

COMMISSIONER MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2025

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

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M. DUE TO THE COURTHOUSE BEING CLOSED FOR SNOW ON THE ORIGINAL MEETING DATE OF JANUARY 7, 2025. PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN, COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL, ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER, AND AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON.

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

ATTORNEY GELTMAKER CALLED FOR A REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2025. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO REAPPOINT COMMISSIONER MARSHALL AS PRESIDENT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED. MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO REAPPOINT COMMISSIONER EWEN AS THE VICE PRESIDENT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED. MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

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

OPIOID FUND APPLICATION

THE JRAC BOARD MET TO LOOK OVER A REQUEST FOR FUNDS FOR WEST WASHINGTON SADD. THE REQUEST WAS FOR UNRESTRICTED FUNDS AND WILL SUPPORT SCREENING THE ADDICTS WAKE. THE EDUCATIONAL FILM WILL FOCUS ON ADDICTION AND RECOVERY. THE JRAC BOARD HAS REVIEWED THE APPLICATION AND BELIEVE REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET FOR FUNDING. THE TOTAL DOLLARS REQUESTED ARE \$3,200.00. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FUNDING OF \$3,200.00 FROM THE UNRESTRICTED OPIOID FUNDS BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE JRAC BOARD. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY CROSSING 2025-1 CALL FOR PROJECTS OPENED JANUARY 1, 2025.

DURING THE RECENT SNOWSTORM THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT USED 900 TON OF MIXED MATERIAL. THEY ARE WORKING ON REPLENISHING THE MATERIAL AND SHOULD HAVE IT DONE BY FRIDAY. THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT COVER APPROXIMATELY 788 MILES OF ROADS DURING THE SNOW EVENT. THE COMMISSIONERS COMMENDED THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR HARD WORK IN GETTING THE ROADS TREATED AND PLOWED.

WTH AGREEMENT – 911/EMA MAPS

WTH PROVIDED A PROPOSAL FOR AN ADDRESS RANGE LAYER CREATION AND ALI DATABASE COMPARISON FOR 911/EMA. THE COST OF THE ADDRESS RANGE LAYER CREATION WILL BE \$23,870.00. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

SHERIFF BRENT MILLER

SHERIFF MILLER REPORTED ON THE RECENT SNOWSTORM COMMENDING THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY FOR STAYING OFF THE ROADS DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY. THEY HAD VERY FEW ACCIDENTS AND NO INJURY ACCIDENTS. HE ALSO COMMENDED THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR HARD WORK CLEARING THE ROADS.

KNAPP MILLER BROWN

ZACK RICHARDS REPORTED WORK COMP RENEWED ON JANUARY 1, 2025. THE COUNTY'S LOSS RATIO LOWERED FROM 0.72 TO 0.65. THE CLINIC RENEWAL INCREASED 3.2%. THIS INCREASE WENT FROM \$88.62 PER MEMBER PER MONTH TO \$91.50 WITH THERE BEING 123 EMPLOYEES USING THE CLINIC.

COMMERCIAL INSURANCE RATES WILL BE IN THIS WEEK FROM AMBRIDGE. ZACK IS PROJECTING A 5-6% INCREASE ON THE COMMERCIAL INSURANCE.

2025 BOARD APPOINTMENTS

BOARD OF HEALTH: KEELEY STINGEL REPLACES DR RONALD KEARSCHNER

CEMETERY COMMISSION: REAPPOINT RAYMOND LEE

ABC BOARD: REAPPOINT LAURIE JACKSON

WASHINGTON COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: REAPPOINT TODD EWEN, AND ROBERT STRANGE. REPLACE MARK DAY WITH REBECCA WHITE UPON THE COMMISSIONS RECOMMENDATION.

RIVER HILLS: REAPPOINT PRESTON SHELL

PTABOA: REAPPOINT LORI GILSTRAP

WEED BOARD: REPLACE THE COMMISSIONER SEAT HELD BY RICK ROBERTS WITH TONY CARDWELL.

WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC GROWTH PARTNERSHIP: REPLACE THE COMMISSIONER SEAT HELD BY RICK ROBERTS WITH COMMISSIONER EWEN.

TOURISM BOARD: REAPPOINT DANIELLE WALKER, JANA EWEN, BYRON FAGG, RAYMOND LEE

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD: REPLACE THE COMMISSIONER SEAT HELD BY RICK ROBERTS WITH TONY CARDWELL.

WASHINGTON COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION: MARSHA DAILY WILL REPLACE DIEDRE MILLER

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: REAPPOINT RYAN PACKWOOD AND JOHN MISHLER


WASHINGTON COUNTY PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE: REAPPOINT COMMISSIONER MARSHALL.

AMBULANCE SERVICE BOARD: REPLACE THE COMMISSIONER SEAT HELD BY RICK ROBERTS WITH TONY CARDWELL.

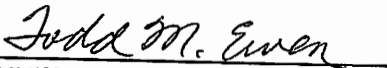
SOUTHERN INDIANA WORKFORCE BOARD REGION 10: REPLACE LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMISSIONER MARSHALL WITH TONY CARDWELL.

COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL APPOINTS AS READ. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

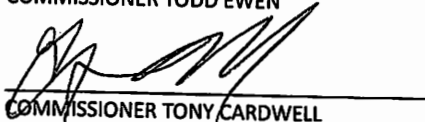
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COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL



COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN



COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: 
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING

~~JANUARY 21, 2025~~

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

COMMERCIAL INSURANCE QUOTE

ZACK RICHARDS PROVIDED A QUOTE TO RENEW THE COMMERCIAL INSURANCE FOR ALL COUNTY BUILDINGS AND ASSETS. AMBRIDGE PROVIDED A QUOTE AGAIN THIS YEAR FOR SELF-INSURANCE. THE QUOTE INCREASED 6.5% FROM 2024. THE COST WILL RISE FROM \$385,434.00 TO \$410,469.00. ZACK ALSO GAVE A REPLACEMENT COST FOR ALL OF THE COUNTY BUILDINGS AS FOLLOWS:

COURTHOUSE - \$11,557,200.00
DETENTION CENTER - \$29,120,200.00
GOVERNMENT BUILDING - \$3,461,600.00
AMBULANCE BUILDING - \$1,417,300.00
WOMENS SHELTER - \$1,460,300.00

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RENEWAL WITH AMBRIDGE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

CEMETERY BOARD APPOINTMENT

AT THE LAST COMMISSIONER MEETING, THE COMMISSIONERS WANTED TO REACH OUT TO RAYMOND LEE TO CONFIRM HE WOULD STILL SIT ON THE CEMETERY BOARD. COMMISSIONER EWEN SPOKE WITH MR LEE AND HE IS IN AGREEMENT TO STAY ON THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO RE-APPOINT RAYMOND LEE TO THE CEMETERY BOARD. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

TOURISM BOARD

COMMISSIONER EWEN SPOKE WITH CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE TOURISM BOARD TO CONFIRM THEY WOULD REMAIN ON THE BOARD. THOSE UP FOR RE-APPOINTMENT ARE DANIELLE WALKER, JANA EWEN, BYRON FAGG, AND RAYMOND LEE. ALL WERE IN AGREEMENT TO REMAIN ON THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO RE-APPOINT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED BOARD MEMBERS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE COST OF THE WINTER STORM TO THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. AT THIS TIME THE ADDITIONAL COST HAS BEEN \$110,000.00. THIS COST IS FOR SALT, SAND, AND PAYROLL. THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT USED APPROXIMATELY 300 TONS OF SALT DURING THE SNOW STORM.

SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES PROVIDED A CONTRACT ADDENDUM WITH FLECK ENGINEERING. FLECK ENGINEERING IS AN ON-CALL SERVICE THAT IS USED TO HELP WITH THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT. THE ON-CALL SERVICE IS \$20,000.00. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH FLECK ENGINEERING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

AUDITOR STEPHENSON

THE TREASURER NANCY COATS REQUESTED THE COMMISSIONERS GIVE HER PERMISSION TO CLOSE OUT THE CUM JAIL ACCOUNT AT FIRST SAVINGS AND MOVE IT INTO THE CUM FUND. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF MONEY. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

THE COMMISSIONERS RECESSED FOR A BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING AT 10:00.

~~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 TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: 
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2025

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THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD AT 8:00 A.M. PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN, COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL, 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.

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

DAVID KOLLE

MR KOLLE LIVES ON ROLL STREET IN HARDINSBURG AND DURING THE RECENT SNOWSTORM THE COUNTY DID NOT PLOW THE STREET. HE WAS TOLD BY CARDWELL TO BRING IN A RECEIPT TO THE AUDITORS OFFICE TO BE REIMBURSED. THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE INFORMED HIM THE REIMBURSEMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROVED IN A MEETING. HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT RICK VOYLES EXPLAINED THAT SINCE THE COUNTY IS IN A LAWSUIT WITH HARDINSBURG PAC THAT THOSE ROADS ARE NOT ON THE COUNTY ROAD INVENTORY. SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES HAS BEEN OUT TO LOOK AT THE STREET AND IT IS NOT WIDE ENOUGH TO GET THE SNOWPLOW THROUGH AND ELECTRIC LINES ARE TO LOW AS WELL. THE COUNTY ONLY RECEIVES APPROXIMATELY \$1,300.00 IN FUNDS FROM THE STATE TO MAINTAIN HARDINSBURG STREETS. IF THE COUNTY WERE TO ADD THESE STREETS TO THE INVENTORY IT WOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR TO GET IT ADOPTED. COMMISSIONER EWEN TABLED THE DISCUSSION UNTIL FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE DISCUSSED.

