOMMENDATION. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

COMMISSIONER EWEN RECEIVED WORD THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND BONITA PURLEE TO TAKE D JACK MAHURON'S PLACE ON THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE TOURISM BOARD TO PLACE BONITA PURLEE ON THE TOURISM BOARD. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

RECESS UNTIL THE 6:00 ARP MEETING.

ARP MEETING

COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL CALLED THE COMMISSIONERS BACK TO ORDER.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE: COMMISSIONER MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER EWEN,
COMMISSIONER ROBERTS, AND AUDITOR STEPHENSON.

HANDICAP ENTRANCE

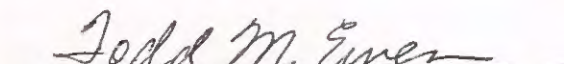
THE HANDICAP ENTRANCE OF THE COURTHOUSE SLOPES TOWARD THE BUILDING ALLOWING WATER TO RUN INTO THE BUILDING WHEN THERE ARE HEAVY RAINS. COMMISSIONERS SPOKE WITH TEMPLE AND TEMPLE ABOUT REDOING THE CONCRETE IN FRONT OF THE DOOR TO ALLOW THE WATER TO RUN AWAY FROM THE BUILDING. THE ESTIMATE FOR THE CONCRETE WORK WILL BE BY \$3,400.00. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO PROCEED ON WITH GETTING THE HANDICAP ENTRANCE FIXED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

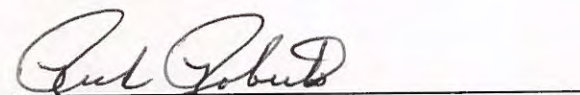
HVAC AT GOVERNMENT BUILDING


UNITS AT THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING ARE NEEDING REPLACED. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL WILL CHECK PRICING ON NEW UNITS AND REPORT BACK. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO TABLE UNTIL THEY HAVE MORE INFORMATION. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND, COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS


ATTEST: AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING
 JANUARY 17, 2023
 WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC GROWTH

TWO BUSINESSES WOULD LIKE TO LOCATE OUT ON R. C. MORRIS DRIVE JUST DOWN PAST CORNERSTONE HALL. ECONOMIC GROWTH DIRECTOR TAMMI GIBSON STATED SHE WOULD BE IN TALKS WITH THE SALEM PLAN COMMISSION AS WELL. THEY ARE ASKING THE ROAD BE EXTENDED TO THE NUMBER ONE AND NUMBER TWO LOT. THE COUNTY DOES NOT MAINTAIN ANY OF THIS ROADWAY AT PRESENT TIME. COMMISSIONERS TABLED THIS DISCUSSION UNTIL THE FEBRUARY 7, 2023 MEETING SO THEY HAVE TIME TO LOOK INTO THIS FURTHER TO DECIDE HOW TO PROCEED.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

STATE ROAD 56 IN SCOTT COUNTY WILL BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION FROM APPROXIMATELY APRIL TO OCTOBER. THE STATE HAS ASKED TO USE ABOUT 100 FT OF ROAD IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AS THE DETOUR.

HIGHWAY 60 TOWARD CAMPBELLSBURG WILL ALSO HAVE CONSTRUCTION WORK BEING DONE FROM APRIL TO OCTOBER. THE CLOSURE WILL BE BETWEEN DOG TROT ROAD AND HAMMOND ROAD. THE DETOUR WILL BE ALONG BEE LINE ROAD.

WORK WILL BE DONE ON HIGHWAY 135 NORTH AT THE BOTTOM OF MILL PORT HILL. THE DETOUR WILL BE A SHORT SECTION OF WHEELER HOLLOW ROAD TO OLD 135. THERE WILL ALSO BE A CULVERT REPLACEMENT AT THE TOP OF ROOSTER HILL ROAD AND THE DETOUR WILL BE PLATTSBURG ROAD.

COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ROAD CLOSURE DETOURS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

COMMUNITY CROSSINGS PAVING GRANT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY SUBMITTED.

HARRISON COUNTY RIVERBOAT REVENUE AGREEMENT

HARRISON COUNTY SUBMITTED THE AGREEMEENT FOR RIVERBOAT SHARES. THE AGREEMENT WILL BE THE SAME AS IT HAS BEEN IN YEARS PAST. THE AGREEMENT IS IN EFFECT UNTIL JUNE 30, 2023 AT WHICH TIME IT WILL BE REDONE. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

SERVICE OFFICER ANDREW BUSH GAVE AN UPDATE ON HIS OFFICE. HE HAS COMPLETED THE STATE REQUIRED T.R.I.P. TRAINING AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING ACCREDITED WITH THE IDVA AND VA. HE ALSO INFORMED THE COMMISSIONERS HE HAD PURCHASED FLAGS AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT WITH HIS 2022 BUDGET FUNDS IN ORDER TO HELP WITH HIS 2023 BUDGET. MR. BUSH WILL ALSO BE WORKING ON GETTING DONATIONS TO GET ANOTHER DAV VAN TO TRANSPORT VETERANS TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

RECESS UNTIL THE BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING AT 11:00 A.M.

BOARD OF FINANCE

~~COMMISSIONER MARSHALL CALLED THE COMMISSIONERS BACK TO ORDER. PRESENT WERE~~
 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER EWEN, COMMISSIONER ROBERTS, TREASURER
 NANCY COATS, ATTORNEY DUSTIN HOWARD, AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON, COUNCIL
 MEMBER KEELY STINGEL, COUNCIL MEMBER RONDALE BRISHABER, DEPUTY TREASURER
 LADONNA BRISCOE AND MEMBERS OF FIRST SAVINGS BANK.

COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ELECT TREASURER COATS AS PRESIDENT.
 MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED.

COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ELECT LADONNA BRISCOE AS SECRETARY.
 MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE
 JANUARY 18, 2022 MEETING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION
 PASSED.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE
 AUGUST 25, 2022 MEETING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION
 PASSED.

TREASURERS REPORT

TREASURER COATS GAVE THE TREASURERS REPORT ON THE INVESTMENTS MADE LAST YEAR.
 ALL INVESTMENTS ARE CURRENTLY EARNING BETWEEN 3.0% TO 3.5%. THE TOTAL AMOUNT
 OF INTEREST EARNED FOR ALL ACCOUNTS IN 2022 WAS \$346,2251.55.

AMERICAN FINANCIAL CREDIT SERVICES COLLECTS DELINQUENT TAXES ON PERSONAL
 PROPERTY AND MOBILE HOMES. THEY WERE ABLE TO COLLECT \$39,604.47 IN 2022.

THE TREASURERS OFFICE WORKS WITH FIRST SAVINGS BANK AND FIFTH THIRD BANK ON
 COLLECTING TAX PAYMENTS. SPRING 2022 COLLECTED \$641,015.69 AND FALL COLLECTION
 WAS \$382,345.76.

TREASURERS OFFICE HAS BEGAN MAILING OUT COURTESY LETTERS FOR DELIQUENT TAXES.
 CURRENTLY THERE ARE 1,675 PARCELS DELIQUENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$927,804.95.
 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURERS REPORT. MOTION
 WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

COMMISSIONER EWEN INQUIRED ABOUT ONE OF THE INVESTMENTS THAT WILL BE
 MATURING MARCH 31, 2023. FIRST SAVINGS BANK REP KATRINA HUMPHREY READ CURRENT
 CD RATES OF 3.6% - 3 MONTHS, 4.25% - 6 MONTHS, 4.36% - 9 MONTHS, AND 4.53% - 12
 MONTHS. HUMPHREY SUGGESTED CHECKING WITH DANIEL SHEPARD DURING THE FIRST
 PART OF MARCH TO SEE WHAT INTEREST RATES ARE. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A
 MOTION TO HOLD A FINANCE MEETING ON MARCH 21, 2023 TO DISCUSS RATES. MOTION
 WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

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 MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION
 PASSED.

 COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL

Todd M. Ewen

 COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

Rick Roberts

 COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS

Kyra Stephenson

 ATTEST: AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING

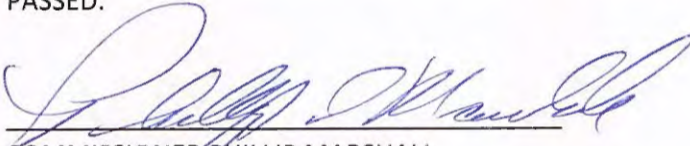
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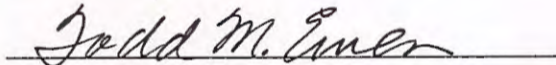
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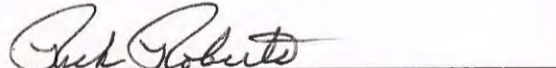
WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD A SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS BIDDING OUT THE COUNTIES INSURANCE. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONER MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER EWEN, COMMISSIONER ROBERTS, AUDITOR STEPHENSON, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM ASSURED PARTNERS SANDY HALSTEAD, CAROLYN STEWARD, AND STEVE LEIST.

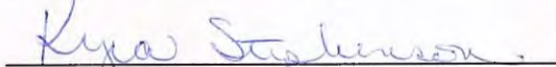
ASSURED PARTNERS ARE BROKERS WHO ASSIST COMPANIES IN FINDING MORE AFFORDABLE INSURANCE AND GET THE BIDDING PROCESS STARTED. SANDY HALSTEAD AND CAROLYN STEWARD WORK WITH EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND STEVE LEIST WORKS WITH PROPERTY AND CASUALTY. THEIR COMPANY CHARGES AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE PLUS TWENTY DOLLARS PER MEMBER PER MONTH. THEY WOULD WORK YEAR ROUND TO HELP WITH OUR INSURANCE NEEDS AND GIVE MID YEAR REVIEWS IN ORDER FOR THE COUNTY TO KNOW IF THE INSURANCE RATES WILL INCREASE FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR. THEY WILL LOOK OVER THE INSURANCE BENEFITS BOOK TO DETERMINE IF WE ARE IN A GOOD PLACE OR IF WE CAN GET ANY BETTER OFFERS. THE COMMISSIONERS PLAN TO MEET AGAIN WITH ASSURED PARTNERS TO DISCUSS THEIR FINDINGS.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND, COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS


ATTEST: AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING

FEBRUARY 7, 2023

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT DID NOT ATTEND THE MEETING. THEY SPOKE AT THE JOINT COUNCIL/COMMISSIONER MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 2023 TO DISCUSS THE GOVENORS PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION.

WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC GROWTH PARTNERSHIP

DIRECTOR OF THE GROWTH PARTNERSHIP TAMMI GIBSON CAME AS REQUESTED TO DISCUSS THE COUNTY TAKING OVER R.C. MORRIS DRIVE. THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THIS ROAD EXPANDED 426.79 FEET MORE FOR TWO BUSINESSES THAT WOULD LIKE TO BUILD. COMMISSIONERS ADVISED THE NEW SECTION OF ROAD WILL NEED TO BE DONE TO MEET COUNTY SPECS. THE TOTAL ROAD INVENTORY WILL BE 1,552.27 FEET. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC GROWTH PARTNERSHIP TO DEED OVER TO THE COUNTY 426.79 FEET TO ADD TO THE COUNTY INVENTORY. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

CEMETERY COMMISSION

JOHN MEAD GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE CEMETERY COMMISSION. ANDREW DAVISSON IS DOING A VERY GOOD JOB WITH MAINTAINING THE CEMETERIES. HE HAS PICKED UP SIX MORE CEMETERIES TO MAINTAIN DUE TO FAMILIES NOT TAKING CARE OF THEM. MR MEAD WOULD LIKE TO AMEND THE CONTRACT FOR MR DAVISSON TO INCREASE HIS PAY \$1,500.00 FOR THE ADDITIONAL CEMETERY WORK. THIS WILL REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO INCREASE HIS SALARY. HIS SALARY WILL GO FROM \$45,000.00 TO \$46,500.00. COMMISSIONERS ASKED MR MEAD TO GET THEM AN UPDATED MASTER LIST OF THE CEMETERIES THAT WILL BE BEING MAINTAINED. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE \$1,500.00 INCREASE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

BRIDGE 211 FIRELANE ROAD BID OPENING

TWO BIDS WERE SUBMITTED FOR REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE 211 ON FIRELANE ROAD. THE BIDS WERE AS FOLLOWS: TEMPLE AND TEMPLE - \$374,300.00
E & B PAVING - \$638,500.00

COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BIDS FOR REVIEW. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

IHCDA

THE IHCDA WOULD LIKE TO MODIFY THEIR BUDGET MOVING \$1,000.00 FROM THE LEAD TESTING LINE TO THE REHABILITATION LINE. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

COMMISSIONER/COUNCIL JOINT MEETING UPDATE

COMMISSIONER EWEN GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE JOINT MEETING HELD WITH THE COUNCIL. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ABOUT ISSUES AT THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. THERE ARE SEVERAL PROBLEMS THAT WILL NEED TO BE ADDRESSED AT THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IN COMING MONTHS. THE FUEL TANKS HAVE TO BE REPLACED, THERE ARE WATER LEAKS IN THE OFFICE BUILDING, THE TRAFFIC IS MUCH HEAVIER NOW SINCE WALMART HAS MOVED TO THAT SIDE

OF TOWN, AND A LOT OF THE EQUIPMENT IS LEFT SETTING OUTSIDE YEAR ROUND IN THE WEATHER DUE TO NOT ENOUGH STORAGE TO HOUSE THEM. WITH ALL OF THE PROBLEMS AT THIS FACILITY THE COMMISSIONERS FEEL IT MAY BE TIME TO LOOK AT RELOCATING THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER EWEN ALSO WANTED TO CLARIFY THIS PROJECT WOULD IN NO WAY INCREASE COUNTY TAXES. THE COMMISSIONERS WILL WORK WITH THE COUNCIL TO SEE WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO MOVE FORWARD AND GET AN APPROXIMATE COST OF THE PROJECT.

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ARP MEETING

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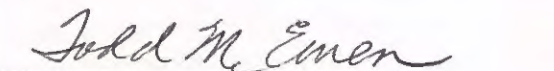
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MILLERS HEATING AND COOLING

THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING IS NEEDING NEW HVAC UNITS. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL WORKED ON GETTING SOME QUOTES FOR NEW HVAC UNITS TO REPLACE THE ONES AT THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING AND ADD HEAT PUMPS TO THE EXISTING UNITS AT THE COURTHOUSE FOR THE UPPER LEVEL. MILLERS HEATING AND COOLING HAD THE CHEAPEST QUOTE AT \$53,673.45. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE \$53,673.45 OUT OF ARP FUNDS TO COVER THIS COST. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

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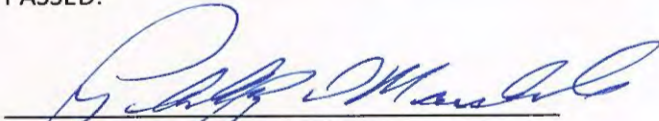
B.O.T DISCUSSION

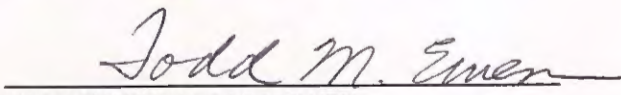
DISCUSSION OF NEEDING TO BUILD A NEW HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT CONTINUED. ATTORNEY HOWARD DISCUSSED THE B.O.T AGREEMENT (BUILD, OPERATE, TRANSFER) WHICH IS A POSSIBLE WAY TO PROCEED ON WITH BUILDING WHAT IS NEEDED. THE BOT AGREEMENT IS BETWEEN A GOVENMENTAL BODY AND AN OPERATOR TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A PUBLIC FACILITY AND TO TRANSFER THE FACILITY BACK TO THE GOVERNMENT BODY ACCORDING TO IC 5-23. THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY WILL NEED TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THIS PROCEDURE. ATTORNEY HOWARD GAVE SEVERAL BENEFITS OF PROCEEDING ON IN THIS MANNER AS WELL AS SOME CONS. THIS PROCESS WOULD BE MORE STREAMLINED AND EFFICIENT. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO HAVE ATTORNEY HOWARD PROCEED WITH THE BOT AGREEMENT IN THE FORM OF AN ORDINANCE. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

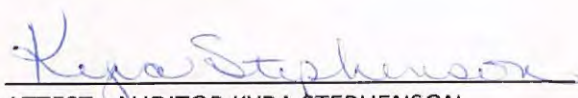
SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES GAVE AN UPDATE ON BRIDGE INSPECTIONS AND SMALL STRUCTURES TO BE REPLACED. HE HAS BEEN RECEIVING SEVERAL CALLS ON THE LOAD RATING SIGNS AT BRIDGES. THESE SIGNS WERE DEMANDED BY THE STATE. BEGINNING IN APRIL THERE WILL BE 3 BRIDGES REPLACED STARTING WITH A BRIDGE ON BLUE RIVER ROAD, DUTCH CREEK ROAD, AND FINALLY FIRE LANE ROAD. THERE WILL ALSO BE 8 SMALL STRUCTURES REPLACED THIS YEAR.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND, COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS


ATTEST: AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING

MARCH 7, 2023

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200

SALEM, INDIANA 47167

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COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

BRAD ISAACS – JANSSEN & SPAANS ENGINEERING

MR. ISAACS SPOKE ON BEHALF OF JANSSEN AND SPAANS ENGINEERING GROUP ABOUT THE BOT FOR THE POSSIBLE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT. THEY WOULD RECOMMEND USING THE RFQ (REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS) PROCESS WHICH REQUIRES THE NEED FOR LAND, WATER, AND ELECTRICITY AND HAVE A LEGAL LAND SURVEY. THEY WOULD OFFER AS THE PROJECT MANAGER, DAILY INSPECTIONS AND WORK CLOSELY WITH THE COMMISSIONERS AND HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT RICK VOYLES. THERE WOULD BE A FIFTY PERCENT PERFORMANCE BOND REQUIRED. TRANSFERS CAN BE AS SHORT AS 30 DAYS OR AS LONG AS THREE YEARS, BUT RECOMMENDS DOING A QUICK TURN AROUND.

PLAN COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

THE PLAN COMMISSION HAS A SEAT VACATED ON THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER EWEN HAS TALKED WITH LORI GILSTRAP AND SHE IS WILLING TO SERVE ON THE BOARD IN THE PLACE OF TOM DAY. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT LORI GILSTRAP TO THE PLAN COMMISSION BOARD. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED.

ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUILD OPERATE TRANSFER STATUTE

ATTORNEY HOWARD READ OVER THE ORDINANCE THAT PERMITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO ENTER INTO PUBLIC-PRIVATE AGREEMENTS PURSUANT OF IC 5-23-1-1. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE BUILD OPERATE TRANSFER ORDINANCE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

TOWN OF HARDINBURG

THERE WERE SEVERAL CONCERNED CITIZENS FROM THE TOWN OF HARDINBURG WHO WISHED TO SPEAK. THOSE WANTING THE COMMISSIONERS TO RE-INCORPORATE THE TOWN AND FELT THEY HAD BEEN MISREPRESENTED WERE WAYNE JOHNSON, CHAD JOHNSON, TONY CARDWELL (NOT A RESIDENT), AND DAVID KOLLE. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WHO ARE HAPPY WITH THE WAY THINGS ARE NOW AND FEELS THE COUNTY IS TAKING BETTER CARE OF THE TOWN THAN THE PREVIOUS TOWN BOARD WERE KAREN COURTNEY, RAMONA SELLS, AND STEVEN COOTS. MR. LARRY SHICKLES HAS BEEN ASKED BY SOME THE TOWN CITIZENS TO HELP THEM GET THE TOWN RE-INCORPORATED, SPOKE ABOUT WHAT HE BELIEVES CAN BE DONE TO GET THE TOWN BACK UP AND RUNNING. J DAVISSON WAS ALSO IN ATTENDANCE AND HE AGAIN WENT OVER WHY THE TOWN HAD ORIGINALLY BE DISSOLVED LAST YEAR AND ALSO REMINDED THEM OF THE STEPS THAT NEED TO BE TAKEN TO GET THE TOWN RE-INCORPORATED. HE DISCUSSED HB 1063 WHICH CLEARS UP THE LANGUAGE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO THE ASSETS AFTER A TOWN IS DISSOLVED. THE BILL IS CURRENTLY AT THE SENATE AWAITING APPROVAL.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN BUSY CLEANING UP AFTER LAST WEEKS RAIN AND HIGH WINDS. DUE TO ALL OF THE RAIN AND HIGH WINDS THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF TREES DOWN AND FLOODING. THERE ARE TWO LOG JAMS THAT WILL NEED TO BE CLEANED UP WITH ONE BEING ON BLUE RIVER CHURCH ROAD AND THE OTHER ON FREDERICKSBURG ROAD. THE COUNTY BE IN CHARGE OF THE CLEAN UP AND THE PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE AGREED TO ALLOW A BURN ON THEIR PROPERTY TO GET RID OF THE DEBRIS. VOYLES SAID HE

CAN PAY FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE CLEAN UP OUT OF THE BRIDGE FUND. HE IS ALSO CHECKING WITH THE DNR AND IDEM TO BE SURE EVERYTHING IS IN COMPLIANCE FOR THE CLEAN UP.

INDIANA HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY GRANTS

THERE WERE TWO HOUSING BLOCK GRANTS PROVIDED FOR APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BLOCK GRANTS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

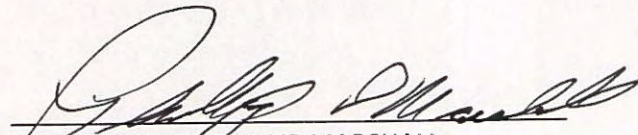
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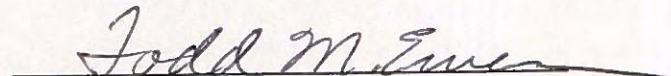
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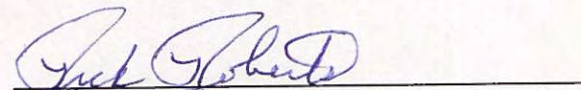
THE ARP MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONER MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER ROBERTS, COMMISSIONER EWEN AND AUDITOR STEPHENSON.

ALLTECH PROVIDED A QUOTE FOR FIREWALL PROTECTION FOR ALL COUNTY BUILDINGS AND COMPUTERS. THE TOTAL REQUEST IS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,160.00. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE QUOTE FOR THE FIREWALLS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND, COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS


ATTEST: AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING

~~MARCH 21, 2023~~

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CCOMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER MYRA ALBERTSON GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022. FUNDS COLLECTED THROUGH THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS IS USED TO QUALIFY FOR GRANTS TO HELP PARTICIPANTS BECOME SUCCESSFUL UPON THEIR REENTRY INTO THE COMMUNITY. THE COMMISSIONERS WERE ASKED TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT AND THE SOUTH CENTRAL INDIANA VETERANS TREATMENT COURT. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO SIGN THE LETTER OF SUPPORT AS RECOMMENDED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

THE JRAC BOARD HAS HAD SEVERAL REQUESTS FOR THE OPIOID MONEY AND WILL BE DISTRIBUTING THE MONEY SOON. THEY HAVE SET UP A SUBCOMMITTEE TO HELP WITH THE DECISION MAKING OF SOME OF THE REQUESTS. AFTER THE SUBCOMMITTEE MAKES A DECISION IT IS THEN FORWARDED TO THE JRAC BOARD FOR FINAL APPROVAL.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE COMMISSIONERS RECESSED UNTIL THE 11:00 A.M. BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING.

BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING

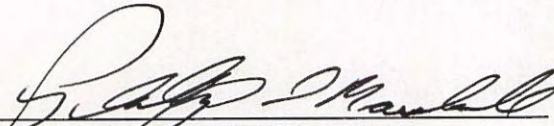
COMMISSIONER CALLED THE COMMISSIONERS BACK TO ORDER. TREASURER NANCY COATS CALLED THE BOARD OF FINANCE TO ORDER. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONER MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER EWEN, COMMISSIONER ROBERTS, AUDITOR STEPHENSON, TREASURER COATS, AND MEMBERS OF FIRST SAVINGS BANK KATRINA HUMPHREY, DANA JULIOT, AND CHRIS FORDYCE.

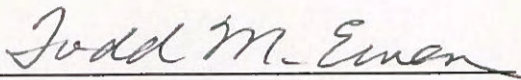
FIRST SAVINGS BANK PROVIDED TREASURY AND CD RATES RANGING FROM SIX MONTHS TO 24 MONTHS. AT THIS TIME THE BEST RATE IS AN EIGHTEEN MONEY CD AT 5.3%. THERE IS CURRENTLY ONE CD THAT IS MATURING AND TWO MORE WILL MATURE AT THE END OF AUGUST. THE MILLION DOLLARS THAT WAS INVESTED OF THE ARP MONEY IS CURRENTLY EARNING AT 4.42%. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW THE TREASURER TO MOVE MONEY AS SHE SEES FIT WITH THE HELP OF FIRST SAVINGS BANK. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

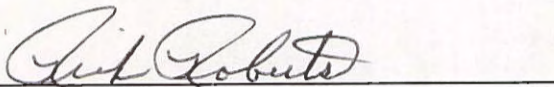
THE BOARD OF FINANCE WOULD LIKE TO MEET AGAIN BEFORE THE TWO CD'S MATURE IN AUGUST. A TENTATIVE DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR AUGUST 21, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.


WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND TREASURER COATS ASKED FOR A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING. MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND, COMMISSIONER MARSHALL ASKED FOR
~~A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE COMMISSIONERS. MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER~~
ROBERTS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS


ATTEST: AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 27, 2023

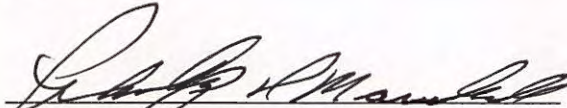
ASSURED PARTNERS
4500 TOWN CENTER BLVD
SUITE 200
JEFFERSONVILLE, IN 47130

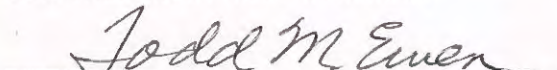
WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD A SPECIAL MEETING TO REVIEW INSURANCE BIDS. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONER MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER EWEN, AUDITOR STEPHENSON AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM ASSURED PARTNERS.

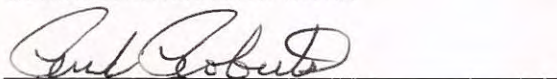
THE DISCUSSION STARTED WITH THE HEALTH, VISION, AND DENTAL INSURANCE. THE COUNTY HAS BEEN NOTIFIED THAT HUMANA WILL NO LONGER BE PROVIDING INSURANCE FOR THE COUNTY THEREFORE THEY QUOTED COSTS FROM THREE DIFFERENT COMPANIES. THE COMPANIES THEY RECEIVED QUOTES FROM WERE ANTHEM, UNITED AND ROUNDSTONE. ANTHEM WAS 13.75% UNDER OUR CURRENT RATE WHICH WOULD SAVE THE COUNTY \$168,504.00. UNITED WAS 6.07% UNDER OUR CURRENT RATE AND WOULD SAVE THE COUNTY \$74,371.00. ROUNDSTONE COULD HAVE SOME POTENTIAL SAVINGS BUT IT WOULD DEPEND ON THE CLAIMS WE HAVE. AT THIS TIME ANTHEM WILL MATCH OUR CURRENT PLAN.


PROPERTY AND CASUALTY WAS TALKED ABOUT BUT THEY HAD NO PRICE COMPARISONS. THEY HAVE LOOKED OVER OUR CURRENT POLICIES AND MADE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS. THEY SUGGESTED WE NEED TO CHANGE ALL POLICIES TO WASHINGTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND NOT WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. THEY ALSO SUGGESTED THE CYBERRISK LIABILITY BE ON ITS OWN POLICY.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND, COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED.


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


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ATTEST: AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL

~~WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS~~

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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APRIL 3, 2023

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN JOINT SESSION WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON APRIL 3, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE 99 PUBLIC SQUARE SUITE 200 SALEM, INDIANA. PRESENT WERE COUNCILMEMBERS MARK ABBOTT, PRESTON SHELL, KEELEY STINGEL, GERALD FLEMING, RONDALE BRISHABER, JOE WALKER, KAREN WISCHMEIER, COMMISSIONERS PHILLIP MARSHALL, TODD EWEN, RICK ROBERTS, AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON AND DEPUTY AUDITOR MICHELE FLEENOR. ATTORNEY JOHN MEAD AND DUSTIN HOWARD WERE ABSENT.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT STINGEL CALLED THE COUNCIL TO ORDER.

COMMISSIONER PRESIDENT MARSHALL CALLED THE COMMISSIONERS TO ORDER.

COUNCILMEMBER WALKER LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED BY PRAYER LED BY COUNCILMEMBER SHELL.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH COUNCIL MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SHELL. THE MOTION PASSED.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

1135 CUM BRIDGE FUND	\$50,000.00
1169 LOCAL ROAD & STREET	\$20,000.00

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING. THE MOTION PASSED.

TAX ABATEMENTS

COUNCILMEMBER SHELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TAX ABATEMENTS:

JACKSON COUNTY REMC/CONNECT PHASE 1, PHASE 2 AND PHASE 3

ORANGE COUNTY FIBER PROJECT

TELEMEDIA SOLUTIONS FIBER PROJECT

SALEM HARDWOODS

COUNCILMEMBER BRISHABER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED.

BRAD ISAACS-B.O.T.-HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

BRAD ISAACS APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARDS TO GIVE MORE INFORMATION ON A BUILD-OPERATE-TRANSFER METHOD. A GOVERNMENTAL BODY MAY ENTER INTO A BOT AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION, PLANNING, DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, MAINTENANCE, OPERATION, AND/OR FINANCING OF ANY PUBLIC FACILITY FOR USE BY THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY. SOME OF THE PRIMARY POSITIVES ARE THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY HAS THE ABILITY TO NEGOTIATE BEST AND FINAL OFFERS, HOLD A SINGLE CONTRACT WITH A DEVELOPER TEAM, LIMITATIONS MAY BE IMPOSED ON WHO MAY BE AN ACCEPTABLE RESPONDENT AND GENERALLY REQUIRES LESS INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROJECT BY THE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY. SOME OF THE PRIMARY NEGATIVES ARE THE TIMELINE FOR THE PROCESS AND THE PREPARATION TO BE DONE MAY REDUCE THE POOL OF RESPONDENTS, NO PUBLIC BIDDING REQUIRED SO IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THERE ARE COST SAVINGS, THE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT MAY LOSE CONTROL OVER THE PROJECT AND POTENTIAL HIDDEN COSTS (DEVELOPER FEES, DEVELOPER COUNSEL FEES, MARK UP ON INTEREST RATES).

COMMISSIONERS


~~THE COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSED WITH THE COUNCIL THAT THE CREDIT MONIES COULD BE A 75/25 SPLIT FOR 2024 TO ACCOMMODATE PAYMENT FOR THE NEW HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. THE AMOUNT IS AROUND \$270,000.00.~~

ECONOMIC GROWTH

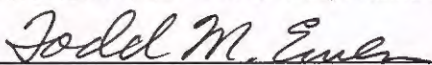
DIRECTOR TAMMI GIBSON GAVE THE COUNCIL UPDATES ON PROJECTS THAT ARE BEING DONE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT MONIES FROM THE STATE.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING. THE MOTION PASSED.

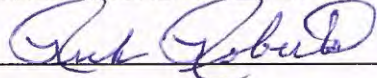
COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION FOR THE COMMISSIONERS TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. THE MOTION PASSED.



COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, PRESIDENT



COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN



COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS

ATTEST: 

AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING
APRIL 4, 2023
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KNAPP MILLER BROWN – ZACK RICHARDS

HUMANA WILL NO LONGER BE PROVIDING GROUP HEALTH BENEFITS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024. ZACK HAS CONTACTED UNITED HEALTH AND ANTHEM TO POSSIBLY GET QUOTES FOR EMPLOYEES NEXT YEAR. HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET RATES FROM THE NEW COMPANY IN THE FALL WITH COVERAGE BEING THE SAME AS WHAT THE COUNTY HAS NOW. ZACK INFORMED THE COMMISSIONERS THAT PROPERTY AND CASUALTY WILL LIKELY SEE AN INCREASE FOR NEXT YEAR.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES STATED ALL OF THE SMALL LOG JAMS HAVE BEEN TAKEN CARE OF AND THEY WILL BE WORKING ON THE LARGER ONES.

MAREGO PIKE AND HIGHWAY 150 HAS A TILE CULVERT THAT HAS CAVED IN AND IT WILL BE REPLACED WITH A METAL PIPE.

~~SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES ASKED FOR APPROVAL TO GET THREE NEW TANDEM TRUCKS ORDERED. THE WAIT TIME ON THE TRUCKS TO GET DELIVERED WILL BE APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO GO AHEAD WITH ORDERING THREE TANDEM TRUCKS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.~~

COURTHOUSE FIRE PROTECTION

JOHNSON CONTROLS SUBMITTED A QUOTE FOR INSTALLATION OF SMOKE DETECTORS AT THE COURTHOUSE. THE QUOTE WAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,095.00. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF SMOKE DETECTORS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

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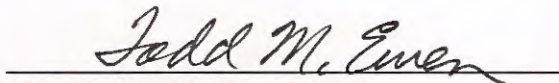
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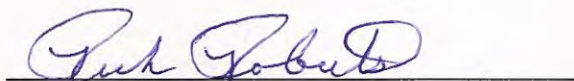
THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONER MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER EWEN, COMMISSIONER ROBERTS, AND AUDITOR STEPHENSON.

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL TALKED ABOUT THE NEED FOR FIRE PROTECTION AT THE COURTHOUSE. CURRENTLY THERE IS NO FIRE ALARMS IN THE ATTIC OF THE COURTHOUSE. THE QUOTE FOR FIRE PROTECTION IN THE ATTIC IS \$4,095.00. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE QUOTE FOR FIRE PROTECTION. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND, COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS


ATTEST: AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING

APRIL 18, 2023

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VETERANS FLAGS

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL RECEIVED A CALL FROM GERTRUDE STEPHENSON REQUESTING PERMISSION TO PLACE FLAGS IN THE COURTYARD. EACH YEAR SHE ASKS FOR PERMISSION TO DO THIS AND THE COMMISSIONERS AGREED IT WAS NOT A PROBLEM FOR HER TO CONTINUE.

SOIL AND WATER

VALERIE BAIRD PRESENTED THE TWIN CREEK-LICK BRANCH EAST FORK WHITE RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROJECT. THERE ARE EIGHT WATERSHEDS IN THIS AREA AND ONE WILL BE SELECTED AS A HIGH PRIORITY TO RECEIVE FUNDS. WASHINGTON COUNTY IS THE LEAD COUNTY FOR THE WATERSHED PROJECTS AND THE OTHER COUNTIES INVOLVED ARE JACKSON, ORANGE, AND LAWRENCE. THE COMMISSIONERS WILL PROVIDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT.

X-SOFT

ERIC STEPHENS AND PATTI BALL GAVE A PRESENTATION OF A NEW SOFTWARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THEIR COMPANY. THE NAME OF THE PROGRAM IS ENGAGE AND IT OFFERS PUBLIC ACCESS OF TAX INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT RECORDS. THERE IS A ONE TIME SET UP FEE OF \$12,000.00 AND \$8,000.00 YEARLY CHARGE FOR MAINTENANCE AND USE OF THE PROGRAM.

BRAD ISAACS

SUPERINTENDENT RICK VOYLES AND MR ISAACS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE BUILDINGS NEEDED FOR THE POSSIBLE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT. MR. ISAACS HAS CONTACTED SOME CONTRACTORS TO GET PRICES ON CONSTRUCTING THE BUILDINGS. HE HOPES TO HAVE THE COST OF THE BUILDINGS SOON. NEXT, HE WILL WORK IN GETTING HVAC, PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL COSTS. HE WILL STAY IN CONTACT WITH VOYLES AND THE COMMISSIONERS AS HE GETS MORE INFORMATION.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY CROSSINGS PAVING MONEY HAS BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE FIFTH YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS. SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES PROVIDED THE 2023 COMMUNITY CROSSINGS PAVING ROAD LIST WHICH WILL INCLUDE SIXTEEN MILES OF PAVING.

TRUCK BIDS HAVE BEEN SENT OUT. THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE WILL BE ACCEPTING THE BIDS. BIDS WILL BE OPENED AT THE MAY 16, 2023 MEETING.

SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES STRESSED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL DETOURS. WITH SO MUCH CONSTRUCTION GOING ON IN THE CITY AND COUNTY IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHERE THE OFFICIAL DETOURS ARE. UNOFFICIAL DETOURS ARE INTENDED FOR LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY.

KNAPP MILLER BROWN

ZACK RICHARDS GAVE AN UPDATE ON HEALTH INSURANCE. THE COUNTY CURRENTLY PAYS 89% OF MEDICAL INSURANCE. HE ALSO MENTIONED THE NEED TO CHECK ON

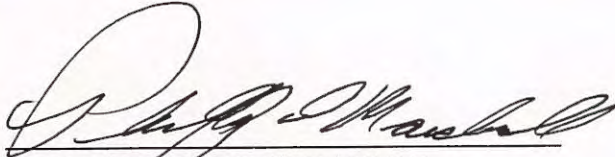
DISASTER/ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS COVERAGE IN CASE OF A NATURAL DISASTER. HE
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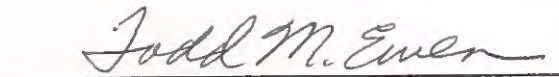
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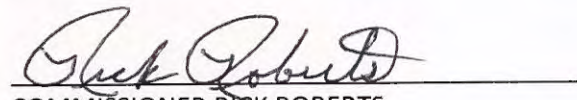
THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE AND TREASURER'S OFFICE CURRENTLY USE SRI FOR THE TAX SALE SERVICES. THEY ARE INCREASING THEIR COST FROM \$100.00 TO \$125.00 PER PARCEL. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE \$125.00 PER PARCEL CONTRACT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

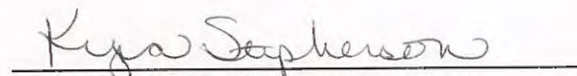
WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR WILL BE THE WEEK OF JUNE 18, 2023

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND, COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS


ATTEST: AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200

SALEM, INDIANA 47167

MAY 1, 2023

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN JOINT SESSION WITH THE COMMISSIONERS ON MAY 1, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE 99 PUBLIC SQUARE SUITE 200 SALEM, INDIANA. PRESENT WERE COUNCILMEMBERS MARK ABBOTT, PRESTON SHELL, KEELEY STINGEL, GERALD FLEMING, RONDALE BRISHABER, JOE WALKER, COMMISSIONERS PHILLIP MARSHALL, TODD EWEN, RICK ROBERTS, AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON AND DEPUTY AUDITOR MICHELE FLEENOR. COUNCILMEMBER KAREN WISCHMEIER, ATTORNEY JOHN MEAD AND ATTORNEY DUSTIN HOWARD WERE ABSENT.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT STINGEL CALLED THE COUNCIL TO ORDER.

COMMISSIONER PRESIDENT MARSHALL CALLED THE COMMISSIONERS TO ORDER.

COUNCILMEMBER WALKER LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED BY PRAYER LED BY COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING.

COUNCILMEMBER SHELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH COUNCIL MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT. THE MOTION PASSED.

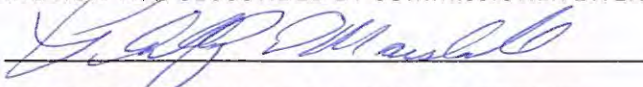
WHEATLEY GROUP/COMMISSIONERS/HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

JILL SAEGESSER FROM WHEATLEY GROUP GAVE A SHORT PRESENTATION ON BUILD-OPERATE-TRANSFER AGREEMENTS (BOT) THAT MUNICIPALITIES HAVE BEEN USING FOR PROJECTS. SAEGESSER STATED THAT THE ADVANTAGES ARE TRANSPARENCY TO THE PUBLIC AND THE DESIGNER/CONTRACTOR/MUNICIPALITY WORK TOGETHER ARE THE TWO OF THE BIGGEST ADVANTAGES. SO FAR, WHEATLEY GROUP HAVE NOT EXPERIENCED ANY DISADVANTAGES IN THE PROJECTS THEY HAVE WORKED ON. SAEGESSER ALSO STATED THAT THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE IS IN THE PROCESS OF A BOT RIGHT NOW ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHER MUNICIPALITIES.

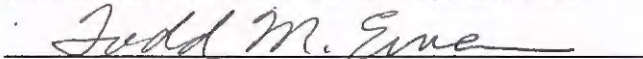
THE COMMISSIONERS STATED THAT THEY FEEL A BUDGET OF FOUR MILLION DOLLARS WILL BE ADEQUATE FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT. COUNCIL PRESIDENT STINGEL WANTS EVERY COUNCILMEMBER TO FEEL COMFORTABLE IN THEIR DECISION OF SUPPORTING OR NOT SUPPORTING THE PROJECT AND ENCOURAGED THE COUNCIL TO DO THEIR OWN RESEARCH ON THE SUBJECT OF BOT AGREEMENTS. PRESIDENT STINGEL SUGGESTED THE COUNCIL TABLE THE ISSUE UNTIL THE JUNE MEETING. SEVERAL COUNCILMEMBERS FELT THEY COULD MAKE A DECISION TODAY. AFTER A SHORT DISCUSSION, THE CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL IS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROJECT.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND, COUNCILMEMBER BRISHABER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING. THE MOTION PASSED.

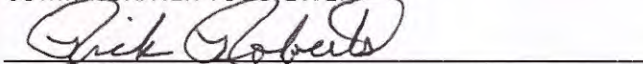
COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE COMMISSIONERS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. THE MOTION PASSED.



COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, PRESIDENT



COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN



COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS



ATTEST: AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING

MAY 2, 2023

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200
SALEM, INDIANA 47167

THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD AT 8:00 A.M. PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN, COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS, ATTORNEY DUSTIN HOWARD, AND AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON. THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFY THAT THE ONLY ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) INITIATION OF LITIGATION OR LITIGATION THAT IS EITHER PENDING OR HAS BEEN THREATENED SPECIIFICALLY IN WRITING, I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(9) TO DISCUSS JOB EVALUATION OR INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES AND I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6)(A) TO RECEIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING AN EMPLOYEE'S ALLEGED MISCONDUCT AND/OR ANY OTHER MATTER SUBJECT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION STATE IN I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) ET. SEQ.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG BY JOE WALKER FOLLOWED BY A PRAYER LED BY TODD EWEN.

CCOMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

VETERANS OFFICE

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER ANDREW BUSH GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE VETERANS OFFICE. THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HELP MANY COUNTY VETERANS WITH COMPENSATION AND PENSION BENEFITS. HE RECEIVED WORD THAT THE NEW DAV VEHICLE HE IS SUPPOSED TO GET AT THE END OF THE YEAR WILL BE PAID FOR BY THE STATE. THIS VEHICLE IS AT NO EXPENSE TO THE COUNTY. THE COUNTY VETERAN'S VEHICLE IS HAVING SOME ENGINE ISSUES. HE WOULD LIKE TO CHECK IN TO GETTING ANOTHER VEHICLE TO REPLACE IT. COMMISSIONERS ASKED HIM TO INCLUDE A NEW VEHICLE COST IN HIS BUDGET REQUEST DUE AT THE END OF MAY.

WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC GROWTH

THE READI PROGRAM HAS A NEW GRANT COMING UP. THIS GRANT WILL BE CALLED COMMUNITY COLLABORATION, WHICH WILL BE PAID WITH STATE MONEY. THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE GRANT WILL BE ON CHILDCARE. SHE SHOULD HAVE MORE INFORMATION ON THIS GRANT BY THE END OF MAY OR JUNE.

SOUTHERN INDIANA TRAILWAYS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE NEW MONON TRAIL. MANY OF THE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS NEW TRAILWAY ARE STILL TO BE DECIDED AND LINED OUT.

RADIUS AND ROI ARE WORKING ON A GRANT THAT HELPS WITH RE-LOCATION FOR WORKERS WHO WILL HAVE A MINIMUM ANNUAL SALARY OF \$50,000.00. THE EMPLOYEE WILL RECEIVE \$5,000.00 INCENTIVE THAT WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO PAYMENTS OF \$2,500.00. RADIUS WILL CONTRIBUTE \$3,500.00 OF THE \$5,000.00 AND WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC GROWTH WILL CONTRIBUTE \$1,500.00. THE EMPLOYEE RECEIVING THE INCENTIVE WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY THE INCENTIVE MONEY BACK IF THEY DO NOT LIVE IN THE COUNTY FOR TWO YEARS. COMPANIES WILL NEED TO APPLY FOR THIS GRANT.

UPSKILL IS A NEW PROGRAM THAT FOCUSES ON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. STUDENTS INTERESTED CAN START THIS PROGRAM IN THEIR JUNIOR YEAR. THIS PROGRAM COMBINES PAID EMPLOYMENT WITH ON-THE-JOB AND CLASSROOM BASED INSTRUCTION. IT ALLOWS THE STUDENT TO EARN MONEY WHILE ALSO LEARNING THE SKILLS FOR THE JOB. DIRECTOR GIBSON HAS REACHED OUT TO THE AREA SCHOOLS FOR PARTICIPATION BUT SO FAR WEST WASHINGTON IS THE ONLY LOCAL SCHOOL THAT HAS SHOWN INTEREST.

THERE WILL BE A NEW BUILDING BUILT AT THE INDUSTRIAL PARK. THE NEW BUILDING WILL HOUSE SULLIVAN'S SEALCOATING. THEY CURRENTLY HAVE A BUILDING BUT WILL BE BUILDING A NEW ONE TO RE-LOCATE.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

CREWS HAVE BEEN OUT SPRAYING POISON HEMLOCK AND MOWING IS SET TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK.

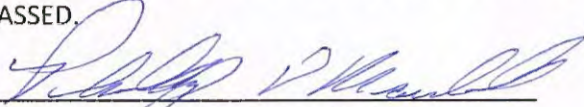
COMMISSIONER EWEN WAS ASKED TO THANK THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF THE FAIR BOARD, FOR THE HAULING OF DIRT TO THE FAIRGROUNDS FOR THE RODEO.

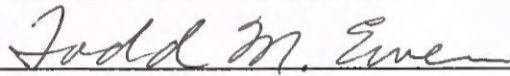
W.W. WILLIAM GENERATOR AGREEMENT

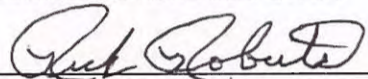
A QUOTE WAS PRESENTED BY W.W. WILLIAMS FOR MAINTENANCE ON THE GENERATOR AT THE AMBULANCE BUILDING. THE AGREEMENT WAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$870.00. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR THE AMBULANCE BUILDING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.


THERE WILL BE NO ARP MEETING AT 6:00 P.M.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND, COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS


ATTEST: AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING
MAY 16, 2023
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200
SALEM, INDIANA 47167

THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD AT 8:00 A.M. PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN, COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS, ATTORNEY DUSTIN HOWARD, AND AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON. THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFY THAT THE ONLY ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) INITIATION OF LITIGATION OR LITIGATION THAT IS EITHER PENDING OR HAS BEEN THREATENED SPECIIFICALLY IN WRITING, I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1-(9) TO DISCUSS JOB EVALUATION OR INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES AND I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6)(A) TO RECEIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING AN EMPLOYEE'S ALLEGED MISCONDUCT AND/OR ANY OTHER MATTER SUBJECT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION STATE IN I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) ET. SEQ.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG BY COMMISSIONER EWEN FOLLOWED BY A PRAYER LED BY PRESTON SHELL.

COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MAGGIE BORDEN AND HEALTH BOARD MEMBER JANET HINDS GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE SB4 PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION FUNDING. IF THE COUNTY SHOULD OPT IN TO RECEIVE THE MONEY, THEY WOULD RECEIVE \$422,000.00 STARTING THE BEGINNING OF 2024 AND \$845,000.00 EACH YEAR AFTER. THE NEW FUND WOULD BE CALLED LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE FUND. THE COUNTY WOULD STILL BE REQUIRED TO BUDGET \$461,000.00 EACH YEAR FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THERE ARE RESTRICTIONS ON HOW THE MONEY CAN BE USED SUCH AS HIRING MORE STAFF AND PROMOTING HEALTH SAFETY. THE COUNTY HAS TO OPT IN BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2023.

TRUCK BIDS

THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REQUESTED BIDS FOR THREE NEW TANDEM DUMP TRUCKS. KENTUCKY TRUCK SALES WAS THE ONLY BID SUBMITTED. THE BID WAS FOR A TANDEM FREIGHTLINER AT \$209,943.00 EACH UNIT. DELIVERY OF THE CHASIS WOULD BE IN THE SECOND OR THIRD QUARTER OF 2024. SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES RECOMMENDED ACCEPTING THE BID FOR REVIEW. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES TO ACCEPT THE BID FOR REVIEW. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

RESOLUTION 2023-01 OF THE EDIT PLAN

A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND UPDATING THE COUNTY EDIT PLAN WAS PRESENTED BY ATTORNEY HOWARD. THE EDIT PLAN HAD BEEN 85% DEDICATED TO INFRASTRUCTURE AND 15% USED FOR NON-PAVING. THE AMENDMENT WOULD CHANGE THE PLAN TO 75% DEDICATED TO INFRASTRUCTURE AND 25% TO NON-PAVING. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE EDIT PLAN FROM 85/15 TO 75/25. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

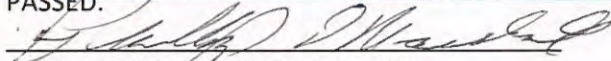
ORDINANCE 2023-02 SEWAGE SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

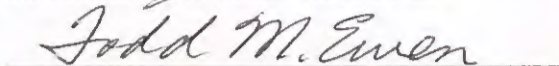
ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS WAS READ BY ATTORNEY HOWARD. THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHES MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR HOMES NOT SERVED BY SANITARY SEWER. THE ORDINANCE STATES IF A HOME IS SERVED WITH COMMUNITY WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS, THERE SHALL BE A MINIMUM SIZE OF THREE-QUARTER-ACRE. IF SERVED WITH INDIVIDUAL WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS, ONE ACRE SHALL BE REQUIRED. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ORDINANCE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

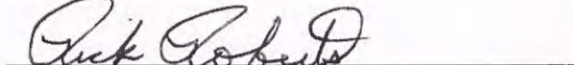
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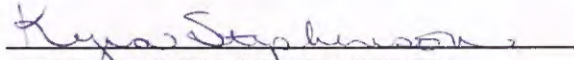
ZACK RICHARDS GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE HEALTH, VISION, AND DENTAL PLANS. VISION AND DENTAL IS WITH DELTA AND WILL CONTINUE WITH A TWO-YEAR RATE LOCK. WITH HUMANA NO LONGER PROVIDING COVERAGE AT THE END OF 2023, ZACK HAS CONTACTED ALL STATE BENEFITS, ANTHEM, AND UNITED HEALTH CARE TO GET RATES FOR HEALTH COVERAGE. HE HOPES TO HAVE QUOTES IN SEVEN TO TEN DAYS WITH SOME SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS. HE SHOULD HAVE RATES BY THE NEXT MEETING ON JUNE 6, 2023.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND, COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS


ATTEST: AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 19, 2023

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200
SALEM, IN 47167

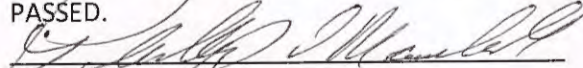
WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD A SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS MOVING FORWARD WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT B.O.T. PROJECT. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS, COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN, COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, ENGINEER BRAD ISAACS, AND AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON.

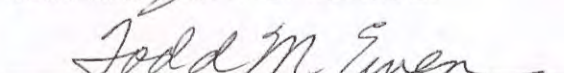
THE NEED TO MOVE THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WAS DISCUSSED AGAIN. WITH ALL OF THE ISSUES AT THE CURRENT FACILITY THE COMMISSIONERS THINK NOW IS THE TIME TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A POSSIBLE RELOCATION USING THE B.O.T. PROGRAM. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO PROCEED ON WITH THE B.O.T. PROGRAM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

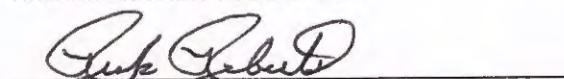
WITH THE NEED TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY FAMILIAR WITH THE B.O.T., DAVID UMPLEBY WITH TAFT LAW IN INDIANAPOLIS HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE COMMISSIONERS TO HELP. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO PROCEED ON WITH HIRING DAVID UMPLEBY AT TAFT LAW TO BE THE ATTORNEY FOR THIS PROJECT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.


THE B.O.T. PROJECT REQUIRES A NEED TO FORM A SCOPING COMMITTEE. THIS COMMITTEE WILL NEED A MINIMUM OF THREE MEMBERS. THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ONE COMMISSIONER AND ONE COUNCIL ALONG WITH RICK VOYLES AND BRAD ISAACS AND THE AUDITOR AS THE SECRETARY. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER MARSHALL TO THE SCOPING COMMITTEE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED. THE COMMISSIONERS WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH THE COUNCIL TO DECIDE ON A MEMBER.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND, COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS


ATTEST: KYRA STEPHENSON, AUDITOR

COMMISSIONER MEETING

JUNE 6, 2023

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200
SALEM, INDIANA 47167

THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD AT 12:00 P.M. PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN, AND AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON. THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFY THAT THE ONLY ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) INITIATION OF LITIGATION OR LITIGATION THAT IS EITHER PENDING OR HAS BEEN THREATENED SPECIIFICALLY IN WRITING, I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1-(9) TO DISCUSS JOB EVALUATION OR INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES AND I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6)(A) TO RECEIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING AN EMPLOYEE'S ALLEGED MISCONDUCT AND/OR ANY OTHER MATTER SUBJECT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION STATE IN I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) ET. SEQ.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG BY ATTORNEY DUSTIN HOWARD FOLLOWED BY A PRAYER LED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN.

COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED.

KNAPP MILLER BROWN

ZACK RICHARDS WAS HOPING TO HAVE RATES FOR HEALTH INSURANCE BUT HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET THEM YET. HE DID TALK WITH ANTHEM AND SO FAR, THEY BELIEVE THE COST WILL BE 14% LOWER THAN IT CURRENTLY IS. HE HOPES TO HAVE AN UPDATE WITH RATES AT THE NEXT MEETING ON JUNE 20, 2023.

TRUCK BID AWARD

KENTUCKIANA TRUCK SALES WAS THE ONLY BID SUBMITTED FOR THREE NEW DUMP TRUCKS. SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES RECOMMENDED AWARDDING THE BID TO KENTUCKIANA TRUCK SALES AT A COST OF \$209,943.00 PER UNIT. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE TO MOTION UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES TO AWARD THE BID TO KENTUCKIANA TRUCK SALES. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED.

ARP FUNDS COST & SPENDING ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE WAS PRESENTED OUTLINING HOW THE FUNDS OF THE ARP WOULD BE SPENT. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE TO MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ORDINANCE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED.

WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC GROWTH

THE READI 2.0 PROGRAM HAS BEEN APPROVED. ECONOMIC GROWTH DIRECTOR TAMMI GIBSON URGES THE COUNTY TO SUBMIT PROJECTS FOR THIS GRANT MONEY. THE MONEY IS BEING FOCUSED ON CAPITAL PROJECTS.

COMMUNITY CROSSINGS PAVING BID 2024

THREE BIDS WERE SUBMITTED FOR THE 2024 COMMUNITY CROSSINGS PAVING. THE BIDDERS WERE:

- E & B PAVING – CLARKSVILLE - \$1,536,160.00
- C & R CONSTRUCTION – CORYDON - \$1,173,925.00
- TEMPLE & TEMPLE – SALEM - \$1,251,292.00

SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES RECOMMENDED TO THE COMMISSIONERS TO ACCEPT ALL BIDS FOR REVIEW WITH C & R CONSTRUCTION BEING THE LOW BIDDER. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL BIDS UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED.

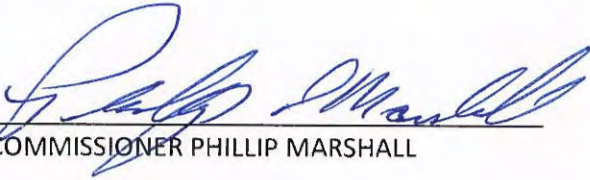
PURDUE EXTENSION 4H EDUCATOR

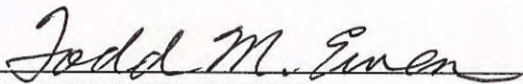
PURDUE EXTENSION HAS REPLACED 4H EDUCATOR MEGAN BROUGHTON. IN HER PLACE, THEY HAVE HIRED TAYLOR CHASTAIN WHO IS FROM SALEM. WEDNESDAY NIGHT THE EXTENSION OFFICE WILL HOLD A MEET AND GREET TO ALLOWED EVERYONE TO COME AND MEET MRS. CHASTAIN.

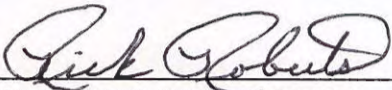
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MAGGIE BORDEN REPORTED AGAIN ABOUT THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION. THE COUNTY WOULD RECEIVE \$306,000.00 IN 2024 AND \$608,000.00 EACH YEAR AFTER IF THEY CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM. THE MONEY HAS TO STAY IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND AND CANNOT REVERT TO ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT. THE COUNTY HAS TO OPT IN BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2023. THE COMMISSIONERS WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH THE HEALTH BOARD AT THEIR NEXT MEETING ON JULY 12, 2023 @ 4:00 P.M. TO DISCUSS FURTHER.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND, COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED.