READI 2.0 GRANT AWARD

THE COUNTY SUBMITTED A PROJECT FOR THE READI 2.0 GRANT. THE PROJECT SUBMITTED WAS FOR A NEW 4H BUILDING/EXTENSION OFFICE. THE RDA AWARDED WASHINGTON COUNTY \$1.2 MILLION LAST YEAR TO USE TOWARD THIS PROJECT. ANGIE BUCHANAN WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC GROWTH HAS BEEN WORKING ON COMPLETING THE REPORTS NEEDED TO SUBMIT TO THE RDA. THE REPORTS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 6, 2025. SHE WILL BE WORKING ON A TIMELINE FOR THE PROJECT WITH HOPES TO START THE PROJECT IN AUGUST OF 2025. CARDWELL ASKED MS BUCHANAN TO EXPLAIN HOW THE GRANTS WORK FOR HIS AND THE AUDIENCES UNDERSTANDING.

INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT TO SHARE RIVERBOAT REVENUE

HARRISON COUNTY PROVIDED AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR RIVERBOAT SHARES FOR THE COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL. THE COUNTY WILL RECEIVE 2% OF THE REVENUE FROM THE CASINO. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

RHONDA GREENE – ZONING BOARD AND NEW ZONING ORDINANCE COMPLAINT

RHONDA GREENE VOICED HER OPPOSITION OF THE NEW ZONING ORDINANCE THAT WAS DRAFTED FOR THE PLAN COMMISSION. SHE ALSO VOICED HER THOUGHTS ON HOW THE PLAN COMMISSION IS SET. SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE PLAN COMMISSION DISSOLVED. SHE CLAIMS THE BOARD IS AN ILLEGAL BOARD. CARDWELL ALSO CHIMED IN WITH MS GREENE AND MADE A MOTION TO DISSOLVE THE PLAN COMMISSION. WITH THERE BEING NO SECOND, THE MOTION DIES.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION HAS ONE APPOINTMENT THAT MUST COME FROM THE SALEM SCHOOL BOARD. THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION HAS RECOMMENDED BECKY WHITE TO SIT ON THE BOARD. CARDWELL ASKED COMMISSIONER EWEN TO EDUCATE HIMSELF AND THE PUBLIC ON WHAT THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION DOES. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE BECKY WHITE TO THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

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


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: 
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING

FEBRUARY 18, 2025

WASHINGTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING
806 MARTINSBURG RD
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THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL.

CARDWELL LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. COMMISSIONER EWEN GAVE THE PRAYER.

PUBLIC COMMENT**LUCY BRENTON – PLAN COMMISSION COMPLAINT**

RHONDA GREENE REQUESTED TO BE ON THE AGENDA BUT WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND.

LUCY

BRENTON REQUESTED TO SPEAK ON HER BEHALF. MS. BRENTON WANTED ONCE

AGAN TO

COMPLAIN ABOUT THE STRUCTURE OF THE PLAN COMMISSION. SHE, LIKE RHONDA

GREENE,

BELIEVE THE BOARD IS ILLEGAL AND THE PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE IS

VIOLATING

PROPERTY OWNERS RIGHTS. SHE ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS TO MAKE A MOTION

TO

DISBAN THE PLAN COMMISSION. THE COMMISSIONERS WANT TO ALLOW THE PLAN COMMISSION TIME TO WORK FURTHER ON THE ZONING ORDINANCE. ATTORNEY

APRIL

GELTMAKER DONE A LOT OF RESEARCH TO ADDRESS THE COMPLAINTS RHONDA GREENE HAD BROUGHT UP AT THE LAST MEETING, STATING A LOT OF THE INFORMATION MS GREENE SPOKE ON WAS INCORRECT AND SHE WAS GIVING OUT A LOT OF FALSE INFORMATION.

DAVID KOLLE – SNOW REMOVAL REIMBURSEMENT

MR KOLLE CAME AGAIN TO REQUEST THE COUNTY REIMBURSE HIM FOR SNOW REMOVAL THAT HE PAID FOR. MR KOLLE LIVES IN HARDINSBURG AND PAID SOMEONE TO DO SNOW REMOVAL IN THE ALLEY BEHIND HIS HOUSE. HE ALSO ADDRESSED THE COMMISSIONERS ABOUT ADOPTING ALL THE ROADS IN HARDINSBURG. SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES SPOKE AGAIN ABOUT THE STREETS IN HARDINSBURG ADDING THAT A LOT OF THE STREETS ARE SIMPLY NOT STREETS BUT MORE LIKE ALLEYS AND NOT WIDE ENOUGH FOR DUMP TRUCKS TO ACCESS. SOME OF THE STREETS ARE BLOCKED OFF BY BARRICADES OR HAVE BUILDINGS IN THE MIDDLE OF THEM. THE SNOW REIMBURSEMENT WAS NOT DISCUSSED AGAIN AND NO DECISION WAS MADE.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND MINUTES**

COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS, PAYROLL AND MINTUES.

MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY

ATTORNEY GELTMAKER PROVIDED A PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY FOR THE COMMISSIONERS

APPROVAL. THE PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY PROVIDES GUIDELINES AND RULES FOR ANYONE

WISHING TO SPEAK TO THE COMMISSIONERS ABOUT A PROBLEM. INDIANA CODE 5-14-1.5

ALLOWS THE PUBLIC TO OBSERVE PUBLIC MEETINGS, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE BOARD OF

COMMISSIONERS. WHILE THERE IS NO SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORITY THAT GUARANTEES

THE RIGHT TO SPEAK AT THESE PUBLIC MEETINGS, A GOVERNING BODY HAS DISCRETION

WHETHER TO ALLOW PUBLIC COMMENT AND MAY SE REASONABLE RULES THAT
GOVERN THE

CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. SPEAKERS WHO WISH TO SPEAK AT A COMMISSIONER
MEETING
MUST SIGN UP WITH THE AUDITOR NO LATER THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS PRIOR TO
THE
MEETING. THE PUBLIC WILL BE ALLOWED THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK.
COMMISSIONER
MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY. MOTION
WAS
SECONDED BY COMMISSION EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT

THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD HAD A VACANCY DUE TO THE DEATH
OF
NORMAN SOUDER. CLERK STEPHANIE ROCKEY HAS RECOMMENDED CHRIS HUNT OR
CHUCK
WILLIAMS. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT CHUCK WILLIAMS
TO THE
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER
MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED.

OPIOID APPLICATION

MYRA ALBERTSON REPRESENTING THE JRAC BOARD SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR
THE
OPIOID FUNDS. THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED WAS FROM OUR PLACE DRUG AND
ALCOHOL
EDUCATION SERVICES, INC.. THE JRAC BOARD HAS REVIEWED THE APPLICATION AND
FOUND IT APPROPRIATE TO FUND. THE TOTAL FUNDS WILL BE FOR ONE YEAR IN THE
AMOUNT
OF \$81,221.94. THE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO HIRE AN ADDITIONAL CASE MANAGER
WHO WILL
EXPAND PROGRAMMING CURRENTLY PROVIDED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY JAIL
AND ALSO
WORK WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE ASSESSEMENTS AND
INTERVENTION TO STUDENTS WHO VIOLATE SCHOOL POLICY. MONEY WILL BE USED
FROM
BOTH THE RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FUNDS. THE AMOUNT OUT OF RESTRICTED
FUNDS
WILL BE \$27,997.70 AND THE AMOUNT OUT OF UNRESTRICTED FUNDS WILL BE
\$53,224.24.
COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FUNDING REQUEST
PER THE
JRAC'S RECOMMENDATION. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION
PASSED.

WEST WASHINGTON SCHOOLS HAD APPLIED FOR MONIES FROM THE OPIOID FUND.
THE JRAC
BOARD AND THE COMMISSIONERS HAD APPROVED IT AT A PREVIOUS MEETING BUT
THE
SCHOOL HAS SINCE FOUND ANOTHER FUNDING METHOD AND WILL NOT BE USING
THE OPIOID
MONEY.

TOURISM APPOINTMENT CLARIFICATION

SUSAN LLOYD WITH THE TOURISM BOARD AND ANGIE BUCHANAN WITH ECONOMIC
GROWTH
HAVE BEEN GOING OVER THE TOURISM BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND BYLAWS.
DURING THE
COMMISSIONERS APPOINTMENTS IN JANUARY THEY REAPPOINTED JANA EWEN AND
RAYMOND
LEE, HOWEVER THEIR TERMS DO NOT END UNTIL 2026. BONITA PURLEE AND LAURIE
JACKSON
WERE DUE TO BE REAPPOINTED FOR 2025. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A
MOTION TO
REAPPOINT BONITA PURLEE AND LAURIE JACKSON TO THE TOURISM BOARD FOR
2025-2027.

MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

CODERED LAUNCH

EMA DIRECTOR DENI STEMPOWSKI ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF CODERED. THE COUNTY WEBSITE HAS A LINK CITIZENS CAN NOW GO TO, TO SIGN UP. ONCE SIGNED UP, IT CAN BE CUSTOMIZED TO ALERT INDIVIDUALS ON WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE NOTIFIED ABOUT. THERE IS ALSO AN APP THAT CAN BE USED ON ANY SMART PHONE THAT WILL SEND ALERTS.