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS


ATTEST: AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING

JUNE 20, 2023

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200
SALEM, INDIANA 47167

THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD AT 8:00 A.M. PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN, COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS, ATTORNEY DUSTIN HOWARD, AND AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON. THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFY THAT THE ONLY ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) INITIATION OF LITIGATION OR LITIGATION THAT IS EITHER PENDING OR HAS BEEN THREATENED SPECIIFICALLY IN WRITING, I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1-(9) TO DISCUSS JOB EVALUATION OR INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES AND I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6)(A) TO RECEIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING AN EMPLOYEE’S ALLEGED MISCONDUCT AND/OR ANY OTHER MATTER SUBJECT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION STATE IN I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) ET. SEQ.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS FOLLOWED BY A PRAYER LED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN.

CCOMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

HWC – KEVIN HAY

KEVIN HAY SPOKE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF HWC ABOUT THE BIDS THAT WERE SUBMITTED FOR THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS PAVING PROJECT FOR THE YEAR 2024. THERE HAS BEEN AN ERROR ON THE BID PACKET THAT WAS SENT OUT WHICH OMITTED A LINE CALLING FOR VIRGIN MATERIALS TO BE USED. THIS LINE HAS BEEN IN THE PACKET FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS AND INADVERTANTLY GOT LEFT OUT OF THIS YEAR’S BID PACKET. HWC WILL CORRECT THE PACKET AT THEIR EXPENSE IF THE COUNTY CHOOSES TO CALL FOR A RE-BID. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO REJECT ALL BIDS AND HAVE A RE-BID. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED. HWC WILL READVERTISE FOR BIDS AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO OPEN THE RE-BIDS AT THE JULY 18, 2023 MEETING.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

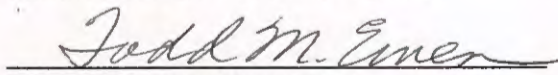
COMMUNITY CROSSINGS PAVING HAS BEGUN.

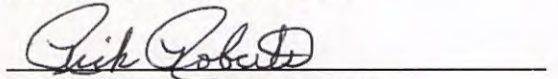
KNAPP MILLER BROWN

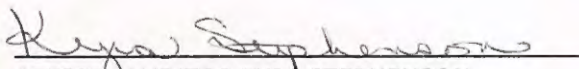
ZACK RICHARDS INFORMED EVERYONE HUMANA WILL BE SENDING OUT NON-RENEWAL LETTERS TO ALL EMPLOYEES. COUNTY EMPLOYEES WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE INSURANCE WITH HUMANA THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR. MR RICHARDS IS WORKING ON HAVING QUOTES READY FOR THE NEXT COMMISSIONER MEETING AND BELIEVES THERE WILL BE A DOUBLE-DIGIT SAVINGS FOR THE COUNTY. AT THIS TIME, ANTHEM LOOKS TO HAVE THE BEST SAVINGS FOR THE COUNTY WITH THE SAME BENEFITS AS WHAT IS CURRENTLY OFFERED.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND, COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS


ATTEST: AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING

JULY 5, 2023

~~WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE~~99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200
SALEM, INDIANA 47167

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COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

KNAPP MILLER BROWN

ZACK RICHARDS PROVIDED QUOTES FOR NEW HEALTH INSURANCE FROM ALLSTATE, ANTHEM, AND UNITED. ALL OF THE CARRIERS WOULD PROVIDE THE SAME COVERAGE THE COUNTY HAS NOW. ALL OF THE RATES CAME IN LOWER WITH A SAVINGS OF: ALLSTATE – 4.20%, ANTHEM – 12.49%, AND UNITED 9.81%. ALL EMPLOYEES DEDUCTIBLES WILL BE CARRIED OVER TO THE NEW COMPANY IF THE COMMISSIONERS CHOOSE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A SEPTEMBER RENEWAL DATE. THE COMMISSIONERS WILL LOOK OVER THE MATERIALS PROVIDED AND DECIDE AT THE JULY 18, 2023 MEETING.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MAGGIE BORDEN DISCUSSED AGAIN, THE GOVERNORS PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION. THE COUNTY WOULD RECEIVE A MINIMUM OF \$306,000.00 THE FIRST YEAR AND BETWEEN \$612,000.00 - \$817,000.00 EACH YEAR AFTER. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS TO MEET CERTAIN GOALS TO RECEIVE THIS MONEY. THEY ARE LOOKING AT HIRING A SCHOOL HEALTH LIASON, A LEAD RISK ASSESSOR, AND A PART TIME VECTOR CONTROL PERSON. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY HAS LAPTOPS THEY ARE NOT USING SO THESE NEW EMPLOYEES WOULD BE ABLE TO WORK OFF OF THESE LAPTOPS. THE DEADLINE TO OPT-IN IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2023. THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE ASKED TO MEET WITH THE HEALTH BOARD AT THEIR NEXT MEETING ON JULY 12, 2023 AT 4:00 P.M. TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

THE COMMUNITY CROSSING PAVING RE-BID OPENING WILL BE DONE AT THE JULY 18, 2023 MEETING.

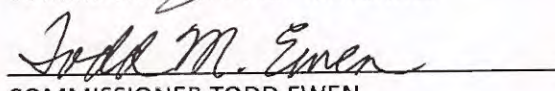
DUKE ENERGY HAS DONE WORK ON MT EDEN ROAD AND HAS CAUSED SOME DAMAGE. SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES TALKED WITH DUKE AND THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REPAIRS.

PTBOA APPOINTMENT

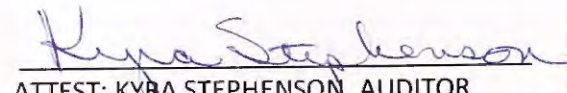
DISCUSSION AND APPOINTMENT OF A PTBOA MEMBER WAS TABLED UNTIL THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH ASSESSOR SHERRY WINGLER.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND, COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS


ATTEST: KYRA STEPHENSON, AUDITOR

COMMISSIONER MEETING

JULY 18, 2023

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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COMMUNITY CROSSINGS PAVING RE-BID OPENING

DUE TO AN ERROR IN THE BID PACKET, THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS BIDDING PROCESS HAD TO BE REDONE. BIDS RECEIVED WERE FROM THE FOLLOWING:

LIBS - \$1,315,069.60
TEMPLE AND TEMPLE - \$1,147,394.00
C & R CONSTRUCTION - \$1,219,977.25

COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL THE BIDS AS PRESENTED FOR REVIEW. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

SOIL AND WATER SUPPORT LETTER

WASHINGTON COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT WOULD LIKE THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE SECTION 319 GRANT. THE COMMISSIONERS WERE ASKED TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO SUPPORT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT SCOPING COMMITTEE

THE COUNTY IS CURRENTLY GOING THROUGH THE BOT PROCESS FOR A NEW HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. IN ORDER TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE BOT, A SCOPING COMMITTEE HAS TO ESTABLISHED. THE SCOPING COMMITTEE WILL CONSIST OF COMMISSIONER MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER EWEN, COMMISSIONER ROBERTS, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT RICK VOYLES, ENGINEER BRAD ISAACS. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE SCOPING COMMITTEE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

REUBEN CUMMINGS FROM GFC AND NATE THOMPSON WITH THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT CAME TO TALK ABOUT MAKING JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT A FIRE DISTRICT. THEY HAVE TURNED IN THE PETITION FROM RESIDENTS IN SUPPORT TO THE AUDITORS OFFICE FOR CONFIRMATION. THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE HAS CHECKED OVER THE PETITION AND IT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGNATURES. COMMISSIONERS ASKED WHAT THE GOAL WAS TO ESTABLISH A FIRE DISTRICT IN JACKSON TOWNSHIP AND IF PROPERTY OWNER'S INSURANCE RATES WOULD GO DOWN. THE PROPERTY TAXES WOULD INCREASE FOR THIS DISTRICT IF IT'S MOVED TO A FIRE DISTRICT. THE COMMISSIONERS WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON WHAT THE FIRE DISTRICT WOULD PLAN TO DO WITH THE EXTRA MONEY RECEIVED BY BEING IN A FIRE DISTRICT. THE COMMISSIONERS DECIDED TO TABLE DISCUSSION AT THIS TIME UNTIL MORE INFORMATION IS GATHERED.

COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE

ZACK RICHARDS WITH KNAPP MILLER BROWN HAD GIVEN OUT NEW INSURANCE RATES AT THE LAST MEETING. THE INSURANCE CARRIERS THAT GAVE QUOTES WERE ANTHEM, ALLSTATE, AND UNITED HEALTHCARE. ANTHEM WOULD PROVIDE THE MOST SAVINGS TO THE COUNTY AND PROVIDE THE SAME COVERAGE AS THEY CURRENTLY HAVE. ALL EMPLOYEES DEDUCTIBLES WILL ALSO CARRY OVER TO THE NEW PROVIDER. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM ANTHEM. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY

COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED. OPEN ENROLLMENT WILL BEGIN JULY 24, 2023,
 WITH THE NEW INSURANCE TAKING EFFECT SEPTEMBER 1, 2023.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

BRIDGE 207 IS COMPLETE AND OPENED BACK UP ON MONDAY. THE NEXT BRIDGES TO DO ARE ON DUTCH CREEK ROAD AND FIRE LANE.

SOUTHERN INDIANA ADULT GUARDIANSHIP

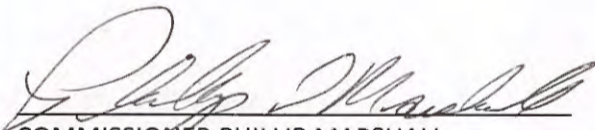
SARAH WALKER AND NATASHA HOPPER SPOKE ON BEHALF SIAG. THEY ATTENDED A MEETING LAST YEAR EXPLAINING THE SERVICES THEY OFFERED AND ASKED FOR SUPPORT. THEY CURRENTLY SERVE ABOUT 45 CLIENTS AND HAVE 22 VOLUNTEERS. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE HOUCHIN CAME IN SUPPORT OF THE ORGANIZATION WHO HELPS ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO MAY NOT HAVE FAMILY TO HELP SEE AFTER THEM. JUDGE HOUCHIN BELIEVES THE ORGANIZATION IS A BIG HELP TO THE COMMUNITY AND THOSE IN NEED. THEY WOULD LIKE THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

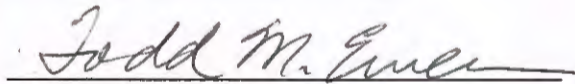
COMMISSIONERS RECESSED UNTIL 1:00 P.M. TO SELECT THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS PAVING BID.

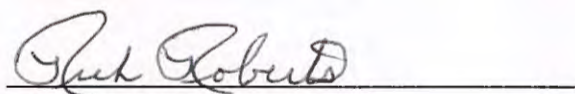
COMMUNITY CROSSINGS BID SELECTION


SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES AND HWC REVIEWED AND CERTIFIED THE BIDS PRESENTED FOR THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS PAVING. SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES RECOMMENDS TEMPLE AND TEMPLE AS THE LOW BID AT \$1,147,394.00 FOR THE COMMUNITY CROSSING PAVING PROJECT FOR 2024. UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES, COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM TEMPLE AND TEMPLE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND, COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.


 COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


 COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


 COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS


 ATTEST: AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2023
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200
SALEM, INDIANA 47167

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COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC HEARING – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BOT

THE COUNTY IS CONSIDERING DOING A BOT PROJECT FOR THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. BIDS WERE SUBMITTED BY COTTONGIM AND TEMPLE AND TEMPLE AND REVIEWED BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL OPENED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC FOR ANY COMMENTS OR CONCERNS ON THE BOT PROJECT. THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION FROM THE PUBLIC.

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL READ A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF BOARDERS SELECTING BUILD-OPERATE-TRANSFER DEVELOPER FOR HIGHWAY GARAGE IMPROVEMENTS. FOLLOWING ITS REVIEW OF THE SUBMITTED PROPOSALS, THE COMMITTEE HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD SELECT RESPONDENT TEMPLE AND TEMPLE EXCAVATING AND PAVING FOR DISCUSSION AND NEGOTIATION OF A PROSPECTIVE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP BUILD-OPERATE-TRANSFER AGREEMENT. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE, TO APPROVE TEMPLE AND TEMPLE EXCAVATING AND PAVING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT

PROBATION OFFICER MYRA ALBERTSON GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE JRAC BOARD. THE BOARD HAS PROVIDED FORMS THAT ANYONE SUBMITTING REQUESTS FOR THE OPIOID FUNDS CAN FILL OUT. APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE COUNTIES WEBSITE. THE JRAC BOARD WILL REVIEW THE REQUESTS AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMISSIONERS. THE COMMISSIONERS WILL THEN HAVE FINAL APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FORMS PROVIDED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

HEALTH FIRST INDIANA

MAGGIE BORDEN FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS MEMBERS FROM THE STATE AGAIN EXPLAINED THE GOVERNORS HEALTH PLAN. THE MONEY IS A STATE APPROPRIATION AND NOT A GRANT. THEY ARE ANTICIPATING THE MONEY WILL BE SUSTAINABLE AND RECURRENT THROUGH CONTINUED LEGISLATIVE FUNDING. THE MONEY IS FOR DELIVERY OF CORE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES. THE COUNTY WOULD RECEIVE \$306,479.00 IN 2024 AND \$612,958.00 IN 2025. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE HEALTH FIRST INDIANA MONIES. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

REPLACEMENT KEY FOBS FOR EMPLOYEES ORDINANCE

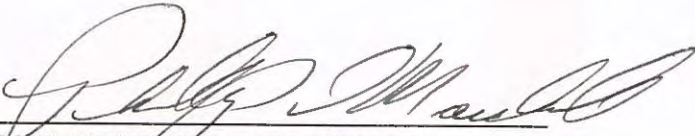
WITH SEVERAL EMPLOYEES LOSING THEIR KEY FOBS THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE HAS ASKED TO IMPLEMENT A FEE TO REPLACE LOST KEY FOBS. AN ORDINANCE WAS PROVIDED BY ATTORNEY HOWARD TO ESTABLISH A FEE OF \$25.00 FOR REPLACEMENT KEY FOBS. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE \$25.00 FEE FOR LOST KEY FOBS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.


WTH MAPPING REQUEST

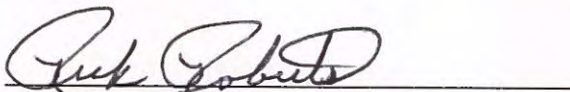
WTH SENT A REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO COUNTY MAPS FROM MAPPING SOLUTIONS. MAPPING SOLUTIONS WOULD LIKE ACCESS TO THE MAP5 FOR REFERENCE USE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF

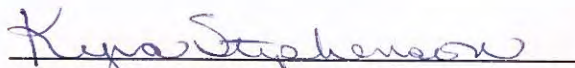
A COUNTY PLAT BOOK. THE COUNTY WILL RECEIVE \$250.00 FOR THE USE OF THE GIS DATA.
COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT. MOTION WAS
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND, COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A
MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION
PASSED.


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS


ATTEST: AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING

AUGUST 14, 2023

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200
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WASHINGTON COUNTY MEMORIAL VETERANS

JOHN QUATROKE AND LARRY TERRELL SPOKE ON BEHALF OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY MEMORIAL VETERANS. THE ORGANIZATION HAD A MEETING AND PROPOSED ADDING NAMES TO THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL LOCATED IN THE COURTHOUSE LAWN. THE ORGANIZATION HAS THE MONEY TO PAY FOR THE NAMES TO BE ADDED. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW THE VETERANS TO DO AS THEY SEE FIT TO UPDATE THE MEMORIAL TO HONOR THESE VETERANS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

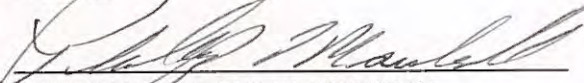
WEED BOARD APPOINTMENT

THE WEED BOARD HAS A VACANCY ON THE BOARD DUE TO THE PASSING OF MAURICE LEE DAY. THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND APPOINTING DAVID HOAR TO SERVE ON THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT DAVID HOAR TO THE BOARD AS RECOMMENDED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

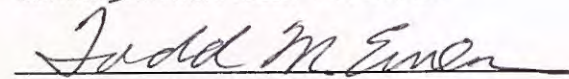
AMBULANCE FEE ADJUSTMENT

THE WASHINGTON AMBULANCE SERVICE AND WASHINGTON COUNTY AMBULANCE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND AN INCREASE IN THE SERVICE FEES EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. THE FEE INCREASE WOULD BE \$200.00 ACROSS THE BOARD AND AN INCREASE FOR MILEAGE TO \$18.00 A MILE. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE SERVICE FEE INCREASE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY AMBULANCE BOARD. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

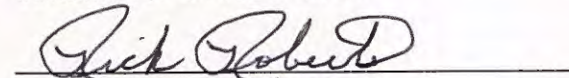
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COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL



COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN



COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS



ATTEST: AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BUDGET HEARINGS

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200

SALEM, INDIANA 47167

AUGUST 15TH – 17TH, 2023

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL MET AUGUST 15TH – 17TH, 2023 BEGINNING AT 8:00 A.M. FOR THE 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET HEARINGS. THE MEETING WAS LOCATED AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE 99 PUBLIC SQUARE SUITE 200 SALEM, INDIANA. IN ATTENDANCE WERE COUNCILMEMBERS PRESTON SHELL, KEELEY STINGEL, RONDALE BRISHABER, GERALD FLEMING, MARK ABBOTT, KAREN WISCHMEIER, JOE WALKER, AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON AND DEPUTY AUDITOR MICHELE FLEENOR. ATTORNEY JOHN MEAD WAS ABSENT. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONERS PHILLIP MARSHALL, TODD EWEN AND RICK ROBERTS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT STINGEL CALLED THE COUNCIL TO ORDER.

COMMISSIONER PRESIDENT MARSHALL CALLED THE COMMISSIONERS TO ORDER.

COUNCILMEMBER SHELL LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED BY PRAYER LED BY COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING.

THE COUNCIL MET WITH THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS:

CIRCUIT COURT

SUPERIOR COURT

PUBLIC DEFENDER

PROSECUTOR

PROBATION

SOUTHERN INDIANA ADULT GUARDINSHIP – REQUESTING \$5,000.00; COUNCIL PRESIDENT STINGEL BELIEVES THE COMMISSIONERS SHOULD PLACE IT IN THEIR BUDGET IF THEY DESIIRE TO HELP FUND THE AGENCY.

VETERANS – NEEDS NEW VEHICLE; ALSO WILL BE GETTING ANOTHER DAV VEHICLE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

SHERIFF – PRESENTED A STUDY THAT WAS DONE BY THE SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION CONCERNING SALARIES FOR JAIL OFFICERS AND DISPATCHERS. THE AVERAGE SALARY IS \$42,629.00. THE DEPARTMENT IS EXPERIENCING A HIGH TURNOVER RATE. MILLER WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE JAIL ADMINISTRATOR AND CHIEF DISPATCHER INCREASED TO CREATE A BIGGER GAP BETWEEN EMPLOYEES AND SUPERVISORS.

911 – WOULD LIKE THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT POSITION AND THE 911 DIRECTOR POSITION SPLIT INTO TWO SEPARATE POSITIONS.

RECCORDER

TREASURER

SURVEYOR

EXTENSION

WEED BOARD

HEALTH

AUDITOR

CEMETERY

COMMISSIONERS

ASSESSOR

CORONER

THE COUNCIL RECESSED UNTIL AUGUST 16, 2023.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT STINGEL CALLED THE COUNCIL BACK TO ORDER ON AUGUST 16, 2023 AT 8:00 A.M.

THE COUNCIL MET WITH THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS:

HIGHWAY

PARK & RECREATION

WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC GROWTH PARTNERSHIP – REQUESTING \$70,000.00; DISCUSSED READI GRANT OPPORTUNITIES.

BLUE RIVER SERVICES

HOOSIER HILLS PACT

BUILDING AND PLAN COMMISSION

DRUG FREE COMMUNITY

EMS – DISCUSSED COUNTY EXPENSE; ACCOUNTABILITY ON SPENDING; POSSIBLE INACTIVATION OF FUND 4941 AND MOVE FUNDS TO 1151; ON CALL FROM \$3.15 TO \$5.00.

THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED EMS FLOATER POSITION, ON CALL PAY, COUNTY EMS EXPENSE. THE COUNCIL ALSO DISCUSSED THE BEGINNING PAY FOR A SHERIFF MERIT DEPUTY. BEGINNING SALARY OF \$44,980.00 IS THE COUNCILS UNDERSTANDING. AUDITORS OFFICE WILL MEET WITH SHERIFF MILLER CONCERNING THE PAY ISSUE.

THE COUNCIL RECESSED UNTIL AUGUST 17, 2023.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT STINGEL CALLED THE COUNCIL BACK TO ORDER ON AUGUST 17, 2023.

THE COUNCIL MADE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET:

*NO SALARY INCREASES DUE TO SHORTFALLS BETWEEN REVENUE AND EXPENSES.

*ELECTION – REDUCED ELECTION BOARD AT PRECINCTS TO \$15,000.00; REDUCED ELECTION BOARD TO \$6,000.00; REDUCED AVM MECHANICS TO \$6,000.00; REDUCED BALLOTS TO \$15,000.00; NO PART TIME POSITION WAS ALLOWED

*AUDITOR – NO SCANNING PROJECT WAS ALLOWED.

*TREASURER – REDUCED TAX STATEMENTS TO \$7,300.00; REDUCED EDUCATION TO \$1,200.00; REDUCED EQUIPMENT TO \$2,500.00

*PUBLIC SAFETY – REDUCED MEALS FOR INMATES TO \$195,000.00; ADDED \$30,000.00 TO EQUIPMENT

*COUNTY CORRECTIONAL – REDUCED MOTOR VEHICLE & EQUIPMENT TO \$17,441.00

*SURVEYOR – REDUCED OFFICE SUPPLIES TO \$3,000.00; REDUCED CONTRACT TO \$4,000.00

*ASSESSOR – REDUCED LEVEL I-III CERTIFICATION TO \$3,500.00; REDUCED OFFICE SUPPLIES TO \$2,800.00; REDUCED MILEAGE/LODGING TO \$4,200.00

*REASSESSMENT – REDUCED PRINTING & ADVERTISING TO \$16,000.00; REDUCED CONTRACT/TRENDING DATA TO \$200,000.00; DID NOT ALLOW TWO THIRD DEPUTIES TO BE MOVED TO SECOND DEPUTIES.

*VETERANS AFFAIRS – REDUCED MILEAGE/LODGING TO \$50,000.00; REDUCED VEHICLE TO \$32,000.00

*COMMISSIONERS – REDUCED AMBULANCE COUNTY EXPENSE TO \$700,000.00; REDUCED MENTAL HEALTH TO \$163,125.00

*COURTHOUSE & COUNTY BLDGS – NO PART TIME POSITION WAS ALLOWED

*CEDIT – REDUCED PAVING TO \$961,772; INCREASED NON PAVING TO \$313,289

*PLAN COMMISSION – REDUCED PLAN COMMISSION ATTORNEY TO \$15,750

*SUPERIOR COURT – REDUCED JUDGES SUPPLEMENTAL TO \$0.00

*CIRCUIT COURT – REDUCED JUDGES SUPPLEMENTAL TO \$0.00

*EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – REDUCED EMA/911 DIRECTOR TO \$24,583

*STATEWIDE 911 – REDUCED EMA/911 DIRECTOR TO \$24,583.00

*SOIL & WATER – REDUCED ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TECHNICIAN TO \$0.00; REDUCED EQUIPMENT TO \$0.00

*CUMULATIVE BRIDGE – REDUCED SMALL STRUCTURES TO \$40,000.00

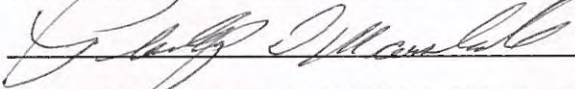
*EMS – AMENDED EMS BUDGET OF \$1,612,632.00 INSTEAD OF \$1,700,802.00

*TRAINING BUREAU – ELIMINATED ENTIRE BUDGET

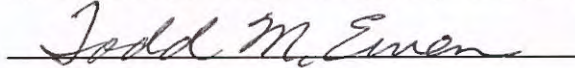
THE COUNCIL REMINDED DEPARTMENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT THE COUNCIL COULD MADE CHANGES/AMENDMENTS UP UNTIL THE ADOPTION ON OCTOBER 2, 2023.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET, COUNCILMEMBER SHELL MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE BUDGET HEARINGS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRISHABER. THE MOTION PASSED.

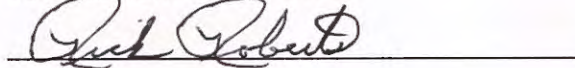
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COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, PRESIDENT



COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN



COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS

ATTEST: 

AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING
~~SEPTEMBER 6, 2023~~
 WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
 99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200
 SALEM, INDIANA 47167

THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD AT 8:00 A.M. PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN, COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS, ATTORNEY DUSTIN HOWARD, AND AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON. THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFY THAT THE ONLY ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) INITIATION OF LITIGATION OR LITIGATION THAT IS EITHER PENDING OR HAS BEEN THREATENED SPECIIFICALLY IN WRITING, I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1-(9) TO DISCUSS JOB EVALUATION OR INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES AND I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6)(A) TO RECEIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING AN EMPLOYEE'S ALLEGED MISCONDUCT AND/OR ANY OTHER MATTER SUBJECT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION STATE IN I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) ET. SEQ.

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CCOMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIRE

NATE THOMPSON AND REUBEN CUMMINGS APPEARED AGAIN BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS TO TALK ABOUT MAKING JACKSON TOWNSHIP A FIRE DISTRICT. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL REQUESTED A COPY OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS BYLAWS. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY HAS NINE TRUCKS AND ONE FIRE HOUSE. THEY WOULD LIKE TO BUILD ANOTHER FIRE HOUSE ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE TOWNSHIP TO PROVIDE BETTER COVERAGE. THE COMMISSIONERS ARE CONCERNED HOW THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CAN MAINTAIN ANOTHER FIRE HOUSE WHEN THE CURRENT ONE HAS SEVERAL PROBLEMS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN FIXED OVER THE YEARS. MR THOMPSON STATED THEY HAVE NOT HAD THE FUNDS TO MAINTAIN THE BUILDINGS AS WELL AS MAINTAIN THE TRUCKS. THE COMMISSIONERS WOULD LIKE TO SET UP A PUBLIC HEARING AT THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIRE HOUSE TO LET THE TAXPAYERS ASK QUESTIONS AND VOICE CONCERNS ABOUT WHAT THE INCREASE IN THEIR TAXES WOULD BE. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL WILL GET A DATE MEETING DATE SET UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WASHINGTON COUNTY TOBACCO PREVENTION

RHONDA MILLS, MAGGIE BORDEN, AND TAMMY WORLEY WANTED TO THANK THE COMMISSIONERS FOR OPTING IN TO THE HEALTH FIRST INDIANA FUNDING. THIS WILL ALLOW THEM TO DO MORE WORK IN HELPING INDIVIDUALS WHO USE TOBACCO.

HARDINSBURG

PAM LOCKHART WHO VOLUNTEERS AT THE HARDINSBURG SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE SENIOR CENTER. THEY HAVE RECENTLY VOTED IN NEW BOARD MEMBERS. THEY CONTINUE RAISE MONEY BY SERVING BREAKFASTS AND OTHER MEALS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

CURRENTLY PAVING ON SAYLOR ROAD AND CREWS ARE WORKING ON PAINTING AND PRESSURE WASHING BRIDGES. THE WALLS ARE DONE FOR BRIDGE 207 AND WORK WILL CONTINUE.

KNAPP MILLER BROWN

THE COUNTIES NEW HEALTH INSURANCE WITH ANTHEM STARTED ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2023. HUMANA HAS BEEN CANCELLED AND THE TRANSITION SEEMS TO BE GOING VERY WELL.

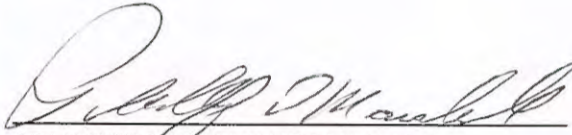
BEREAVEMENT LEAVE FOR EMS CLARIFICATION ORDINANCE

BEREAVEMENT LEAVE FOR THE EMS DEPARTMENT WAS NOT CLEAR IN THE HANDBOOK. AUDITOR STEPHENSON ASKED WAGGONER, IRWIN, SCHEELE TO CLARIFY WHAT EMS EMPLOYEES SHOULD RECEIVE FOR THEIR BEREAVEMENT LEAVE. THE HANDBOOK STATES A DAY EQUALS 12 HOURS FOR DEPARTMENTS WORKING A 24-HOUR SHIFT. THE HANDBOOK STATES EMPLOYEES WILL GET 3 WORKING DAYS WITH PAY FOR IMMEDIATE FAMILY. THIS EQUALS OUT FOR EMS EMPLOYEES TO BE A MAXIMUM OF 36 HOURS OF BEREAVEMENT TIME. THE COMMISSIONER OPENED UP THE FLOOR FOR ANY COMMENTS AND THERE WAS NONE. COMMISSIONERS WILL DECIDE AT THE NEXT MEETING WHETHER TO APPROVE THE CLARIFICATION.

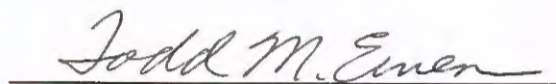
SALEM LEADER & DEMOCRAT

BECKY KILLIAN INFORMED THE COMMISSIONERS AND AUDITOR THE SALEM LEADER AND DEMOCRAT WILL NO LONGER BE PRINTING HARD COPIES OF THE NEWSPAPER STARTING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2023. THE PAPER WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE THROUGH E-EDITION ONLY. WITH SEVERAL OF THE OFFICES NEEDING TO PUBLISH PUBLIC NOTICES, BECKY INTRODUCED CURT KOVENER FROM THE CROTHERSVILLE TIMES. THE CROTHERSVILLE TIMES IS PUBLISHED ONCE A WEEK ON WEDNESDAY'S. ANY NOTICES THAT NEED PUBLISHED CAN BE SENT TO THEM. THE AUDITOR WILL CHECK WITH DLGF AND THE AIC TO SEE WHAT THE SPECIFICATIONS ARE FOR ADVERTISING OUT OF COUNTY.

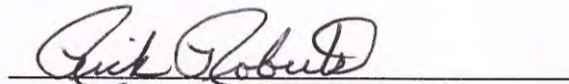
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COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL



COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN



COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS



ATTEST: AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200

SALEM, INDIANA 47167

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PTBOA BOARD APPOINTMENT

THE PTBOA BOARD HAS A VACANCY FROM THE RESIGNATION OF SID DYE. ASSESSOR SHERRY WINGLER SUBMITTED TWO NAMES AS POSSIBLE PEOPLE TO FILL THE VACANCY. THE TWO INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED WERE ANGELA MEAD AND SHIRLEY BATT. IN ORDER TO STAY IN THE GUIDELINES OF HAVING SOMEONE SERVE FROM EACH PARTY, IT WAS RECOMMENDED TO APPOINT SHIRLEY BATT. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT SHIRLEY BATT TO THE PTBOA BOARD. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

MAX GAMBLE APPEARED ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION TO THANK THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE DONATION OF MONEY FROM THE ARP FUNDS LAST YEAR AND WOULD ALSO LIKE TO REQUEST ANOTHER ROUND OF MONEY IF FEASIBLE. IT WAS DISCUSSED THAT AT THIS TIME THERE WILL NOT BE ANOTHER ROUND OF MONEY TO GO TO FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

BEREAVEMENT ORDINANCE CLARIFICATION FOR EMS

DUE TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY NOT BEING VERY CLEAR ON HOW MUCH TIME EMS EMPLOYEES SHOULD GET FOR BEREAVEMENT TIME, THE AUDITORS OFFICE ASKED FOR AN ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY THE TIME THEY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO TAKE. WHEN ACCRUING TIME, EMS EMPLOYEE'S DAY IS CONSIDERED TWELVE HOURS. THE HANDBOOK STATES EMPLOYEES RECEIVE THREE DAYS OF BEREAVEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS. WITH THAT BEING SAID, EMS EMPLOYEES WOULD RECEIVE 36 HOURS OF BEREAVEMENT TIME. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED BEREAVEMENT ORDINANCE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

HWC PROVIDED A CLOSEOUT AGREEMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT. THIS IS DONE EVERY YEAR AT THE END OF THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS PROJECT.

STORM DAMAGE CLAIMS

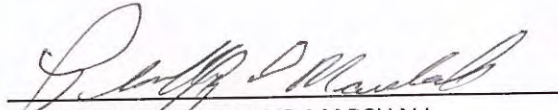
CLAIMS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED FOR THE STORM DAMAGE TO LIBERTY MUTUAL AND THE ADJUSTOR HAS BEEN TO EACH SITE. THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE HAS SUBMITTED ALL QUOTES EXCEPT FOR THE GENERATOR REPAIR AND THE BLEACHER REPAIR. ONCE THOSE QUOTES COME IN THOSE WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT.

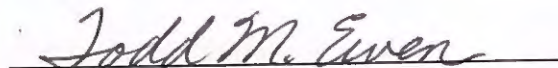
OPIOID SETTLEMENT

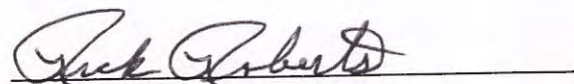
MYRA ALBERTSON WOULD LIKE TO GET MORE INFORMATION OUT TO THE PUBLIC ABOUT THIS OPIOID FUNDS THAT HAS BEEN RECEIVED. THEY HAVE AN APPLICATION THAT CAN BE FILLED OUT FOR CONSIDERATION OF RECEIVING THESE FUNDS. LEADER PUBLISHING HAS CEASED PRINTING A PAPER BUT SHE WOULD LIKE THEM TO ADVERTISE FOR THESE FUNDS. SHE WAS ALSO INSTRUCTED TO CHECK WITH LAWRENCE COUNTY TIMES AND CROTHERSVILLE TIMES ABOUT ADVERTISING.

MS. ALBERTSON WOULD LIKE THE COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE LIGHTING PROBLEM FOR THEIR PARKING LOT AT THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING. SHE STATES THE PARKING LOT IS VERY DARK AND THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE LIGHTING FOR THIS AREA. THE COMMISSIONERS WILL LOOK IN TO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE WITH THE LIGHTING.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND, COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS


ATTEST: AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER SPECIAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT
4330 E MARTINSBURG FIRE RD
PEKIN, IN 47165

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET AT THE ABOVE LOCATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN REGARDS TO JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIRE WANTING TO FORM A FIRE DISTRICT. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN, COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS, AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON AND DEPUTY AUDITOR MICHELE FLEENOR. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL OPENED UP THE FLOOR FOR DISCUSSION.

JOHN MERK QUESTIONED WHAT IT MEANS TO FORM A FIRE DISTRICT AND HOW IT WOULD BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP. IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT A FIRE DISTRICT GIVES MORE MONEY TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND TAKES CONTROL AWAY FROM THE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE. THE FIRE DISTRICT WOULD THEN HAVE TO FORM A BOARD OF THREE TO SEVEN MEMBERS WHICH ARE APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSIONERS. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL EXPLAINED THIS DOES NOT GUARANTEE FASTER RESPONSE TIME AS IT WILL REMAIN AS A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

ROY DICK AND BILL AND CHERYL YATES ASKED HOW MANY TRUCKS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OWN AND NATE THOMPSON RESPONDED THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OWNS FIVE TRUKS AND THE REMAINING TRUCKS ARE OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP. CHERYL YATES QUESTIONED IF HAVING THE FIRE DISTRICT WOULD AFFECT THE ISO RATING ON HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE. NATE THOMPSON BELIEVES THEY WILL HAVE ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY TO QUALIFY TO BE A FIRE DISTRICT WHICH IS A REQUIREMENT. JUNIOR SULLIVAN HAD RESEARCHED WHETHER AN INDIVIDUALS INSURANCE RATES WOULD GO DOWN IF THEY LIVE IN A FIRE DISTRICT AND HE BELIEVES WILL NOT MAKE IT GO DOWN.

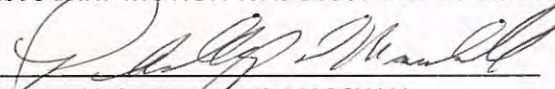
LARRY TEMPLE QUESTION WHAT THE EFFECT ON PROPERTY TAXES WOULD BE. DEPUTY AUDITOR MICHELE FLEENOR EXPLAINED IT WOULD NOT BE THE SAME ACROSS THE BOARD AND IT WOULD DEPEND ON THE HOMEOWNERS ASSESSED VALUE. AFTER HAVING HAD A DISCUSSION WITH DLGF A FEW WEEKS AGO SHE EXPLAINED IT WOULD TAKE THE NET ASSESSED VALUE TIMES THE FIRE DISTRICT RATE SET BY THE STATE AND DIVIDE IT BY ONE HUNDRED. AT THIS TIME THERE IS NO WAY TO KNOW FOR SURE WHAT EACH INDIVIDUALS INCREASE WOULD BE BUT THEY WOULD SEE AN INCREASE.

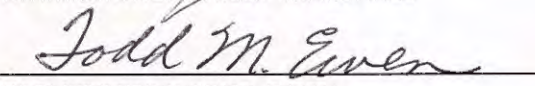
BILLY STEWART ASKED IF THE FIREMEN WOULD RECEIVE A SALARY IF THERE WER TO BE A FIRE DISTRICT. THEY CURRENTLY DO NOT GET A SALARY, BUT IF A FIRE DISTRICT IS FORMED THEY WOULD LOOK AT MIRRORING OFF OF BROWN-VERNON FIRE DISTRICT TO SET UP A REIMBURSEMENT FOR GOING ON RUNS. IF THEY WERE TO GET THE FUNDING, THEY WOULD LIKE TO POSSIBLY HAVE TWO PEOPLE AT THE STATION DAILY FOR APPROXIMATELY EIGHT HOURS.