REPORTS

HIGHWAY PROJECT – PAUL ECKART

PAUL ECKART WITH TEMPLE AND TEMPLE GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. THE PLUMBING AND HVAC HAVE BEEN ROUGHED IN. THE ELECTRIC AND INTERNET WILL BE ROUGHED IN NEXT WEEK. THE SIGN SHED IS CONSTRUCTED AND READY TO BE INSULATED. THE TRUCK LEAN TO IS ABOUT 80% COMPLETE. THE FRAMING OF THE FUEL SHED WILL BE BEGIN SOON IF THE WEATHER HOLDS. THE FOOTINGS AND FOUNDATION ARE INSTALLED. THE FOUNDATION IS ALL THEY HAVE PERMITTED TO DO SO FAR. THEY ARE WAITING ON PERMITS TO FINALIZE THE BUILD OF THE MECHANICS GARAGE. INDOT WILL BE WORKING ON CLEARING THE BRUSH AND TREES BEHIND THE TRUCK LEAN TO AND THE BYPASS SOON. DUKE ENERGY IS APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS OUT FROM RUNNING ELECTRIC TO THE LAND. PAUL HAS BEEN TALKING WITH MIDWEST GAS AND HAS CALLED IN FOR LOCATES FOR THE GAS MAIN FROM BECKS MILL ROAD DOWN TO THE SITE.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES REPORTED THEY ARE GETTING MORE MATERIAL HAULED IN FOR THE INCOMING WEATHER.

DANIELLE WALKER – LUCY BRENTON MISQUOTE

DANIELLE WALKER WANTED TO CLARIFY WHAT MS BRENTON HAD SAID EARLIER IN THE MEETING WAS NOT IN FACT WHAT SHE HAD TOLD MS BRENTON IN A MEETING A FEW WEEKS AGO. MS WALKER HAD MET WITH MS BRENTON AND A COUPLE OTHER CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY TO TALK ABOUT THE PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE.

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

COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL

Todd M. Ewen

COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST:

Kyra Stephenson
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON

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CARDWELL LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. PRESTON SHELL GAVE THE PRAYER.

COMMISSIONER EWEN ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PROVIDED. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT**RHONDA GREENE – DISSOLVE COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING BOARDS**

ONCE AGAIN RHONDA GREENE WANTED TO DISCUSS DISSOLVING THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARDS. SHE ALSO WANTED TO ARGUE THAT THE INFORMATION SHE PROVIDED AT THE FEBRUARY 4, 2025 MEETING WAS CORRECT AND CLAIMS SHE FOUND THIS INFORMATION ON THE FARM BUREAU WEBSITE. AFTER RESEARCH SHE DID IN FACT FIND OUT HER INFORMATION WAS OUT OF DATE.

MAX GREENE – STATE CODE COMPLIANCE

MAX GREENE AGAIN WANTED TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PLANNING ZONING BOARDS. HE QUESTIONS WHETHER THE BOARD MEMBERS LIVE IN THE CORRECT DISTRICTS TO BE ON THE BOARD AND IF THEY OWN PROPERTY.

ADAM DUFOUR – PLAN COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

MR DUFOUR WAIVED HIS TIME TO SPEAK.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINTUES FROM THE FEBRUARY 18, 2025 MEETING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL

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

GIBSON TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT

THE 'GIBSON TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD' HAS A 'VACANCY' DUE TO THE 'PASSING' OF DOROTHY FLEENOR. HER SON DAMON FLEENOR IS INTERESTED IN FILLING THE VACANCY. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT DAMON FLEENOR TO THE GIBSON TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD.

MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

COUNTYWIDE BRIDGE INSPECTION & INVENTORY BIDS

ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER OPEN THE SEALED BIDS FOR THE COUNTYWIDE BRIDGE INSPECTION AND INVENTORY BIDS. THOSE SUBMITTING BIDS WERE:

EGIS – BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA
JANSSEN & SPAANS – COLUMBUS, INDIANA
AMERICAN STRUCTUREPOINT – INDIANAPOLIS, IN.
HMB – NEW ALBANY, INDIANA

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

REPORTS**HIGHWAY PROJECT – PAUL ECKART**

PAUL ECKART WITH TEMPLE AND TEMPLE GAVE AN UPDATE OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT. ELECTRIC AND I.T. WORK ARE BEING DONE ON THE OFFICE.

THE SIGN SHED HAS ENCLOSED AND THEY WILL BE SPRAYING ON THE FOAM
~~INSULATION AND STARTING THE ELECTRIC AND PLUMBING. TRUCK LEAN TO HAS~~
THE METAL WORK DONE AND IS READY FOR ELECTRIC. THE FUEL SHED IS ENCLOSED.
THE MECHANICS GARAGE IS WAITING TO BE APPROVED BY THE STATE. THERE WAS A
VERTICAL CODE THAT INVOLVED AN ISSUE WITH THE FIRE WALL. THEY ARE WORKING
WITH THE STATE TO GET IT APPROVED. THE MIXED SALT BUILDING WILL BE NEXT TO
BE CONSTRUCTED. THEY WILL BE GETTING THE REBAR THIS WEEK FOR THE
FOUNDATION. ONCE THE STATE ISSUES THE PERMIT FOR THIS THEY WILL START
CONSTRUCTION. THE STATE HAS CLEARED THE BRUSH ALONG THE BYPASS. JACKSON
COUNTY REMC HAS STARTED THEIR WORK ON GETTING FIBER TO THE LOCATION. THE
TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT IS FALL 2025.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES DID NOT HAVE ANY UPDATES AT THIS TIME.

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


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: 
AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING

MARCH 18, 2025

WASHINGTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING

806 MARTINSBURG RD

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 TONY CARDWELL, 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 SPECIFICALLY IN WRITING, I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(D) A REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTION BY THE GOVERNING BODY UP TO THE TIME A CONTRACT OR OPTION IS EXECUTED BY THE PARTIES.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL.

CARDWELL LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. PRESTON SHELL GAVE THE PRAYER.

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PROVIDED. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. CARDWELL OPPOSED. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **WES BOWERS – 4-H PROJECT**
QUESTIONED HOW A BOT COULD BE USED FOR THIS PROJECT, IF THERE ARE PLANS FOR THIS PROJECT, AND IF THEY WILL BE REQUESTING PROPOSALS. COMMISSIONER EWEN ASSURED MR BOWERS THE COUNTY WOULD BE TAKING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND ALSO INFORMED HIM THE COUNTY WOULD LIKELY BE USING A DESIGN BUILD VERSUS A BOT.
- **RHONDA GREENE – DAVID LYLES POLITICAL AFFILIATION ON PLAN COMMISSION**
RHONDA GREENE CAME BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS ONCE AGAIN TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE PLAN COMMISSION BOARD MEMBERS POLITICAL AFFILIATION. SHE STATED DAVID LYLES IS NOT A DEMOCRAT. ATTORNEY LISA FLEMIING HAD CONTACTED CLERK STEPHANIE ROCKEY PRIOR TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID LYLES TO THE BOARD AND WAS TOLD HE WAS A DEMOCRAT WHEN IN FACT HE HAS VOTED REPUBLICAN FOR MANY YEARS. MS GREENE ALSO STATED THAT LORI GILSTRAP VOTED REPUBLICAN IN THE LAST PRIMARY BUT SHE HAD VOTED DEMOCRAT IN MANY YEARS PRIOR. SHE CLAIMS THE PLAN COMMISSION HAS BEEN ILLEGAL FOR EIGHT YEARS.
- **ADAM DUFOUR – PLAN COMMISSION**
NO COMMENT
- **LUCY BRENTON – PROPERTY AND ZONING**
LUCY BRENTON COMPLAINED AGAIN ABOUT THE ZONING ORDINANCE THAT WAS PROPOSED. THE PLAN COMMISSION HAS TABLED THE PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AND ARE PLANNING TO REWORK THE ORDINANCE.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
COMMISSIONER MARSHALL ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 4, 2025 MEETING. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.
- **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**
COMMISSIONER MARSHALL ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS AND PAYROLL. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS AND PAYROLL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

• **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT APPROVAL**

~~CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER MYRA ALBERTSON PROVIDED THE COMMUNITY~~
CORRECTIONS GRANT FOR APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED.

• **RADIO TOWER**

SHERIFF BRENT MILLER DISCUSSED THE MAINTENANCE NEEDED AT THE RADIO TOWER SIGHT. THERE IS A LOT OF TREES THAT NEED TO BE REMOVED AND THE AREA NEEDS CLEANED UP. THE COUNTY DOES HAVE AN EASEMENT TO GET TO THE TOWER SIGHT. ONE OF THE ADJACENT LANDOWNERS IS IN AGREEMENT TO LET SOMEONE COME ON HIS PROPERTY TO CLEAN UP THE TREES. COMMISSIONER EWEN HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE OTHER LANDOWNER WHO IS NOT BEING AS AGREEABLE. COMMISSIONER EWEN AND COMMISSIONER MARSHALL ARE ALL IN AGREEMENT THAT THE AREA NEEDS CLEANED UP BEFORE A TREE FALLS ON ONE OF THE LINES AND TAKES OUT THE RADIO COMMUNICATION WHICH POSES A PUBLIC SAFETY RISK. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL AND COMMISSIONER EWEN WILL CONTINUE WORKING WITH BOTH LANDOWNERS TO GET THE AREA CLEANED UP.