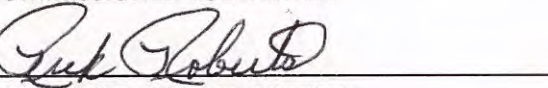
JASON CARR QUESTIONED IF A BOARD HAS TO BE MADE FOR THE FIRE DISTRICT, IF IT REQUIRED THE MEMBERS HAD TO HAVE FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPERIENCE. BROWN VERNON'S FIRE BOARD DOES NOT CONSIST OF INDIVIDUALS WITH FIRE BACKGROUND SO IT IS BELIEVED THEY DO NOT HAVE TO.

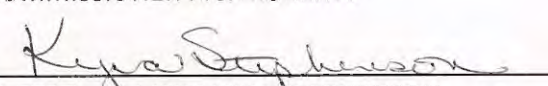
CHRIS MEEK WORKS FOR A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY THAT DOES WATER LINE PROJECTS AND HE BELIEVES THE INFAStructure WILL NOT SUPPORT THE WATER CAPACITY NEEDED TO PLACE HYDRANTS IN THIS AREA.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


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ATTEST: AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

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SALEM, INDIANA 47167

OCTOBER 2, 2023

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL MET ON OCTOBER 2, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M. THE MEETING WAS LOCATED AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE 99 PUBLIC SQUARE SUITE 200 SALEM, INDIANA. IN ATTENDANCE WERE COUNCILMEMBERS PRESTON SHELL, KEELEY STINGEL, RONDALE BRISHABER, JOE WALKER, GERALD FLEMING, MARK ABBOTT, KAREN WISCHMEIER, ATTORNEY JOHN MEAD, COMMISSIONERS PHIL MARSHALL, TODD EWEN, RICK ROBERTS, AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON AND DEPUTY AUDITOR MICHELE FLEENOR.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT STINGEL CALLED THE COUNCIL TO ORDER.

COMMISSIONER VICE PRESIDENT ROBERTS CALLED THE COMMISSIONERS TO ORDER.

COUNCILMEMBER WALKER LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED BY PRAYER LED BY COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING.

COUNCILMEMBER SHELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ALL PREVIOUS COUNCIL MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT.

GIBSON TOWNSHIP

THE COUNCIL HELD A PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION REGARDING THE GIBSON TOWNSHIP 2024 BUDGET. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS RECEIVED. COUNCILMEMBER BRISHABER MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SHELL. THE MOTION PASSED. COUNCILMEMBER SHELL MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE GIBSON TOWNSHIP 2024 BUDGET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRISHABER. THE MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBER WISCHMEIER ABSTAINING.

SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

COUNCILMEMBER BRISHABER MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE CORONER DEPUTY RESERVE (1000.10501.0007) TO \$250.00 PER CASE AND WILL BE PAID THROUGH ACCOUNTS PAYABLE EFFECTIVE 9-11-2023. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT. THE MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBER WISCHMEIER OPPOSING.

COUNCILMEMBER BRISHABER MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE SHERIFF MERIT DEPUTIES TO READ "A STARTING DEPUTY SALARY SHALL BE THE FOLLOWING ON THE DEPUTY'S HIRE DATE: YEAR 1 \$44,980; YEAR 2 \$46,329 PLUS ANY SALARY INCREASES GIVEN BY COUNCIL; YEAR 3 \$47,719 PLUS ANY SALARY INCREASES GIVEN BY COUNCIL; YEAR 4 AND THE YEARS THEREAFTER THE SALARY WILL FOLLOW THE YEARLY COUNTY SALARY INCREASES GIVEN BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL." THIS AMENDMENT IS RETROACTIVE BACK TO 8-15-2023. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT. THE MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBER WISCHMEIER OPPOSING.

2024 BUDGET ADOPTIONS

COUNCILMEMBER BRISHABER MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2024 BLUE RIVER FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SHELL. THE MOTION PASSED.

COUNCILMEMBER BRISHABER MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2024 BROWN VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WALKER. THE MOTION PASSED.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2024 DELANEY CREEK CONSERVANCY BUDGET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SHELL. THE MOTION PASSED.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2024 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BUDGET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WALKER. THE MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBER SHELL ABSTAINING.

COUNCILMEMBER BRISHABER MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2024 WASHINGTON COUNTY BUDGET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SHELL. THE MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBER WISCHMEIER OPPOSING.

2024 SALARY ORDINANCE

COUNCILMEMBER BRISHABER MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2024 SALARY ORDINANCE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING. THE MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBER WISCHMEIER OPPOSING.

BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS

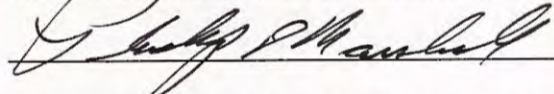
COUNCIL PRESIDENT STINGEL GAVE UPDATES AND INFORMATION ON THE READI 2.0 GRANT. COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING ASKED ABOUT THE INCREASE IN PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING.

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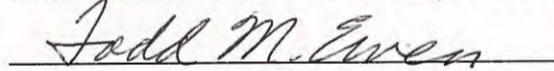
DARREN BATES APPEARED BEFORE THE COUNCIL TO DISCUSS NEW REVENUE AVENUES WITH LOCAL INCOME TAXES. ONE OF THE NEW ALLOCATIONS IS A PERCENTAGE ALLOTMENT TO EMS. BATES ALSO DISCUSSED TAX CAPS AND HOW LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE LOSING MORE FUNDING EVERY YEAR. COUNCIL PRESIDENT STINGEL ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY BUDGETING STRATEGIES OR ADVICE FOR THE COUNCIL. BATES STATED IT LOOKED LIKE WASHINGTON COUNTY WAS DOING EVERYTHING IT COULD AND THE ONLY NEW REVENUE WOULD COME FROM RAISING THE INCOME TAX RATE. THE COUNCIL ALL AGREED THAT THEY ARE NOT IN FAVOR OF RAISING TAXES.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND, COUNCILMEMBER BRISHABER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SHELL. THE MOTION PASSED.

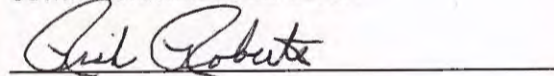
COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. THE MOTION PASSED.



COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, PRESIDENT



COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN



COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS

COMMISSIONER MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2023
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200
SALEM, INDIANA 47167

THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD AT 10:00 A.M. PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN, COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS, AND AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON. THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFY THAT THE ONLY ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) INITIATION OF LITIGATION OR LITIGATION THAT IS EITHER PENDING OR HAS BEEN THREATENED SPECIIFCALLY IN WRITING, I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1-(9) TO DISCUSS JOB EVALUATION OR INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES AND I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6)(A) TO RECEIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING AN EMPLOYEE'S ALLEGED MISCONDUCT AND/OR ANY OTHER MATTER SUBJECT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION STATE IN I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) ET. SEQ.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS FOLLOWED BY A PRAYER LED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN.

COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

ORDINANCE AMENDING SHERIFFS SALE FEE

~~SRI PROVIDED AN AMENDED SHERIFF SALE PROGRAM FEE. THE AMENDMENT STATES THE COUNTY AGREES TO PAY SRI \$180.00 PER PRAECIPE AND DECREE. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ORDINANCE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.~~

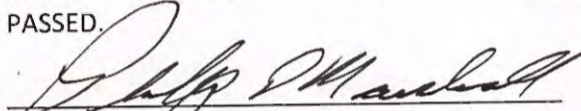
TARA FAWBUSH – COMPLAINT ON SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT

MS. FAWBUSH WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

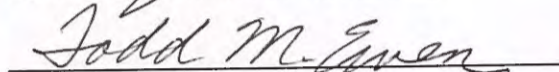
KNAPP MILLER BROWN

THE CURRENT PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE IS \$5,000.00 PER LOCATION. ZACK RICHARDS WILL BE GETTING QUOTES TOGETHER FOR \$1,000.00 PER LOCATION.

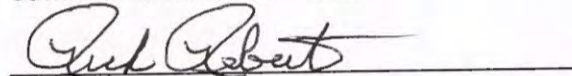
WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND, COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.




 COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL



 COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN



 COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS



 ATTEST: AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING
~~OCTOBER 9, 2023~~
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200
SALEM, INDIANA 47167

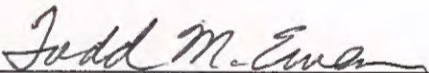
WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD A SPECIAL MEETING TO APPOINT NEW LEGAL COUNSEL IN THE VACANCY OF ATTORNEY DUSTIN HOWARD. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN, AND AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON.

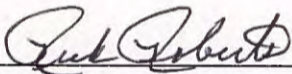
THE MEETING WAS OPENED BY A PLEDGE TO THE FLAG LEAD BY AUDITOR STEPHENSON FOLLOWED BY A PRAYER BY COMMISSIONER EWEN.

ATTORNEY DUSTIN HOWARD VACATED HIS SEAT AS ATTORNEY FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2023. THE COMMISSIONERS REACHED OUT TO CLLB LAW ATTORNEY STEVEN LANGDON TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF CLLB LAW TAKING OVER THE DUTIES OF ATTORNEY. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, CLLB LAW PROVIDED A CONTRACT FOR REVIEW. AFTER REVIEWING THE CONTRACT COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONTRACT FROM CLLB LAW TO BE THE LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE COUNTY. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND, COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS


ATTEST: AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING

OCTOBER 17, 2023

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200
SALEM, INDIANA 47167

THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD AT 8:00 A.M. PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN, COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS, ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER, AND AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON. THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFY THAT THE ONLY ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) INITIATION OF LITIGATION OR LITIGATION THAT IS EITHER PENDING OR HAS BEEN THREATENED SPECIIFICALLY IN WRITING, I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1-(9) TO DISCUSS JOB EVALUATION OR INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES AND I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6)(A) TO RECEIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING AN EMPLOYEE'S ALLEGED MISCONDUCT AND/OR ANY OTHER MATTER SUBJECT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION STATE IN I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) ET. SEQ.

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CCOMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL INTRODUCED THE NEW ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER. SHE WILL SERVE AS THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ATTORNEY IN THE VACANCY OF ATTORNEY DUSTIN HOWARD.

RADIUS – JEFF QUYLE

MR QUYLE GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE MONON SOUTH TRAIL. THE SALE OF THE CORRIDOR WAS COMPLETED IN FEBRUARY. CSX CONTRACTORS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON REMOVING THE RAILS AND TIES AND SHOULD BE FINISHED IN NOVEMBER. RADIUS HAS BEGUN DESIGN WORK FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRAIL. THEY WILL USE CRUSHED LIMESTONE TO SURFACE THE TRAILS. THE TRAILS ARE NOT INTENDED FOR USE OF ATV'S. THEY ARE MEANT FOR PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLISTS. NEARLY ALL OF THE COUNTY RAILROAD CROSSINGS HAVE BEEN TAKEN UP AND REGRADED. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS ASKED MR QUYLE TO INSPECT THE CROSSING IN THE NORTHWEST PART OF THE COUNTY AS SOME OF THEM ARE ROUGH. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL QUESTIONED WHO WOULD BE IN CHARGE OF THE RAILROAD BRIDGES IF THERE BECOMES A LOGJAM. MR QUYLE INFORMED THE COMMISSIONERS IT WOULD BE RADIUS WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE TO CLEAN UP THE LOGJAMS. THE TRAILS WILL BE NINE TO TEN FEET WIDE AND EMERGENCY PERSONNEL AND VEHICLES SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE ACCESS IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES.

RDA APPOINTMENT

JOHN JONES SUBMITTED A LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM THE RDA BOARD. CHRIS FORDYCE HAS BEEN NAMED AS A POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT CHRIS FORDYCE TO THE RDA BOARD. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

JOHNSON CONTROLS – COURTHOUSE ATTIC FIRE PROTECTION

JOHNSON CONTROLS SUBMITTED A QUOTE FOR FIRE PROTECTION IN THE ATTIC OF THE COURTHOUSE. THE COST OF THE AGREEMENT IS \$4,095.00. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE QUOTE. COMMISSIONER EWEN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 2-1 WITH COMMISSIONER ROBERTS OPPOSED.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

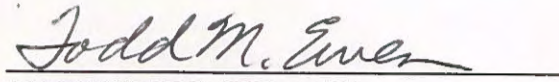
SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES PROVIDED AN AGREEMENT FROM CIVIL CON EXPLAINING THE BIDS THEY SUBMITTED FOR THE 2023 YEAR WOULD BE THE SAME BIDS FOR THE YEAR 2024. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

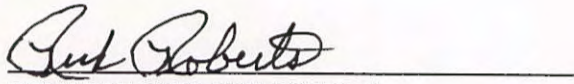
JENNIFER BOWERS

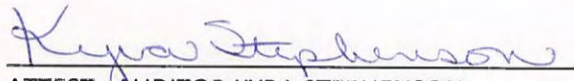
MS. BOWERS SERVES ON THE BOARD OF OUTSIDE THE WALLS AND IS ALSO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE. OUTSIDE THE WALLS IS HAVING INDIVIDUALS COMING TO THEM ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE THAT SHE BELIEVES SHOULD BE GIVEN BY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES. TRUSTEES RECEIVE MONEY FROM THE STATE TO HELP INDIVIDUALS IN NEED. SHE BELIEVES SEVERAL OF THE TOWNSHIPS ARE NOT DISBURSING THE MONEY APPROPRIATELY. COMMISSIONERS ADVISED HER TO TALK TO JUNIOR SULLIVAN AND STEVE ANDERSON.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND, COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS


ATTEST: AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING

NOVEMBER 7, 2023

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200
SALEM, INDIANA 47167

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COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

OPIOID MONEY REQUEST

THE JRAC BOARD HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM JUDGE DUSTIN HOUCHIN FOR THE OPIOID FUNDS. THE JRAC BOARD HAS REVIEWED THE APPLICATION AND HAS RECOMMENDED TO THE COMMISSIONERS TO APPROVE THE FUNDS. THE REQUEST IS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00 FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT PROGRAM. THE MONEY WILL BE USED TO DIRECT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE EXHIBITING WHAT APPEAR TO BE MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS WHEN THEY HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AND ARRIVE AT THE JAIL. THE REQUEST ASKS THAT \$20,000.00 COME FROM RESTRICTED FUNDS AND \$10,000.00 COME OUT OF THE UNRESTRICTED FUNDS. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE FUNDING TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT PROGRAM. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

THE FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION ONCE AGAIN CAME REQUESTING FUNDING FROM THE ARP FUNDS. THE ARP TASK FORCE HAD APPROVED ANOTHER ROUND OF MONEY AT THE END OF 2023 AND SENT IT TO THE COMMISSIONER'S FOR THEIR FINAL APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER'S STATED AT THAT TIME IF FUNDS WERE AVAILABLE, THEY WOULD POSSIBLY APPROVE ANOTHER ROUND. WITH OTHER REQUESTS BEING FULFILLED THE COMMISSIONER'S ONCE AGAIN TOLD MEMBERS OF THE FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH MONEY LEFT TO DO A SECOND ROUND.

DAVID LYLES

DAVID LYLES ASKED TO BE ON THE AGENDA FOR A COMPLAINT ON THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUT DID NOT ATTEND.

WALKER MECHANICAL

GARY LOWE AND CODY PRATT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE WALKER MECHANICAL ADDED TO OUR VENDOR LIST FOR ANY FUTURE MECHANICAL NEEDS. THEY DO HVAC, PLUMBING AND SERVICE GENERATORS. CODY PRATT HAS WORKED WITH HMC WHO CURRENTLY DOES MECHANICAL WORK ON THE GENERATORS. THE COMMISSIONER'S ASKED THEM TO SUBMIT A BID FOR SERVICING THE GENERATORS AND THE HVAC UNITS AT THE JAIL.

HEALTH BOARD RE-APPOINTMENT

THE HEALTH BOARD HAS SENT A RECOMMENDATION TO RE-APPOINT TOM SCIFRES. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO RE-APPOINT TOM SCIFRES TO THE HEALTH BOARD. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

CAPITAL ASSETS ORDINANCE

ATTORNEY GELTMAKER WILL DRAFT AN ORDINANCE REQUESTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS SETTING THE MINIMUM CAPITAL ASSETS TO BE \$500.00. THE ORDINANCE WILL BE FURTHER DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT MEETING ON NOVEMBER 21, 2023.

JENNIFER BOWERS

MONROE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE JENNIFER BOWERS HAS CONTACTED OTHER TRUSTEES TRYING TO SET UP A MEETING TO GET EVERYONE INVOLVED IN HOW FUNDS SHOULD BE SPENT FROM

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES. SHE WOULD LIKE TO GET THE TRUSTEES TOGETHER ONCE A QUARTER. MS. BOWERS ALSO QUESTIONED FIRE DISTRICTS AND THE COMMISSIONERS INSTRUCTED HER TO GET WITH THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION.

RDA APPOINTMENT

THE RDA SENT A FORMAL LETTER REQUESTING THE APPROVAL OF APPOINTING CHRIS FORDYCE IN THE VACANCY OF JOHN JONES FROM THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRIS FORDYCE TO THE RDA BOARD. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

HARDINSBURG SENIOR CENTER

PAM LOCKHART FROM THE HARDINSBURG SENIOR CENTER PROVIDED AN UPDATE. SHE WILL BE HAVING THE UTILITY AND INSURANCE BILLS SENT TO THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE FOR PAYMENT. SHE ALSO ANNOUNCED THE SENIOR CENTER WOULD BE PROVIDING A THANKSGIVING MEAL WITH IN-KIND DONATIONS.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES WANTED TO RESPOND TO A COMMENT MADE ABOUT THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT NOT BEING MAINTAINED AND LET IT BE KNOWN THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE YEARS BUT THEY HAVE SIMPLY OUTGROWN THE CURRENT LOCATION WHICH IS THE REASON FOR POSSIBLY RELOCATING THE DEPARTMENT.

2024 HOLIDAY CALENDAR

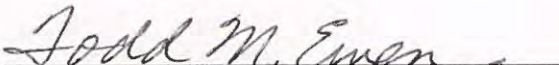
AUDITOR STEPHENSON PROVIDED THE 2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE COMMISSIONER'S APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

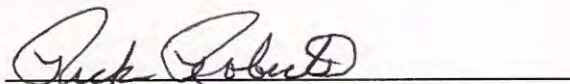
KNAPP MILLER BROWN

THE COMMERCIAL INSURANCE HAS BEEN QUOTED OUT TO SEVERAL DIFFERENT COMPANIES. ASTER INSURANCE COMPANY HAS DECLINED GIVING THE COUNTY A QUOTE BASED ON THE LOSS RATIO AND RISK CONTROL NOT BEING DONE. TRAVELERS INSURANCE HAS ALSO DECLINED A QUOTE DUE TO THE LOSS RATIO AND THE RISK CONTROLS. ZACK RICHARDS WITH KNAPP MILLER BROWN STRESSED THE SHERIFF NEEDS TO PROVIDE THEM WITH A WRITTEN POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL WHICH HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR SEVERAL YEARS. HAVING THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL WOULD MAKE IT MORE ATTRACTIVE TO OTHER INSURANCE CARRIERS AND WOULD ALSO HELP IN POSSIBLY REDUCING THE INSURANCE COST. LIBERTY MUTUAL WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE INSURANCE CARRIER AND WILL DO ANOTHER ROUND OF ANALYSIS.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND, COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS


ATTEST: AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200

SALEM, INDIANA 47167

NOVEMBER 20, 2023

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL MET ON NOVEMBER 20, 2023 AT 8:30 A.M. THE MEETING WAS LOCATED AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE 99 PUBLIC SQUARE SUITE 200 SALEM, INDIANA. IN ATTENDANCE WERE COUNCILMEMBERS PRESTON SHELL, RONDALE BRISHABER, JOE WALKER, GERALD FLEMING, MARK ABBOTT, KAREN WISCHMEIER, COMMISSIONERS PHIL MARSHALL, TODD EWEN, RICK ROBERTS, ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER, AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON AND DEPUTY AUDITOR MICHELE FLEENOR. COUNCILMEMBER KEELEY STINGEL WAS ABSENT.

COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT BRISHABER CALLED THE COUNCIL TO ORDER.

COMMISSIONER PRESIDENT MARSHALL CALLED THE COMMISSIONERS TO ORDER.

COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED BY PRAYER LED BY COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING.

STATEWIDE 911

SHERIFF BRENT MILLER AND 911 DIRECTOR DESI ALEXANDER APPEARED BEFORE THE COUNCIL TO REQUEST THAT THE 911 AND EMA POSITION BE SPLIT INTO TWO DIFFERENT POSITIONS. SHERIFF MILLER BELIEVES THE EMA POSITION COULD BE PART TIME AT THIS TIME BUT THE 911 DIRECTOR WOULD NEED TO BE FULL TIME. ONE APPLICATION WAS RECEIVED WHEN THE POSITION WAS ADVERTISED AS A JOINT POSITION AND THAT APPLICANT IS ONLY INTERESTED IN THE EMA POSITION PART TIME. THE CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL IS TO MAKE A DECISION AT THEIR DECEMBER MEETING.

COMMISSIONERS

THE COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSED THE HIGHWAY PROJECT WITH THE COUNCIL. COMMISSIONER EWEN OUTLINED THE FOUR MAIN REASONS FOR NEEDING A NEW HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

- *OUTGROWN THE CURRENT FACILITY
- *GROUND WATER ISSUES
- *FUEL TANKS
- *TRAFFIC

THE CONSENSUS IN MARCH FROM THE COUNCIL WAS A PROJECT COST OF \$4,000,000.00. THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE BEEN WORKING IN THE SCOPING PERIOD WITH THE DEVELOPER AND ENGINEER TO TRY AND MEET THAT COST BUT THE COST HOLDS AT \$4,800,000.00. THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE TRIMMED THE PROJECT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. THE COMMISSIONERS ARE REQUESTING \$800,000.00 FROM THE CAGIT FUND (1110) TO HELP FUND THE PROJECT. THE COMMISSIONERS WOULD THEN NEED TO FINANCE \$2,000,000.00. FIRST SAVINGS BANK REPRESENTATIVE AARON WELLER DISCUSSED BORROWING AGAINST EXISTING INVESTMENT FUNDS WITH TAX EXEMPT STATUS WHICH WOULD YIELD AN INTEREST RATE OF 5.73% AND A PAYMENT OF \$357,529.00 PER YEAR FOR SEVEN YEARS.

THE QUOTE OF \$4,800,000.00 IS CORRECT UNTIL DECEMBER 15, 2023.

COUNCILMEMBER SHELL STATED THE BANK FINANCING LOOKED GOOD BUT THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO DECIDE EXACTLY HOW MUCH TO SPEND. SHELL ALSO ASKED IF THE OFFICE NEEDED TO BE THAT BIG.

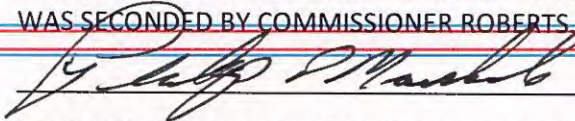
COUNCILMEMBER BRISHABER WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO DARREN BATES CONCERNING THE LOSS OF REVENUE WITH THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION CHANGES.

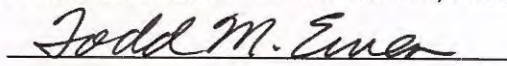
THE COUNCIL THANKED THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TIME THEY HAVE PUT INTO THE PROJECT.

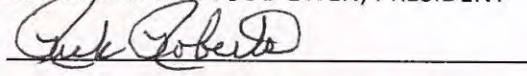
THE COUNCIL STATED THEY WOULD MAKE A DECISION AT THEIR DECEMBER MEETING.

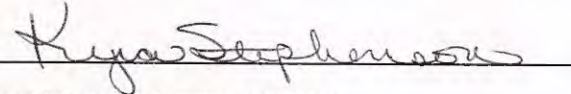
WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND, COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WISCHMEIER. THE MOTION PASSED.

COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE COMMISSIONERS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. THE MOTION PASSED.


 COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, PRESIDENT


 COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN, PRESIDENT


 COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS, PRESIDENT

ATTEST: 
 AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING
 NOVEMBER 21, 2023
 WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
 99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200
 SALEM, INDIANA 47167

THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD AT 8:00 A.M. PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN, COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS, ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER, AND AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON. THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFY THAT THE ONLY ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) INITIATION OF LITIGATION OR LITIGATION THAT IS EITHER PENDING OR HAS BEEN THREATENED SPECIIFICALLY IN WRITING, I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1-(9) TO DISCUSS JOB EVALUATION OR INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES AND I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6)(A) TO RECEIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING AN EMPLOYEE'S ALLEGED MISCONDUCT AND/OR ANY OTHER MATTER SUBJECT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION STATE IN I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) ET. SEQ.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS FOLLOWED BY A PRAYER LED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN.

CCOMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

MECHANICAL BIDS

TWO BIDS WERE RECEIVED FOR MECHANICAL WORK ON THE HVAC UNITS AND GENERATOR AT THE JAIL. THOSE SUBMITTING BIDS WERE WALKER MECHANICAL AND HMC. WALKER MECHANICAL PROVIDED A TWO-YEAR TERM AT \$23,110.00 A YEAR. HMC PROVIDED A COST OF \$24,312.00 A YEAR. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM WALKER MECHANICAL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL ASSET POLICY

THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS HAS ADVISED THE COUNTY ADOPT A CAPITAL ASSET POLICY. THE POLICY ENABLES THE COUNTY TO KEEP TRACK OF INVENTORY OWNED BY THE COUNTY. THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF ASSET TO REPORT SET BY THE POLICY IS \$500.00. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE CAPITAL ASSET POLICY. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES PROVIDED AN ON-CALL SERVICE AGREEMENT FROM FLECK ENGINEERING. THEY PROVIDE GENERAL ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS MATCHING GRANT. SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES RECOMMENDS USING FLECK ENGINEERING FOR PREPARATION OF THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS MATCHING GRANT. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT FLECK ENGINEERING UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES INFORMED THE COMMISSIONERS HE WISHES TO STEP DOWN AS SUPERINTENDENT. HE HAS BEEN SUPERINTENDENT FOR 6 YEARS BUT FEELS HE WOULD RATHER GO BACK TO BEING A MECHANIC. HE WILL STAY ON AS SUPERINTENENT UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR AND WILL HELP WITH THE TRANSITION OF A NEW SUPERINTENDENT.

KNAPP MILLER BROWN

~~ZACK RICHARDS PROVIDED THE IPEP REVIEW. THERE HAS BEEN 36 CLAIMS SINCE 2020. YEAR 2023, THE COUNTY HAS SPENT \$69,692.98 IN WORKERS COMP CLAIMS. COMMISSIONER EWEN ASKED FOR A REPORT OF WHAT DEPARTMENTS THE REPORTS COME FROM AND THE DATES.~~

COMMERCIAL INSURANCE HAS BEEN BID OUT WITH LIBERTY MUTUAL BEING THE ONLY ONE TO PROVIDE A RESPONSE. THERE WAS NOT MUCH SUCCESS IN GETTING OTHER COMPANIES TO BID DUE TO THE COUNTIES LOSS RATIOS. MR RICHARDS WILL HAVE THE COST OF INSURANCE FOR 2024 AT THE DECEMBER 5, 2023 MEETING.

DELANEY CREEK WATERSHED APPOINTMENTS

ATTORNEY DUSTIN HOWARD SUBMITTED APPOINTMENTS TO THE DELANEY CREEK WATERSHED. THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO FILL THE BOARD WERE GALEN NELSON, JOE KACHNAVAGE, AND BRIAN CLARK. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT THE MEMBERS AS RECOMMENDED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

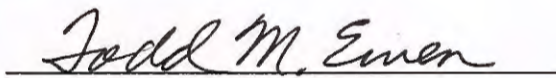
2024 COMMISSIONER MEETING SCHEDULE

AUDITOR STEPHENSON PROVIDED A LIST OF MEETING DATES FOR THE 2024 YEAR. THE COMMISSIONERS WILL MEET THE FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

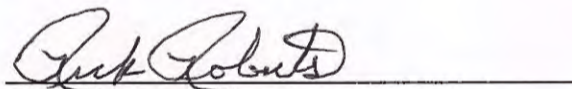
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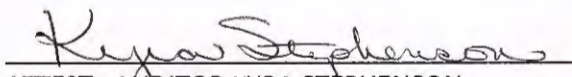
COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL



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ATTEST: AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200

SALEM, INDIANA 47167

DECEMBER 4, 2023

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN JOINT SESSION WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON DECEMBER 4, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M. THE MEETING WAS LOCATED AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE 99 PUBLIC SQUARE SUITE 200 SALEM, INDIANA. IN ATTENDANCE WERE COUNCILMEMBERS KEELEY STINGEL, RONDALE BRISHABER, JOE WALKER, MARK ABBOTT, KAREN WISCHMEIER, COMMISSIONERS PHIL MARSHALL, TODD EWEN, RICK ROBERTS, ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER, ATTORNEY JOHN MEAD, AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON AND DEPUTY AUDITOR MICHELE FLEENOR. COUNCILMEMBERS PRESTON SHELL AND GERALD FLEMING WERE ABSENT.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT STINGEL CALLED THE COUNCIL TO ORDER.

COMMISSIONER PRESIDENT MARSHALL CALLED THE COMMISSIONERS TO ORDER.

COUNCILMEMBER BRISHABER LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED BY PRAYER LED BY COUNCILMEMBER WALKER.

COUNCILMEMBER BRISHABER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 6, 2023 AND THE NOVEMBER 20, 2023 COUNCIL MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WALKER. THE MOTION PASSED.

PROSECUTOR – TRANSFERS

PROSECUTOR TARA COATS HUNT CAME BEFORE THE COUNCIL TO REQUEST UNUSED SALARY AMOUNTS BE TRANSFERRED TO OFFICE SUPPLIES. THE FUNDS WOULD BE USED FOR NEW FLOORING AND PAINT. COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRISHABER. THE MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER RYAN BOWER CAME BEFORE THE COUNCIL TO REQUEST AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2024 SALARY ORDINANCE. BOWER WOULD LIKE LEGAL SECRETARY 2 TO HAVE A SALARY OF \$37,500.00 AS THE SENIOR LEGAL SECRETARY AND LEGAL SECRETARY 3 HAVE A SALARY OF \$35,000.00. COUNCILMEMBER WALKER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT. THE MOTION PASSED.

STATEWIDE 911 AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT TO SEPARATE THE POSITIONS. THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR WOULD HAVE A SALARY OF \$25,000.00 AND THE STATEWIDE 911 DIRECTOR WOULD HAVE A SALARY OF \$50,000.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRISHABER. THE MOTION PASSED.

2024 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

COUNCILMEMBER BRISHABER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2024 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT. THE MOTION PASSED.

DORMANT FUND CLOSURE

COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE FUNDS 8105 AND 8116 DUE TO BEING DORMANT FOR MORE THAN FIVE YEARS. THE MONIES TOTALING \$22.25 WILL BE RECEIPTED INTO THE GENERAL FUND. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WALKER. THE MOTION PASSED.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT

COUNCILMEMBER BRISHABER MADE A MOTION TO TABLE A VOTE ON THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WISCHMEIER. THE COUNCIL HELD A DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE COST OF THE PROJECT AND FINANCING. THE MOTION TO TABLE PASSED. A SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE SET FOR DECEMBER 11, 2023.

JOHN MEAD

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Phillip Marshall

COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

Todd M. Ewen

COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

Rick Roberts

COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS

ATTEST: Kyra Stephenson

AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2023
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200
SALEM, INDIANA 47167

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2024 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BIDS

RILEY OIL COMPANY:

- UNLEADED 89 OCTANE - \$2.647
- #2 UNDYED ULSD FUEL - \$3.226

ROGERS GROUP:

- #2 STONE - \$12.86 PER TON
- #4 STONE - \$15.10 PER TON
- #5 STONE - \$17.45 PER TON
- #7 STONE - \$11.81 PER TON
- #8 STONE - \$16.75 PER TON
- #9 STONE - \$17.10 PER TON
- #11 STONE - \$17.85 PER TON
- #12 STONE - \$16.23 PER TON
- #53 STONE - \$12.60 PER TON
- #73 STONE - \$12.60 PER TON
- RIP RAP - \$18.75
- 6" RIP RAP - \$18.85

DELIVERED -

- #2 STONE - \$24.86 PER TON
- #4 STONE - \$27.10 PER TON
- #5 STONE - \$29.45 PER TON
- #7 STONE - \$23.81 PER TON
- #8 STONE - \$28.75 PER TON
- #9 STONE - \$29.10 PER TON
- #11 STONE - \$29.85 PER TON
- #12 STONE - \$28.23 PER TON
- #53 STONE - \$24.60 PER TON
- #73 STONE - \$24.60 PER TON

RIP RAP - \$30.25
6" RIP RAP - \$30.85

MAC CONSTRUCTION: HOT MIX BASE - \$47.00
HOT MIX INTERMEDIATE - \$56.00
SURFACE - \$60.00

PETROLEUM TRADERS: 89 OCTANE UNLEADED - \$2.2167
DIESEL 1 - \$3.3731
DIESEL 1 RED DYE - \$3.3830
DIESEL 2 - \$2.4960
DIESEL 2 RED DYE - \$2.5010

PREMIER ENERGY: UNLEADED - \$2.6118
DIESEL 1 - \$3.956
DIESEL 2 - 3.1755

CAVE QUARRIES: #53 STONE - \$8.15 PER TON
#73 STONE - \$8.15 PER TON
#2 STONE - \$10.00 PER TON
#4 & #5 STONE - \$10.00 PER TON
#7 STONE - \$10.50 PER TON
#8 STONE - \$10.75 PER TON
#9 STONE - \$11.75 PER TON
#11 STONE - \$12.00 PER TON
FILL STONE/AG LIME - \$8.00 PER TON
6" FILL - \$11.75 PER TON
SHOT ROCK - \$11.50 PER TON
RIP RAP - \$12.25 PER TON
DELIVERY #11 - \$8.05 PER TON

IMI: SAND AND GRAVEL - \$10.70 PER TON

IMI SELLERSBURG: #2 STONE - \$12.50 PER TON
#5 STONE - \$13.50 PER TON
#8 STONE - \$15.75 PER TON
#53 STONE - \$11.35 PER TON
#73 STONE - \$11.35 PER TON
CRUSHER - \$14.85 PER TON
RIP RAP - \$14.95 PER TON
SURGE ROCK - \$12.75 PER TON
DELIVERY #11 - \$10.75 PER TON
AG LIME - \$9.85 PER TON
SHOT ROCK - \$9.85 PER TON
#11 STONE - \$16.90 PER TON

IMI CORYDON: #2 STONE - \$12.00 PER TON
#5 STONE - \$13.00 PER TON
#8 STONE - \$15.00 PER TON
#9 STONE - \$17.00 PER TON
#11 STONE - \$15.00 PER TON
SHOT ROCK - \$15.90 PER TON
#53 & #73 STONE - \$11.60 PER TON
CRUSHER - \$18.80 PER TON
AG LIME - \$10.05 PER TON
RIP RAP - \$19.05 PER TON
SURGE - \$11.55 PER TON
DELIVERY - \$10.00 PER TON

DAVIS CRUSHED STONE: #2 STONE - \$9.00 PER TON
#5 STONE - \$9.50 PER TON
#9 STONE - \$11.00 PER TON
#11 STONE - \$9.50 PER TON
#53 & #73 STONE - \$8.50 PER TON
SHOT ROCK - \$7.50 PER TON
RIP RAP - \$11.00 PER TON
CRUSHED LIME - \$7.00 PER TON
AG LIME - \$8.00 PER TON
CRUSHER - \$8.50 PER TON
DELIVERY - \$120.00 PER HOUR

MULZER CRUSHED STONE: #2,4,5,7,8 STONE - \$15.00 PER TON

#9 STONE - \$16.10 PER TON
 #11 STONE - \$15.90 PER TON
 #12 STONE - \$16.50 PER TON
 #53 & #73 STONE - \$12.80 PER TON
 RIP RAP - \$15.20 PER TON
 #92 STONE - \$10.00 PER TON
 DELIVERY #11 - \$27.05 PER TON

ROBERTSON CRUSHED STONE: #2 STONE - \$11.80 PER TON
 #5 STONE - \$12.60 PER TON
 #8 STONE - \$12.90 PER TON
 #9 STONE - \$14.10 PER TON
 #11 & #12 STONE - \$14.80 PER TON
 #43 STONE - \$11.80 PER TON
 #91 STONE - \$14.80 PER TON
 #53 & #73 STONE - \$11.80 PER TON
 SHOT ROCK - \$8.40 PER TON
 RIP RAP - \$18.90 PER TON
 AG CRUSHED LIME - \$7.40 PER TON
 SAND - \$15.20 PER TON
 SURGE - \$8.40 PER TON
 CRUSHER - \$11.80 PER TON
 DELIVERY - \$120.00 PER HOUR

HEIDELBERG MATERIALS: #11 STONE - \$17.45 PER TON
 #9 STONE - \$16.05 PER TON
 #8 STONE - \$14.40 PER TON
 #5 STONE - \$14.50 PER TON
 #53 & #73 STONE - \$12.15 PER TON
 SHOT ROCK - \$13.50 PER TON
 RIP RAP - \$15.40 PER TON
 #2 STONE - \$12.65 PER TON
 DRB - \$12.45 PER TON

CAVE QUARRIES: HOT MIX #11 SURFACE - \$80.00
 HOT MIX #9 SURFACE - \$80.00
 HOT MIX #8 SURFACE - \$80.00
 HOT MIX #11 BINDER - \$77.00
 HOT MIX #8 AND #9 BINDER - \$77.00
 HOT MIX #5 BASE - \$74.00

MAC CONSTRUCTION: COLD MIX - \$140.00 PER TON

TEMPLE AND TEMPLE: COLD MIX - \$120.00 PER TON
 HOT MIX SURFACE - \$67.00 PER TON
 HOT MIX BINDER - \$66.00 PER TON
 SURFACE FURNISHED & APPLIED 1101 TONS AND ABOVE - \$70.00
 SURFACE FURNISHED & APPLIED 801-1100 TONS - \$72.00
 SURFACE FURNISHED & APPLIED 401-800 TONS - \$74.00
 SURFACE FURNISHED & APPLIED UP TO 400 TONS - \$78.00
 BINDER FURNISHED & APPLIED 1200 TONS AND ABOVE - \$68.00
 BINDER FURNISHED & APPLIED 800-1199 TONS - \$69.00
 BINDER FURNISHED & APPLIED 500-799 TONS - \$70.00
 BINDER FURNISHED & APPLIED UP TO 499 TONS - \$74.00