• **READI 2.0 PROJECT LEAD**

THE READI 2.0 GRANTED THE COUNTY \$1.2 MILLION TO CONSTRUCT A NEW 4-H/EXTENSION OFFICE. THE COMMISSIONERS HAD BEEN WORKING WITH ANGIE BUCHANAN, WHO HAD BEEN THE ECONOMIC GROWTH DIRECTOR, TO FILL OUT THE REQUIRED PAPERWORK. MS BUCHANA HAS SINCE STEPPED DOWN AS THE ECONOMIC GROWTH DIRECTOR. COMMISSIONER EWEN HAS TALKED WITH MS BUCHANAN WHO HAS AGREED TO KEEP HELPING WITH THE PAPERWORK AND TIMELINES OF THE PROJECT. SHE WOULD LIKE TO BE PAID \$5,100.00 TO FINISH OUT THE PROJECT. COMMISSIONER EWEN WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED ON WITH MS BUCHANAN'S HELP. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ANGIE BUCHANAN AS BEING THE PROJECT LEAD FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H/EXTENSION PROJECT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. CARDWELL ABSTAINED. MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS

• **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

PAUL ECKART WITH TEMPLE AND TEMPLE GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE HIGHWAY PROJECT. THE OFFICE BUILDING HAS BEEN INSPECTED BY RONNIE VOYLES AND HAS PASSED THE INSPECTION AFTER DOING SOME BRACING. IT WILL NOW BE READY FOR INSULATION. THE SIGN SHED HAS DOORS UP AND IS SECURE AND READY FOR ELECTRIC. THE MECHANIC'S GARAGE HAD SOME ISSUES WITH THE FIRE MARSHALL BUT ALL HAS BEEN WORKED THROUGH. THE SEPTIC AND THE MIXED MATERIAL BUILDING WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE FOR APPROVAL. MIDWEST GAS IS READY TO RUN THE GAS LINES DOWN 135 SOUTH. SOLUTIONS CONTRACTING WILL BE RUNNING THE LINES UNDERGROUND.

• **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES REPORTED ABOUT 40 TREES NEEDED TO BE CLEANED UP AFTER THE RECENT WIND STORM. THE BRIDGE ON SHORTS CORNER ROAD HAS BEEN COMPLETED. THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS 2025-1 GRANT HAS BEEN RECEIVED. SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES PROVIDED A LIST OF ROADS TO BE COMPLETED WITH THE GRANT MONEY. THE COUNTY PAVING WILL START IN JUNE. A HARDINBURG RESIDENT HAS A HOLE THAT HAS APPEARED IN HER YARD. THE HOLE IS DUE TO A STORM DRAIN FALLING IN. THE RESIDENT LIVES ALONG MARENGO PIKE ROAD. SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES ASKED FOR GUIDANCE ON HOW TO HANDLE THIS DUE TO THE LAWSUIT AGAINST THE COUNTY.

BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

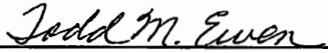
- CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.
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TALK ABOUT THE PLAN COMMISSION. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY
~~COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.~~

- CARDWELL AND ADAM DUFOUR CLAIM THE PLAN COMMISSION IS AN ILLEGAL BOARD BECAUSE NONE OF THE MEMBERS HAVE TAKEN AN OATH WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ANDREW DAVISSON. THE CLERKS OFFICE HAS NEVER HAD ANYONE ON THE PLAN COMMISSION TAKE AN OATH WHEN APPOINTED. ACCORDING TO CARDWELL AND DUFOUR THE OATH NEEDS TO BE TAKEN BY BOTH THE BZA AND THE PLAN COMMISSION. THEY CLAIM ALL MEMBERS WOULD NEED TO BE RE-APPOINTED. CARDWELL AND DUFOUR MADE UP A RESOLUTION THAT HAS NOT BEEN REVIEWED BY AN ATTORNEY THEREFORE, COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. CARDWELL OPPOSED. MOTION PASSED.

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


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: 
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING

APRIL 1, 2025

WASHINGTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING
806 MARTINSBURG RD
SALEM, INDIANA 47167

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THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL.

CARDWELL LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. PRESTON SHELL GAVE THE PRAYER.

COMMISSIONER EWEN REQUESTED THE AGENDA BE ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH HWC FOR THE 4-H PROJECT. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ADJUST THE AGENDA AS REQUESTED AND APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **WILLIAM SALYEN – STOP WORK ORDER**

MR SALYEN IS BUILDING A STRUCTURE ON HOWELL RD. HE WENT TO THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER OFFICE TO GET A PERMIT. THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER MAILED HIM A STOP WORK ORDER BUT IT WAS SENT TO AN ADDRESS ON MOTSINGER ROAD AND HE DID NOT RECEIVE THE NOTICE. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL ASKED MR SALYEN TO MEET HIM AFTER THE MEETING TO TRY AND GET THIS RESOLVED.

- **GREGORY LETZEISEN – PERMISSION TO PUT PORTA-POT AT THE FARMER'S MARKET**

MR LETZEISEN ASKED PERMISSION ON BEHALF OF THE FARMER'S MARKET TO HAVE A PORTA-POT AT THE FARMER'S MARKET. THE FARMER'S MARKET IS HELD OUT AT THE PARKING LOT OF THE JUSTICE CENTER NEXT TO FARM BUREAU. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL INFORMED THEM THEY COULD USE THE BATHROOM FACILITIES AT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUT MR LETZEISEN SAYS THAT IS A LONG WAY TO WALK FOR SOME OF THE VENDORS. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL SAID HE WOULD NEED TO CHECK WITH FARM BUREAU SEE IF THEY WOULD HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH A PORTA-POT BEING SET OUT DURING THE SPRING AND SUMMER MONTHS. SHERIFF MILLER STATED HE WOULD RATHER NOT HAVE A PORTA-POT SET OUT THERE FOR FEAR OF IT BEING VANDALIZED. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL AND SHERIFF MILLER WILL WORK TO COME UP WITH A SOLUTION.

- **AIDEN MINTON – PLANNING COMMISSION**

MR MINTON IS THE DEMOCRATIC CHAIRPERSON AND WANTED TO ADDRESS CONCERNS ON FINDING SOMEONE FROM THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO SERVE ON THE PLAN COMMISSION. HE INFORMED THE COMMISSIONERS THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO DECLARE A PARTY AFFILIATION AND THOSE ARE BY HOW A PERSON VOTED IN THE LAST TWO ELECTIONS, AND TO BE CERTIFIED BY THE PARTY. COMMISSIONER EWEN ASKED MR MINTON TO GET THE PLAN COMMISSION SOME RECOMMENDATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE PLAN COMMISSION.

- **LUCY BRENTON – COUNTY ISSUES**

MS BRENTON CAME AGAIN TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE PLAN COMMISSION.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 18, 2025**

COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 18, 2025 COMMISSIONER MEETING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

- **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**

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

- **HEALTH DEPARTMENT - DISCUSSION OF OFFICE SPACE**

THERE WAS NO ONE PRESENT FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

- **PROPOSED RESOLUTION – PLAN COMMISSION**

CARDWELL PROVIDED A RESOLUTION AT THE LAST COMMISSIONER MEETING PERTAINING TO THE PLAN COMMISSION. IT WAS TABLED AT THE LAST MEETING COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE RESOLUTION UNTIL THE ATTORNEY'S HAVE A CHANCE TO RESEARCH IT FURTHER. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. CARDWELL OPPOSED. MOTION PASSED 2-1.

- **HWC SERVICE AGREEMENT – 4-H PROJECT**

HWC PROVIDED A SERVICE AGREEMENT ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS TO GUIDE THE COUNTY THROUGH THE LEGAL ASPECT OF THE 4-H PROJECT. THE AMOUNT IS NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH HWC. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

PAUL ECKART WITH TEMPLE AND TEMPLE GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT. THE SEPTIC PERMIT HAS BEEN SENT TO THE STATE FOR APPROVAL BY MAY 2ND. MECHANICS AND SALT BUILDING ARE BEING SUBMITTED THIS WEEK AT THE STATE FOR APPROVAL. THE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR WILL BE OUT WEDNESDAY TO WORK ON THE SIGN SHED AND THE TRUCK LEAN-TO. PLUMBING WILL START APRIL 7, 2025 ON THE SIGN SHED AND MECHANICS GARAGE. SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES HAS WORKED WITH KEN TEMPLE ON MAKING SOME MINOR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE SALT BUILDING.

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

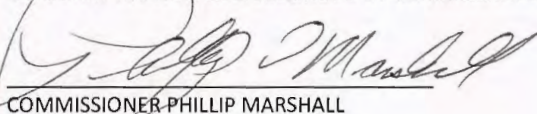
SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES REPORTED THEY HAVE INSTALLED THE ELECTRONIC SPEED SIGNS ON VOYLES ROAD. HE HAS RECEIVED A LOT OF POSITIVE FEEDBACK AND RESIDENTS THINK IT HAS HELPED TO SLOW MOTORISTS DOWN.

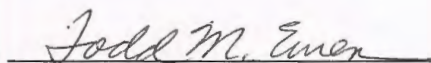
THE 2025-1 COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT HAS BEEN ADVERTISED FOR BIDS. THE BID OPENING WILL BE ON THE NEXT COMMISSIONER MEETING, APRIL 15, 2025.

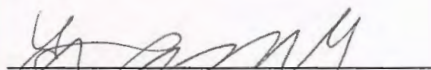
BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS


- COMMISSIONER EWEN GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE 4-H PROJECT STATING THERE WOULD BE A SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE 4-H PROJECT. THERE WILL BE 2 MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL: TODD ARMSTRONG, AND ANDREW DAVISSON, 1 COMMISSIONER: TODD EWEN, THE PROJECT LEAD: ANGIE BUCHANAN, AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM HWC. THIS WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE NEXT COMMISSIONER MEETING.

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


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: 
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON

WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200

SALEM, INDIANA 47167

APRIL 7, 2025

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN JOINT SESSION ON APRIL 7, 2025 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 MARK ABBOTT, GERALD FLEMING, PRESTON SHELL, BRAD GILBERT, ANDREW DAVISSON, TODD ARMSTRONG, KAREN WISCHMEIER, COMMISSIONERS PHILLIP MARSHALL, TODD EWEN, TONY CARDWELL, ATTORNEY ALYSSA COCHRAN, AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON AND DEPUTY AUDITOR MICHELE FLEENOR.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ABBOTT CALLED THE COUNCIL TO ORDER.

COMMISSIONER PRESIDENT MARSHALL CALLED THE COMMISSIONERS TO ORDER.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SHELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVISSON. THE MOTION PASSED.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT

COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN AND COMMISSIONER'S LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT, DAVE UMPLEBY, PRESENTED AN UPDATE TO THE COUNCIL ON THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT. THE COUNTY INTENDS TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF WORK ON THE PROJECT, WHICH WILL INCREASE PROJECT EXPENSES BY APPROXIMATELY \$400,000. THE COUNTY OWNS APPROXIMATELY 19 ½ ACRES OF UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY AT THE AIRPORT. COMMISSIONERS INTEND TO COVER THE EXPENSE OF THE EXPANDED SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE HIGHWAY PROJECT BY AMENDING THE ORIGINAL BUILD OPERATE TRANSFER (BOT) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND TEMPLE CONSTRUCTION TO REFLECT THE EXPANDED SCOPE OF WORK. THE ADDITIONAL WORK WILL BE PAID FOR VIA TRANSFER OF THE 19 ½ ACRES OF PROPERTY NEAR THE AIRPORT, PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE § 36-1-11-9. COMMISSIONERS SEE AS BENEFIT AS THIS WILL INCREASE LIKELIHOOD OF THE PROPERTY BEING DEVELOPED AND WILL START COLLECTING PROPERTY TAX ON THE PROPERTY. AS REPORTED BY DAVE UMPLEBY, THE TRANSFER OF THIS PROPERTY DOES NOT REQUIRE COUNCIL APPROVAL, PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE § 36-1-11-3. PRESENTING TO COUNCIL ONLY FOR TRANSPARENCY.

DISCUSSION OCCURRED AND COUNCIL MEMBERS QUESTIONED EXPANDING SCOPE AND ASSOCIATED COSTS. NO ACTION TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL.

READI 2.0 GRANT FUNDING/EXTENSION/4H/COMMUNITY BUILDING

ANGIE BUCHANAN AND COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN PRESENTED ON THE READI 2.0 4H COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECT. REQUESTING FROM COUNCIL MATCHING FUNDS SO THE PROJECT CAN PROCEED. MS. BUCHANAN EXPLAINED ENTIRE PROCESS BEHIND PROJECT PROPOSALS, APPLICATIONS, EVALUATION AND RATING OF PROJECTS THAT WERE ULTIMATELY SELECTED TO PROCEED AND RECEIVE STATE READI 2.0 FUNDING. THIS INVOLVED MONTHS LONG PROCESS, DURING WHICH ONLY CERTAIN PROJECTS WERE SELECTED BY THE RDA TO MOVE FORWARD. TO RECEIVE STATE SUPPORT, THE STATE REQUIRES SOME DEGREE OF MATCHING BASED UPON THE AMOUNT OF STATE FUNDS BEING PROVIDED. APPROXIMATELY \$1.2 MILLION OF STATE READI 2.0 FUNDS WERE ALLOCATED FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY 4H PROJECT. ENTIRE PROJECT COST NOW ESTIMATED TO BE \$1.5 MILLION. REQUESTING THE COUNTY PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS OF \$300,000. IF MATCHING FUNDS NOT PROVIDED AND APPROVED, THE PROJECT CANNOT GO FORWARD AND THE RDA WILL REALLOCATE THE FUNDS FOR THE 4H PROJECT. THE COUNCIL CANNOT CHOOSE TO USE THE STATE READI 2.0 FUNDS FOR ANOTHER PROJECT OR IN ANOTHER WAY. IT EITHER GOES TOWARDS THE PROJECT APPROVED BY THE RDA OR IT IS LOST.

DISCUSSION OCCURRED AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT, FUNDING, AND TIMING OF NEEDING TO APPROVE MATCHING FUNDS. AFTER THE DISCUSSION CONCLUDED. COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMMITMENT OF \$300,000 IN MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ARMSTRONG. THE MOTION PASSED 4-3 WITH COUNCILMEMBERS DAVISSON, SHELL AND WISCHMEIER OPPOSING.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT DISPATCHERS

911 DIRECTOR KELLY SARGENT AND SHERIFF BRENT MILLER APPEARED BEFORE THE COUNCIL TO REQUEST THE RECLASSIFICATION OF TWO DISPATCH POSITIONS INTO SHIFT LEAD POSITIONS. THE CHIEF DISPATCHER POSITION IS VACANT AT THIS TIME AND SARGENT WOULD LIKE TO USE THOSE FUNDS TO FUND THE ADDITIONAL DOLLARS NEEDED FOR THE SHIFT LEADS. THE SHIFT LEADS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAINING NEW EMPLOYEES AND FILLING IN SHIFT VACANCIES. THE POSITIONS WOULD FLEX THEIR SCHEDULES TO REDUCE/AVOID UNNECESSARY OVERTIME. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, THE CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL WAS TO TABLE THE ISSUE UNTIL THE MAY MEETING.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

FIRST READING AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS WERE BEFORE THE COUNCIL AT THE REGULAR MARCH MEETING. THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS ARE NOW UP FOR APPROVAL AT THE APRIL MEETING, COUNCILMEMBER GILBERT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

OPIOID RESTRICTED FUND 1237	\$200,000
OPIOID UNRESTRICTED FUND 1238	\$100,000
MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND 1176	\$ 50,000

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

DEPARTMENTS

CLERK ROCKEY – ELECTION UPDATES WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF NEEDING NEW ELECTION SOFTWARE.

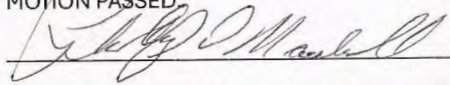
SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES – UPDATE ON HIGHWAY.

EXTENSION – ANNUAL REPORT

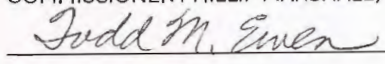
AUDITOR – REMINDED EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS OF THE COUNTY SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY.

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

COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARDWELL. THE MOTION PASSED.




COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, PRESIDENT



COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: 
AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING

APRIL 15, 2025

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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PUBLIC COMMENT

- **JIM GRIFFITH – AMERICAN RED CROSS**
THE RED CROSS HAS BEEN IN THE AREA WORKING FOLLOWING THE RECENT SEVERE STORMS. HE REPORTED THERE HAS BEEN APPROXIMATELY 716 HOUSEHOLDS AFFECTED BY THE SEVERE WEATHER OUTBREAK ACROSS THE STATE OF INDIANA. THEY HAVE HAD SHELTERS OPEN TO AID INDIVIDUALS NEEDING ASSISTANCE. IF ANYONE IS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE THEY CAN CALL 1-800-733-2767. THEY ALSO HAVE A HERO CARE CENTER FOR VETERANS NEEDING ASSISTANCE AND THAT NUMBER IS 1-877-272-7337.
- **DENI STEMPOWSKI – RECENT WEATHER EVENTS**
APRIL 2, 2025 SEVERE WEATHER BROKE OUT IN THE AREA WITH A TORNADO CAUSING DAMAGE IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE COUNTY. A DISASTER TEAM WENT OUT TO ASSESS THE DAMAGE IN THE FRANKLIN AND GIBSON TOWNSHIP AREA. APPROXIMATELY 41 HOUSEHOLDS WERE AFFECTED IN THE COUNTY. FLOOD DAMAGE ASSESSMENT IS TO START WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025. WASHINGTON COUNTY HAD NOT BEEN ON THE DISASTER LIST BUT THEY HAVE CONTACTED MS. STEMPOWSKI AND WASHINGTON COUNTY WILL BE ADDED TO THE LIST.
- **KEVIN AND LINDA BAIRD – ALTERNATIVE ENERGY**
MR AND MRS BAIRD HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT COMMERCIAL ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROJECTS. THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE A 2-YEAR MORATORIUM ON THESE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROJECTS. THEY BELIEVE THERE SHOULD BE GUIDELINES AND RESTRICTIONS FOR THESE TYPES OF PROJECTS. THE COUNTY CURRENTLY DOES NOT HAVE GUIDELINES OR RESTRICTIONS FOR THIS. THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN ORDINANCE DRAFTED SETTING PARAMETERS FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE PROJECTS BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER.
- **LUCY BRENTON – COUNTY ISSUES**
MS BRENTON CAME AGAIN TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE PLAN COMMISSION AND THE COUNTY.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

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- **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**
DUE TO THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE BEING UNDERSTAFFED AND TAXPAYERS COMING IN WITH CONCERNS ABOUT THEIR TAX BILLS THE CLAIMS DOCKET DID NOT GET SENT TO THE COMMISSIONERS. AUDITOR STEPHENSON WILL CALL A SPECIAL MEETING FOR APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS ON THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025.

- **KELLY SARGENT – RADIO EQUIPMENT**
MR SARGENT WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND.

- **RBR ALLIANCE – SOUTHERN INDIANA TRANSIT SYSTEM**
DID NOT ATTEND MEETING.

- **JOSH EVERHART – HEALTH DEPARTMENT ORDINANCE & FEE SCHEDULE**
THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS PROVIDED AN ORDINANCE THAT COVERS BOTH FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND BED AND BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENTS. PRIOR TO THIS ORDINANCE, THEY HAD SEPARATE ORDINANCE FOR BOTH, BUT THEY ARE WANTING TO COMBINE THEM IN TO ONE. THE ORDINANCE WAS PROVIDED FOR PUBLIC TO VIEW AND COMMISSIONERS WILL TAKE ACTION AT THE NEXT MEETING ON MAY 6, 2025.

MR EVERHART DISCUSSED FOOD PERMIT FEES. THE STATE IS WANTING TO ALLOW STATE WIDE PERMITS FOR \$450.00. OF THAT MONEY, THE COUNTY WOULD ONLY RECEIVE \$200.00 AND THE STATE WOULD KEEP THE REMAINING \$250.00 TO MAINTAIN THE DATA BASE. THE COUNTY WOULD LOSE MONEY ON FOOD TRUCKS GETTING PERMITS TO SET UP AT COUNTY FESTIVALS IF THE STATE-WIDE PERMITTING SYSTEM GOES IN TO EFFECT. IF THIS LEGISLATION PASSES, IT WOULD TAKE EFFECT IN 2027. MR EVERHART WILL BE RAISING THE COUNTY FOOD PERMITS \$5.00 WHICH IS COMPARABLE TO SURROUNDING COUNTIES.

- **PLAN COMMISSION ALLEGATIONS**

CARDWELL ONCE AGAIN BROUGHT UP THE ALLEGATION THE PLAN COMMISSION IS OPERATING ILLEGALLY. ATTORNEY LISA FLEMING ADDRESSED THE COMMISSIONERS STATING SHE HAS BEEN DOING A LOT OF RESEARCH AND FOUND A CASE LAW FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY THAT STATES THE PLAN COMMISSION IS NOT ILLEGAL JUST BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT TAKEN AN OATH. IN THE CASE LAW IT REFERS TO THIS AS A TECHNICAL DEFAULT WHICH WOULD NOT MAKE ANY DECISIONS OR ACTION ILLEGAL. ATTORNEY FLEMING HAS WORKED ON GETTING THE PLAN COMMISSION THEIR OATHS AND HAS FIVE OF THEM RECORDED IN THE CLERKS OFFICE. ATTORNEY FLEMING STATED THERE IS NO NEED TO DISSOLVE OR REMOVE ANY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. CARDWELL HAD PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED A RESOLUTION IN WHICH ATTORNEY FLEMING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THE OTHER TWO COMMISSIONERS TO CAREFULLY READ OVER BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH A VOTE. CARDWELL ASKED FOR A MOTION TO PASS THE RESOLUTION BUT THERE WAS NO SECOND.

COMMISSIONER EWEN HAS FOUND A REPLACEMENT FOR THE VACANT SEAT HELD BY ANDREW KATT. LOGAN DAVIDSON (D) IS INTERESTED IN FILLING THE VACANCY. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE LOGAN DAVIDSON TO THE PLAN COMMISSION. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED WITH CARDWELL OBSTAINING.

- **COMMUNITY CROSSINGS PAVING BIDS**

TWO BIDS WERE PRESENTED FOR THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS PAVING. ATTORNEY GELTMAKER OPENED THE SEALED BIDS FROM TEMPLE AND TEMPLE, AND C & R CONSTRUCTION.

TEMPLE & TEMPLE - \$1,977,853.00

C & R CONSTRUCITON - &1,899,757.00

SUPERINTENDENT RICK VOYLES RECOMMENDED ACCEPTING ALL BIDS FOR REVIEW. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL BIDS FOR REVIEW. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

- **SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR 4-H PROJECT**

COMMISSIONER EWEN HAS BEEN WORKING WITH ANGIE BUCHANAN WHO IS THE PROJECT LEAD, TO GET A SELECTION COMMITTEE TOGETHER FOR THE 4-H PROJECT. THOSE ON THE COMMITTEE WILL BE ANGIE BUCHANAN, TODD EWEN, GERALD FLEMING, ANDREW DAVISSON, AND TODD ARMSTRONG. THEY SHOULD START ACCEPTING BIDS IN THE NEXT 2-3 WEEKS. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE MENTIONED INDIVIDUALS FOR THE SELECTION COMMITTEE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

TEMPLES HAS BEEN DOING SIGHT WORK AND EROSION CONTROL MAINTENANCE. ADVANTAGE ELECTRIC IS TO FINISH THE SIGN SHED AND START ON THE TRUCK LEAN-TO. THEY WILL BE IN COMMUNICATION WITH DUKE TO GET THE METER CABINET INSTALLED. PARKS PLUMBING WILL BE THERE THURSDAY TO START THE PLUMBING

ON THE MECHANICS GARAGE. THEY SHOULD HAVE THE FINAL APPROVAL OF THE
~~MECHANICS GARAGE BY THE END OF APRIL. THE SEPTIC PERMIT HAS BEEN SENT TO~~
THE STATE AND THEY HAVE UNTIL MAY 2, 2025 TO APPROVE. WORK WILL BEGIN ON
THE MIXED SALT BUILDING THIS WEEK. THE OFFICE BUILDING IS COMPLETE AND WILL
BE INSPECTED SOON. FIBER FROM JACKSON COUNTY REMC HAS BEEN RAN AND
WAITING TO CONNECT. MIDWEST GAS WILL BE STARTING ON RUNNING THE GAS LINE
UP THE WEST SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY.

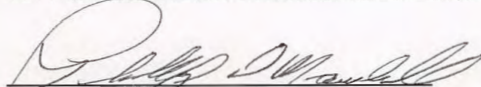
- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

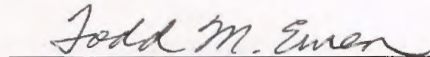
THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN WORKING ON CLEANING UP THE STORM
DEBRIS FROM THE RECENT STORMS. THEY HAVE STARTED SPRAYING POISON
HEMLOCK. THERE WILL BE A BID OPENING AT THE MAY 20, 2025 COMMISSIONER
MEETING FOR A STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT AT GARRISON HOLLOW ROAD AND OLIVE
BRANCH ROAD.

BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

- COMMISSIONER EWEN TOOK A MINUTE TO ASSURE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY THAT
CONTRARY TO WHAT IS BEING SAID AND POSTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA BY SOME
ELECTED OFFICIALS, THERE WILL BE A FAIR THIS YEAR IN JUNE.

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


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


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ATTEST: 
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON

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MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **KEN TEMPLE – PAVING BID**
MR TEMPLE ADDRESSED THE COMMISSIONER REGARDING THE PAVING BIDS THAT ARE ON THE AGENDA TO SELECT. THE BIDS WERE OPENED AND READ ALOUD AT THE LAST COMMISSIONER MEETING WITH C & R CONSTRUCTION BEING THE LOW BID. HE STRESSED THAT HIS EMPLOYEES WORK AND PAY TAXES IN THIS COUNTY THEREFORE IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP THE REVENUE IN THE COUNTY. MR TEMPLE EXPLAINED THE DIFFERENCE IN HIS ASPHALT PLANT VERSUS C & R CONSTRUCTIONS PLANT.
- **KEVIN AND LINDA BAIRD – ALTERNATIVE ENERGY**
MR AND MRS BAIRD CAME AGAIN TO ASK THE COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT A MORATORIUM FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY UNTIL A PLAN CAN BE ADOPTED BY THE PLAN COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT GUIDELINES. COMMISSIONER EWEN IS ON THE PLAN COMMISSION AND IS IN FAVOR OF A MORATORIUM.
- **RANGER POWER – OWEN SPETH & COLIN SNOW**
MR SPETH AND MR SNOW EXPLAINED WHAT RANGER POWER DOES. THEY ARE THE SOLAR POWER COMPANY THAT IS SIGNING LANDOWNERS UP TO LEASE THEIR LAND TO PUT SOLAR FARMS ON. THEY ARE FINE WITH HAVING A MORATORIUM IN PLACE AND BELIEVE THERE SHOULD BE GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW.
- **LUCY BRENTON COUNTY ISSUES**
CAME AGAIN TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE COUNTY.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 7, 2025 AND APRIL 15, 2025**
COMMISSIONER MARSHALL ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE TWO MEETINGS. CARDWELL WANTED MORE INFORMATION IN THE MINUTES. AUDITOR STEPHENSON STATED THAT SHE IS ONLY REQUIRED TO GIVE A SUMMARY OF WHAT WAS STATED AND SHE HAS CONSULTED WITH ATTORNEY GELTMAKER WHO SAYS THEY HAVE MET THE REQUIREMENT. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 7, 2025 AND APRIL 15, 2025 COMMISSIONER MEETINGS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED WITH CARDWELL OPPOSING.
- **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**
COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS AND PAYROLL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.
- **KELLY SARGENT – RADIO EQUIPMENT AT JAIL**
RADIO EQUIPMENT AT THE JAIL IS IN NEED OF AN UPGRADE. MR SARGENT HAS SPOKE WITH ECS ABOUT THE RADIO EQUIPMENT AND IT IS OUTDATED AND THERE ARE NO REPLACEMENT PARTS. THE DEPARTMENT HAS HAD TROUBLE WITH THE RADIOS DURING THE LAST STORM BUT ECS WAS ABLE TO GET THEM BACK UP AND RUNNING. MR SARGENT HAS WORKED WITH SHERIFF MILLER TO FIND FUNDING TO PURCHASE NEW RADIOS. THEY WOULD LIKE TO PAY FOR THEM OUT OF THE PSAP FUND WHICH IS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. THE RADIOS ARE IN STOCK AND CAN BE SENT UPON

APPROVAL. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF NEW RADIO EQUIPMENT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

- **FOOD ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR BED AND BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENT ORDINANCE**
THE ORDINANCE WAS PROVIDED AND READ AT THE LAST MEETING BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.
- **COMMUNICATION TOWER EASEMENT**
ATTORNEY GELTMAKER PROVIDED AN EASEMENT FOR THE LAND OWNERS THAT OWN THE PROPERTY ONE OF THE GUIDEWIRES SITS ON AT THE COMMUNICATION RADIO TOWER. THE ACKERETS OWN THE LAND AND HAVE NOT HAD AN EASEMENT FOR THE COUNTY. ATTORNEY GELTMAKER PREPARED THE EASEMENT WHERE THE COUNTY WILL PAY THEM \$1,000.00 A YEAR FOR ACCESS TO THE LAND. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE EASEMENT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.
- **OPIOID APPLICATION AMENDMENT**
THE COMMISSIONERS HAD APPROVED A REQUEST PER RECOMMENDATION OF THE JRAC BOARD FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY CAST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 OUT OF THE UNRESTRICTED OPIOID FUND. THE REQUEST HAD AN INCORRECT END DATE AND NEEDED TO BE AMENDED TO STATE MAY 31, 2026. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED ENDING DATE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.
- **PTABOA APPOINTMENT**
ASSESSOR SHERRY WINGLER HAS TWO OPENINGS ON THE PTABOA BOARD. SHE HAS RECOMMENDED LARRY PURLEE, AND EVAN GOODMAN. LARRY PURLEE HAS SERVED ON THE BOARD BEFORE BUT HAS NO CERTIFICATIONS. EVAN GOODMAN HAS HIS LEVEL II CERTIFICATIONS. THE COMMISSIONERS TABLED A DECISION UNTIL THE MAY 22, 2025 MEETING TO MAKE SURE BOTH CANDIDATES MEET THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS.
- **PLAN COMMISSION**
THERE WAS A RESOLUTION PRESENTED SEVERAL MEETINGS AGO TO DISBAN THE PLAN COMMISSION AND APPOINT NEW MEMBERS. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, AND FACT FINDING BY THE PLAN COMMISSION ATTORNEY LISA FLEMING, ALL CURRENT MEMBERS HAVE BEEN SWORN IN. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION. WITH THERE BEING NO SECOND THE MOTION DIED.
- **GREEN ENERGY MORATORIUM**
THE COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSED AGAIN THE NEED TO PUT SOMETHING IN PLACE UNTIL THE PLAN COMMISSION CAN PUT TOGETHER A GUIDELINE FOR SOLAR COMPANIES WANTING TO INSTALL SOLAR PANELS IN THE COUNTY. A RESOLUTION WAS PRESENTED FOR A 2-YEAR MORATORIUM. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.
- **COMMUNITY CROSSINGS PAVING BID AWARD**
SUPERINTENDENT RICK VOYLES PROVIDED A BID TABULATION FROM FLECK ENGINEERING. SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES RECOMMENDED TAKING THE LOWEST BID FROM C & R CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,899,757.00. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BID FROM C & R CONSTRUCTION. MOTION DIED DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND. COMMISSIONER EWEN STATED HE WOULD NOT SECOND THE MOTION DUE TO COUNTY MONEY BEING SPENT WITH AN OUT OF THE COUNTY COMPANY. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL STATED HE DID NOT LIKE HAVING COUNTY REVENUE GOING TO A COMPANY OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE HIGHER BID FROM TEMPLE AND TEMPLE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED WITH CARDWELL OPPOSING.

REPORTS

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE**
PAUL ECKART WITH TEMPLE AND TEMPLE GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT. THE GAS AND WATER LINES SHOULD BE RUN BY THE END OF THE WEEK. THEY WILL BE STARTING ON INSTALLING THE INSULATION AND THE DRYWALL FOR THE OFFICE. MASONRY WORK WILL START IN ABOUT 2-3 WEEKS. ELECTRICAL WORK ON THE TRUCK LEAN-TO IS ALMOST DONE. THE FIRE ISSUES ON

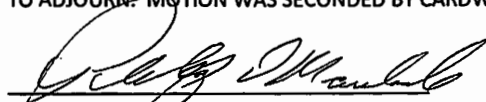
THE MECHANICS GARAGE HAVE BEEN APPROVED. THEY WILL BE INSTALLING THE
~~SEPTIC SYSTEM WHEN THE WEATHER BREAKS AND IT DRIES UP.~~

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**
SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES HAD LEFT THE MEETING.

BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

- COMMISSIONER EWEN REPORTED WORK IS BEING DONE AT THE FAIRGROUNDS TO CLEAR UP THE VIOLATIONS BY THE FIRE MARSHALL.
- PAM LOCKART FROM THE HARDINBURG SENIOR CENTER HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH CARDWELL FOR A FEW WEEKS WANTING THE MOWING DONE AT THE SENIOR CENTER. CARDWELL HAS FAILED TO GET ANYONE TO DO THE MOWING. SHE REQUESTED THIS BE DONE SOON AS THE GRASS IS GETTING HIGH.

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


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: 
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COMMISSIONER EWEN REQUESTED THE AGENDA BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE TOWN OF HARDINSBURG SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **LUCY BRENTON - COUNTY BUSINESS**
SPOKE ONCE AGAIN TO COMPLAIN ABOUT COUNTY BUSINESS.
- **DAVID KOLLE – HARDINSBURG ROADS & PROPERTIES**
MR KOLLE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE NOISE ORDINANCE AND POSSIBLY HAVE IT REVISED.
- **COLIN SNOW & OWEN SPETH – SOLAR ORDINANCE/MORATORIUM**
MR SNOW AND MR SPETH WITH RANGER POWER DISCUSSED THE NEED FOR AN ORDINANCE IN ORDER FOR THE PROJECTS THEY HAVE TO PROCEED. THEY WILL TALK WITH THE PLAN COMMISSION TO GET SOMETHING WRITTEN UP.
- **DISCUSSION ABOUT TOWN OF HARDINSBURG**
STEVEN COOTS VOICED HIS OPINION ABOUT RE-INSTATING THE TOWN OF HARDINSBURG. HE STATED THE TOWN HAD PREVIOUSLY HAD AN ILLEGAL BOARD AND BELIEVES IT IS BETTER TAKEN CARE OF BY THE COUNTY. RESIDENTS TAXES HAVE LOWERED AND THE ROADS ARE BEING TAKEN CARE OF. HE SUGGESTED THERE BE A REFERENDUM ON THE NEXT ELECTION BALLOT TO GET A CONSENSUS FROM THE TOWN MEMBERS. HE STATED HE DID NOT FEEL CARDWELL WAS A GOOD REPRESENTATIVE OF THAT AREA BECAUSE HE BELIEVES HE HAS NOT ASKED EVERY PROPERTY OWNER IN THE TOWN LIMITS WHAT THEY WANTED, AND WAS NOT HIS REPRESENTATIVE AS HE WOULD ASK COMMISSIONER EWEN AND COMMISSIONER MARSHALL TO NOT RE-INSTATE THE TOWN.

DENISE COOTS SPOKE SECONDDING WHAT MR COOTS HAD SAID. SHE WOULD LIKE THE COMMISSIONERS TO GET MORE REPRESENTATION FROM THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN.

PAM LOCKHART ASKED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THE SENIOR CENTER. SHE CLAIMS THE TOWN NEVER TOOK CARE OF THE SENIOR CENTER BEFORE AND WORRIES IT WILL GO BACK TO THAT. THE TOWN WAS SUPPOSED TO GIVE THEM A DEED TO THE BUILDING THEY ARE IN AND THAT NEVER HAPPENED.

LUCY BRENTON DOESN'T LIVE IN THE TOWN LIMITS BUT WANTS THE TOWN GIVEN BACK.

RON BLACKMAN BELIEVES THE TOWN CAN SUSTAIN ON ITS OWN. HE BELIEVES THE TOWN IS BEING PROVIDED INADEQUATE SERVICES.

- **DENI STEMPOWSKI – EMA UPDATE**
FEMA DID NOT APPROVE FUNDING FOR STORM DAMAGE BASED ON THE NUMBERS SENT IN. AFTER WORKING WITH JACKSON COUNTY REMC, SHE WAS ABLE TO RESUBMIT THE AMOUNT AND IT IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING.

EMA SUBMITTED FOR A GRANT FOR A THERMAL IMAGING DRONE. THE GRANT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AND SHE WILL BE PURCHASING THIS DRONE WHICH WILL HELP SEVERAL OF THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 6, 2025**

COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 6, 2025 COMMISSIONER MEETING. ~~CARDWELL DID NOT LIKE THE COMMENT IN THE MINUTES THAT HE FAILED TO FIND SOMEONE TO DO THE MOWING AT THE SENIOR CENTER IN HARDINSBURG.~~ MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED WITH CARDWELL OPPOSING.

- **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**

COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS AND PAYROLL WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A CLAIM TO MURPHY ELEVATOR SERVICE. THEY WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW THE CLAIM TO MAKE SURE IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE UNDER WARRANTY. CARDWELL SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.

- **KELLY SARGENT – RADIO EQUIPMENT**

MR SARGENT PROVIDED AN UPDATED QUOTE FOR THE RADIOS THAT WAS APPROVED AT THE LAST MEETING. THEY WILL BE ADDING MORE RADIOS TO BE REPLACED. THE TOTAL COST OF THE RADIOS IS \$92,236.00 WHICH WILL BE PAID OUT OF THE PSAP FUND. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE RADIOS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$92,236.00. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

- **BID OPENING FOR GARRISON HOLLOW ROAD AND OLIVE BRANCH ROAD SMALL STRUCTURE**

THE AUDITORS OFFICE ACCEPTED BIDS FOR A SMALL STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT ON GARRISON HOLLOW ROAD AND OLIVE BRANCH ROAD. ATTORNEY GELTMAKER READ THE SEALED BIDS ALLOWED AS FOLLOWS: GARRISON HOLLOW ROAD

WALLS EXCAVATING - \$93,600.00
 TEMPLE & TEMPLE - \$58,400.00
 KLB EXCAVATING - \$48,900.00

OLIVE BRANCH ROAD

WALLS EXCAVATING - \$82,000.00
 TEMPLE & TEMPLE - \$48,700.00
 KLB EXCAVATING - \$46,500.00

COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL BIDS FOR REVIEW. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

- **KNAPP MILLER BROWN – VISION AND DENTAL RENEWAL**

VISION AND DENTAL RENEWAL IS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025. LAST YEAR ZACK RICHARDS INFORMED THE COMMISSIONERS THE COUNTY WAS IN A TWO-YEAR RATE LOCK. THIS WILL BE THE LAST YEAR FOR THE RATE LOCK. THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE WILL BE SENDING OUT THE RENEWAL FORMS TO THE EMPLOYEES IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS. THIS WILL ALSO BE A TIME WHERE EMPLOYEES CAN SIGN UP FOR ADDITIONAL LIFE INSURANCE.

- **TOWN OF HARDINSBURG SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

THE COUNTY HAS BEEN IN A LAWSUIT WITH THE HARDINSBURG PAC. THERE HAS FINALLY BEEN A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PROVIDED WHICH WOULD GIVE THE TOWN OF HARDINSBURG BACK. CLERK STEPHANIE ROCKEY BELIEVES THE TOWN NEEDS TO GO THROUGH THE PROPER STEPS TO RE-INCORPORATE THE TOWN AND HAVE THE TOWN BOARD MEMBERS VOTED IN THROUGH AN ELECTION. COMMISSIONER EWEN STATED THE TOWN WAS PREVIOUSLY BEING RAN AS TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION AND DOES NOT WANT TO SEE IT GO BACK TO THAT. CARDWELL BELIEVES MOST IN THE TOWN WANT IT RE-INCORPORATED. DENISE COOTS SPOKE UP AND STATED THEY WANT LEGAL REPRESENTATION. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO TABLE A DECISION ON THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED WITH CARDWELL OPPOSING.

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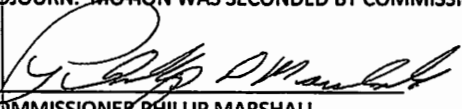
- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN CLEANING UP AFTER THE RECENT RAIN AND STORMS. THEY HAVE STARTED THEIR SUMMER SPRAYING AS WELL. SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES PROVIDED THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNATURES. THE COUNTY PAVING WILL BEGIN AROUND THE FIRST OF JUNE.

- **AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON**

AUDITOR STEPHENSON SPOKE ON THE TOWN OF HARDINSBURG. SHE PROVIDED FACTS ABOUT WHAT TRANSPIRED TO LEAD TO THE TOWN BEING TAKEN OVER BY THE COUNTY DUE TO A LOT OF MISINFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN SPREAD.

~~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 TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: 
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING

~~JUNE 3, 2025~~

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

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THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL.

CARDWELL LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. COMMISSIONER EWEN GAVE THE PRAYER.

CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **LUCY BRENTON – COUNTY ISSUES**
MS BRENTON CAME AGAIN TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE DISSOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF HARDINSBURG.
- **DAVID KOLLE – HARDINSBURG ROADS AND PROPERTIES**
MR KOLLE CAME TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE TOWN OF HARDINSBURG AND FEELING THAT THE COUNTY WAS NOT PROVIDING ADEQUATE SERVICE TO THE TOWN.
- **WILLIAM SALYER – NOTICE OF STOP BUILDING HOMOE AND MAILING ADDRESS QUESTION**
MR SALYER REQUESTED TO BE ON THE AGENDA BUT WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 20, 2025**
COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 20, 2025 COMMISSIONER MEETING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.
- **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**
CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS AND PAYROLL. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL STATED THE CLAIM FOR MURPHY ELEVATOR THAT WAS TABLED AT THE LAST MEETING WAS IN FACT DUE TO PAY. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.
- **PTABOA APPOINTMENT**
ASSESSOR SHERRY WINGLER WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE TO GIVE A RECOMMENDATION.

REPORTS

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE**
PAUL ECKERT REPORTED DRYWALL HAS BEEN INSTALLED AND PRIMER HAS BEEN APPLIED TO THE DRYWALL AT THE OFFICE SIGHT. THE BRICK WILL BE ARRIVING AND MASON WORK IS SET TO BE STARTED THE WEEK OF JUNE 9, 2025. THE ROOF IS SET TO FINISHED AS WELL. MR ECKERT IS SUPPOSED TO MEET WITH MIDWEST GAS TO DETERMINE THE ROUTING OF THE GAS LINES. DUKE ENERGY IS TO DO THE FINAL POWER SOON. THE FOUNDATION FOR THE SALT AND AGGREGATE BINS HAS STARTED. GRABER IS COMING TO DO FINAL MEASUREMENTS FOR MATERIALS FOR THE MECHANICS GARAGE AND SALT BUILDING. THE SEPTIC SYSTEM SHOULD BE APPROVED BY THE END OF THE WEEK.
- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**
SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE TO GIVE AN UPDATE.
- **AMEND THE AGENDA**
CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD DISCUSSION OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT OVER THE TOWN OF HARDINSBURG. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

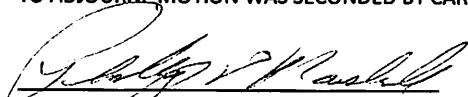
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BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

- THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING ON JUNE 10, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M. TO DISCUSS THE COMMUNITY CROSSING PAVING BID AWARD.

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



 COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL



 COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

 COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: 

 AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING
 JUNE 10, 2025
 WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
 99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200
 SALEM, INDIANA 47167

THE COMMISSIONERS HELD A SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS PAVING BID AWARD FROM THE MAY 6, 2025 COMMISSIONER MEETING. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN, COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL, ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER, AND AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON.

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

A PLEDGE TO THE FLAG WAS LED BY CARDWELL, FOLLOWED BY A PRAYER BY COMMISSIONER EWEN.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- KEN TEMPLE FILLED OUT THE PUBLIC COMMENT FORM WITH THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL ASKED IF HE WANTED TO SPEAK AND HE DECLINED.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- COMMUNITY CROSSINGS PAVING BID

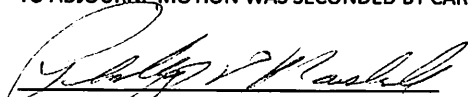
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PUBLIC COMMENT

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ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- COMMUNITY CROSSINGS PAVING BID

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL ASKED FOR A MOTION TO RESCIND THE COMMUNITY CROSSING BID AWARD FROM THE MAY 6, 2025 MEETING. THE BIDS WERE: TEMPLE AND TEMPLE - \$1,977,853.00 AND C & R PAVING - \$1,899,757.00. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO RESCIND THE BIDS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED WITH COMMISSIONER EWEN OPPOSING.

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL ASKED FOR A MOTION TO AWARD THE BID TO C & R PAVING. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO AWARD THE BID TO C & R PAVING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED WITH COMMISSIONER EWEN OPPOSING.

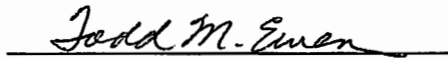
COMMISSIONER EWEN STATED HE HAS NO PROBLEMS WITH C & R PAVING BUT HE FEELS THAT THIS IS COMMUNITY MONEY AND WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE MONEY IN THE COMMUNITY. HE HAS CONCERNS WITH THE HAULING OF THE ASPHALT FROM CORYDON. WANTS THE BIDS