OIL: RS-2 OIL - \$3.55 GALLON
 AE-150 - \$4.80 GALLON
 AE-200 - \$5.20 GALLON
 AEPL - \$4.25 GALLON
 MC-30 FOR TACK - \$13.80 GALLON
 MC-3000 - \$4.25
 CM-150 - \$13.80
 CM-300 - \$13.80
 DUST LAY OIL - \$6.45 GALLON

FLYNN BROTHERS: COLD MIX - \$115.00 TON
 COLD MIX DELIVERED - \$140.00 TON
 COLD MIX 50LB BAG - \$15.00 A BAG

ST REGIS CULVERT INC: AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

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COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL BIDS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

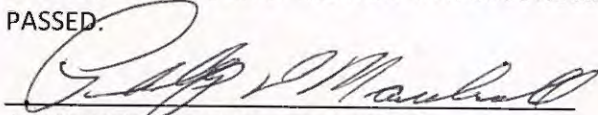
BLUE RIVER COMMISSION RE-APPOINTMENT

BLUE RIVER COMMISSION REQUESTED THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF FREDERICK CHURCHILL AND MATT BOCKTING TO THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF FREDERICK CHURCHILL AND MATT BOCKTING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY TODD EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

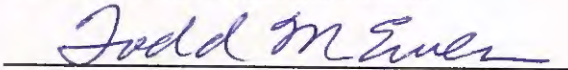
WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC GROWTH DIRECTOR

COMMISSIONER EWEN INTRODUCED ANGIE BANET AS THE NEW WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC GROWTH DIRECTOR. SHE HAS BEEN ON THE JOB FOR A FEW WEEKS NOW AND IS GETTING FAMILIAR WITH HER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

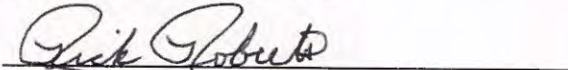
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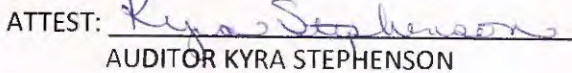
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DECEMBER 11, 2023

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN JOINT SESSION WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON DECEMBER 11, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M. THE MEETING WAS LOCATED AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE 99 PUBLIC SQUARE SUITE 200 SALEM, INDIANA. IN ATTENDANCE WERE COUNCILMEMBERS RONDALE BRISHABER, JOE WALKER, MARK ABBOTT, KAREN WISCHMEIER, GERALD FLEMING, COMMISSIONERS PHIL MARSHALL, TODD EWEN, RICK ROBERTS, ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER, AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON AND DEPUTY AUDITOR MICHELE FLEENOR. COUNCILMEMBERS PRESTON SHELL AND KEELEY STINGEL WERE ABSENT.

COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT BRISHABER CALLED THE COUNCIL TO ORDER.

COMMISSIONER PRESIDENT MARSHALL CALLED THE COMMISSIONERS TO ORDER.

COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED BY PRAYER LED BY COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING.

THE PURPOSED OF THE JOINT MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS AND VOTE ON THE HIGHWAY PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER EWEN POINTED OUT TO THE COUNCIL THAT THEY WERE TOLD THE PROJECT COULD BE \$4 TO \$5 MILLION. THE BOT COMMITTEE HAS SPENT NUMEROUS HOURS ON ENSURING THE COUNTY RECEIVES THE BEST PRICE, WHICH AT THIS TIME IS \$4,800,000.00. THE COUNTY IS IN A UNIQUE SITUATION WITH OUR INVESTMENTS AND THE INTEREST THE INVESTMENTS ARE EARNING TO QUALIFY FOR A COMPETITIVE INTEREST RATE ON A LOAN. EWEN CAUTIONED IF THE PROJECT WERE TO BE HELD OFF UNTIL A LATER TIME THEN THE COUNTY WILL RISK THE COST GOING UP AT LEAST TEN PERCENT PER YEAR.

COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE \$4,800,000.00 STATING THAT TIMING IS EVERYTHING AND IF WE PUT THIS PROJECT OFF THEN IT WILL COST TAXPAYERS MORE MONEY DOWN THE ROAD. ABBOTT AGREES WITH THE COMMISSIONERS AND THERE

HAS BEEN A LOT OF TIME PUT INTO THE PROJECT ALREADY AND FEELS LIKE THE COUNTY IS GOING TO MISS AN OPPORTUNITY IF THE COUNCIL VOTES NO. THE MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

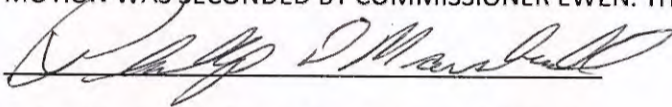
COUNCILMEMBER WISCHMEIER MADE A MOTION TO REJECT THE \$4,800,000.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WALKER. THE REJECTION PASSED 4-1 WITH COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT VOTING AGAINST.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING STATED THE COUNCIL HAS NOT BEEN CONVINCED IT IS A \$4,800,000.00 PROJECT. FLEMING ALSO FEELS THE COUNCIL HAS NOT BEEN KEPT INFORMED ON THE PROJECT WHETHER IT WAS DUE TO FLEMING NOT ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS OR A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COUNCIL BEING ON THE COMMITTEE. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS STATED BRISHABER HAD THE QUOTES AND ASKED IF BRISHABER SHARED THAT INFORMATION WITH THE OTHER COUNCILMEMBERS. COMMISSIONER EWEN STATED THE ENGINEER FOR THE PROJECT WAS AT A COUNCIL MEETING IN FEBRUARY AND INVITED ALL COUNCIL TO CONTACT HIM ANYTIME ABOUT THE PROJECT. COMMISSIONER EWEN WANTED TO KNOW IF ANY OF THE COUNCIL KNEW ENOUGH ABOUT CONSTRUCTION TO SAY IT IS ONLY A \$4 MILLION PROJECT. FLEMING STATED HE HAS TO MAKE A DECISION BASED ON THE INFORMATION HE HAS AVAILABLE AND BELIEVES THE COUNCIL AND COMMISSIONERS CAN WORK TOGETHER TO GET A SOLUTION.

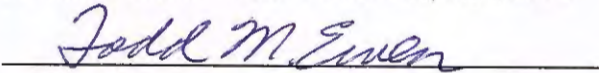
COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE \$4,600,000.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT. THE MOTION FAILED 2-3 WITH COUNCILMEMBERS WISCHMEIER, WALKER AND BRISHABER VOTING AGAINST.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE COUNCIL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WALKER. THE MOTION PASSED.

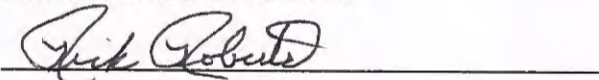
COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE COMMISSIONERS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. THE MOTION PASSED.




COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, PRESIDENT



COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN



COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS

ATTEST: 

AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING
 DECEMBER 19, 2023
 WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
 99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200
 SALEM, INDIANA 47167

THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD AT 8:00 A.M. PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN, COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS, ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER, AND AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON. THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFY THAT THE ONLY ITEMS DISCUSSED WAS I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) INITIATION OF LITIGATION OR LITIGATION THAT IS EITHER PENDING OR HAS BEEN THREATENED SPECIIFICALLY IN WRITING.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS FOLLOWED BY A PRAYER LED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN.

CCOMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIRE

NATE THOMPSON AND REUBEN CUMMINGS APPEARED ONCE AGAIN TO REQUEST THE COMMISSIONERS APPROVE JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIRE BECOMING A FIRE DISTRICT. THE COMMISSIONERS STILL HAVE SEVERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW MAKING JACKSON TOWNSHIP A FIRE DISTRICT WILL BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF THIS AREA. THE RESIDENTS OF THIS AREA WILL NOTICE A TAX INCREASE IF THE TOWNSHIP GOES TO A FIRE DISTRICT. SEVERAL RESIDENTS HAVE REACHED OUT TO COMMISSIONER MARSHALL STATING THEY WERE NOT AWARE OF WHAT THEY WERE SIGNING WHEN THE PETITION WAS BROUGHT AROUND AND ARE NOT IN FAVOR OF THE FIRE DISTRICT. IF THEY BECOME A FIRE DISTRICT, MR THOMPSON SAYS THE EXTRA FUNDS RECEIVED WOULD GO TOWARD COMPENSATING THE FIRE FIGHTERS WHEN THEY GO ON RUNS AND FUND NEW TURN OUT GEAR AS WELL AS DO MAINTENANCE WORK ON THE CURRENT FIRE STATION. THE COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING IN THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM AT THE COURTHOUSE ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.

APPOINTMENT OF 911 AND EMA DIRECTORS

WITH THE RETIREMENT OF DESI ALEXANDER AT THE END OF THE YEAR, THE COUNCIL DECIDED AT THEIR LAST MEETING TO SEPARATE THE DUTIES OF 911 AND EMA. SHERIFF MILLER AND EMA/911 DIRECTOR ALEXANDER RECOMMENDED APPOINTING KELLY SARGENT AS THE 911 DIRECTOR AND DENI STEMPOWSKI AS THE EMA DIRECTOR STARTING JANUARY 1, 2024. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT KELLY SARGENT AS THE 911 DIRECTOR. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT DENI STEMPOWSKI AS THE EMA DIRECTOR. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT APPOINTMENT

CURRENT SUPERINTENDENT RICK VOYLES ANNOUNCED AT A PRIOR MEETING THAT HE WOULD BE STEPPING DOWN EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2023. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT JASON CLODFELTER AS THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

DOG ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 90.04 OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CODES WILL CHANGE THE WORDING FROM SHALL TO MAY. THE ORDINANCE IS IN REFERENCE TO DOGS FOUND RUNNING AT LARGE. ALL DOGS FOUND RUNNING AT LARGE MAY BE IMPOUNDED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE OFFICER/ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO REMOVE SHALL AND ADD MAY TO SECTION 90.04. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

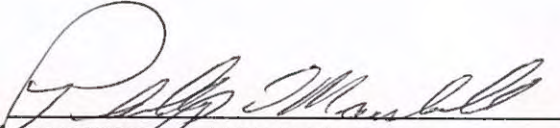
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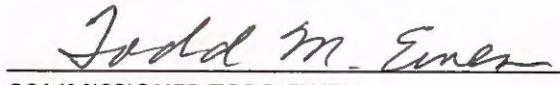
LIBERTY MUTUAL WILL BE DROPPING OUR COMMERCIAL INSURANCE IN FEBRUARY. ZACK RICHARDS STATED A LOT OF THE COUNTIES ARE HAVING THE SAME ISSUES BUT HE IS WORKING WITH BURNAM AND FLOWERS TO GET COVERAGE FOR THE COUNTY. ONE OF THE MAJOR FACTORS IN THE DENIAL OF COVERAGE IS LAW ENFORCEMENT. MR RICHARDS STATED HE MAY HAVE TO GET COVERAGE THROUGH SEVERAL CARRIERS WHICH WILL MAKE THE PREMIUMS HIGHER BUT HOPES TO FIND ONE CARRIER TO TAKE ALL OF THE COVERAGE. HE HOPES TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION AT THE NEXT MEETING JANUARY 3, 2024.

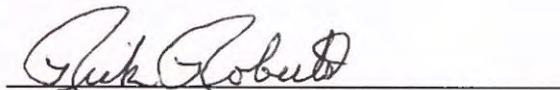
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

~~SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES RECEIVED NOTICE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT WILL BE RAISED
TO A MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT OF \$1.5 MILLION FOR 2024.~~

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND, COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS


ATTEST: AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL

~~WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS~~

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200

SALEM, INDIANA 47167

DECEMBER 22, 2023

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN JOINT SESSION WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON DECEMBER 22, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M. THE MEETING WAS LOCATED AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE 99 PUBLIC SQUARE SUITE 200 SALEM, INDIANA. IN ATTENDANCE WERE COUNCILMEMBERS KEELEY STINGEL, PRESTON SHELL RONDALE BRISHABER, JOE WALKER, MARK ABBOTT, KAREN WISCHMEIER, GERALD FLEMING, COMMISSIONERS PHIL MARSHALL, TODD EWEN, RICK ROBERTS, ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER, AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON AND DEPUTY AUDITOR MICHELE FLEENOR. ATTORNEY JOHN MEAD WAS ABSENT.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT STINGEL CALLED THE COUNCIL TO ORDER.

COMMISSIONER PRESIDENT MARSHALL CALLED THE COMMISSIONERS TO ORDER.

COUNCILMEMBER WISCHMEIER LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED BY PRAYER LED BY COUNCILMEMBER SHELL.

THE PURPOSED OF THE JOINT MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS AND VOTE ON THE HIGHWAY PROJECT.

COUNCILMEMBER BRISHABER ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS IF THE COUNTY HAD THE ACCESS/RIGHTS TO 19 ACRES AT THE AIRPORT THAT COULD BE A LOCATION FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER EWEN STATED THE COUNTY COULD TAKE OWNERSHIP OF THE PROPERTY. THE COMMISSIONERS STATED THE ACREAGE AT THE INTERSECTION OF 135/BYPASS WAS A BETTER SITE. BRISHABER ALSO QUESTIONED ENGINEER BRAD ISAACS CONCERNING THE PRICE OF THE PROJECT. ISAACS STATED THE GOAL AT THE BEGINNING WAS FOUR MILLION BUT AS TIME PROGRESSED WITH THE QUOTES COMING IN THAT PRICE WAS NOT ATTAINABLE IN MAKING SURE THE STRUCTURES WERE IN PLACE TO HAVE THE HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL WITH ONE SITE VERSUS TWO SITES. THE BUILDING PACKAGE ALONE WAS ALMOST TWO MILLION DOLLARS.

COUNCILMEMBER WALKER ASKED ISAACS IF HE HAS EVER SEEN SO MUCH DEVELOPMENT HAPPENING IN A BOT WHEN AN AGREEMENT HASN'T BEEN SIGNED. ISAACS SAID NO BUT IT IS ALLOWED.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING ASK IF THE COMMISSIONERS FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH THE COMMUNICATION WITH THE DEVELOPER. THE COMMISSIONERS STATED YES.

COUNCILMEMBER WISCHMEIER CITED A REPORT FROM A CONSULTANT THAT STATES THERE IS NO ROCK ON THE PROPERTY SO WHY ALL THE BLASTING WHICH IS ADDING COST TO THE PROJECT. HEALTH DEPARTMENT ENVIROMENTALIST CHRIS BOLING STATE THAT REPORT WAS DONE PRIMARILY FOR THE SEPTIC SYSTEM FIELD NOT THE WHOLE PROPERTY.

COUNCILMEMBER SHELL SEES A CONSIDERABLE PROFIT MARGIN FOR THE CONCRETE WORK. KEN TEMPLE STATED THE PRICES ARE LOCKED IN ON CONCRETE, REBAR ETC FOR 2023. TYPICALLY, THE PROFIT MARGIN ON A BOT IS 7-10%.

COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT BELIEVES THIS IS A VIABLE PROJECT AND HAS FAITH IN THE DEVELOPER, ENGINEER, AND CONTRACTORS THAT WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE BEST POSSIBLE COST OF THE PROJECT.

COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE 4.8 MILLION FOR THE PROJECT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING. THE MOTION FAILED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS SHELL, WISCHMEIER, BRISHABER AND WALKER VOTING NO. COUNCIL PRESIDENT STINGEL ABSTAINED.

COUNCILMEMBER SHELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE 4.4 MILLION FOR THE PROJECT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING. THE MOTION FAILED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS WISCHMEIER, BRISHABER AND WALKER VOTING NO. COUNCIL PRESIDENT STINGEL ABSTAINED.

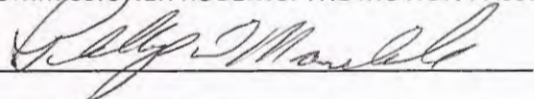
COUNCILMEMBER WALKER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WISCHMEIER. THE MOTION FAILED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS FLEMING, SHELL AND ABBOTT VOTING NO. COUNCIL PRESIDENT STINGEL ABSTAINED.

COUNCILMEMBER BRISHABER MADE A MOTION TO COLLABORATE WITH THE COMMISSIONERS AND COMPLETELY START OVER IN THE BOT PROCESS. COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE COMMISSIONERS POINTED OUT THE TANKS ARE COMING IN AND IF WE SCRAP THE CURRENT BOT IT WILL STILL COST THE COUNTY CLOSE TO HALF A MILLION IN ATTORNEY AND ENGINEER FEES. THE COMMISSIONERS ALSO STATED THAT IF STARTING OVER IS WHAT THE COUNCIL DECIDES THEN THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO FORM THEIR OWN COMMITTEE AND LEAVE THE COMMISSIONERS OUT OF IT. THE COUNCIL CAN TAKE CHARGE OF THE BOT. THE MOTION FAILED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ABBOTT, FLEMING AND SHELL VOTING NO. COUNCIL PRESIDENT STINGEL ABSTAINED.

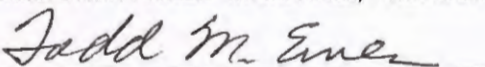
COUNCILMEMBER SHELL MADE A MOTION FOR 4.4 MILLION STATING THAT IF THE COUNCIL WERE TO GIVE THIS THEN WHEN THE COMMISSIONERS SELL THE OLD HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, THEY COULD USE 350,000. COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING SECONDED THE MOTION. COUNCILMEMBER WISCHMEIER STATED IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO MAKE A DECISION WITHOUT DISCUSSION WITH RICK VOYLES AND THE COMMISSIONERS. THE MOTION FAILED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS WISCHMEIER, BRISHABER AND WALKER VOTING NO. COUNCIL PRESIDENT STINGEL ABSTAINED.

COUNCILMEMBER WALKER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WISCHMEIER. THE MOTION PASSED.

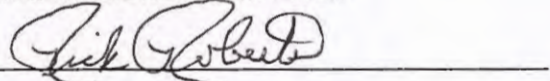
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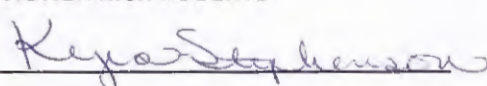
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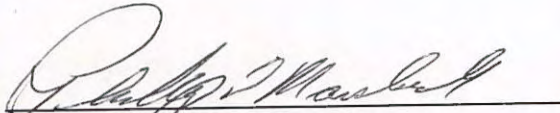
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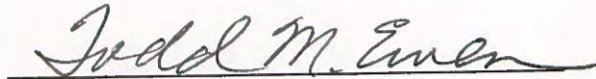
COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING
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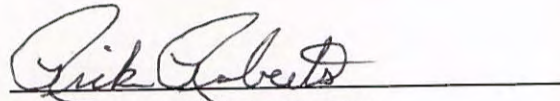
WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD A SPECIAL MEETING TO APPROVE YEAR-END CLAIMS AND PAYROLL. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS, AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON.

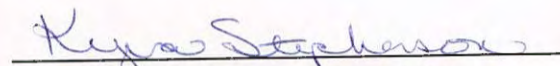
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WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND, COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A
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ATTEST: AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON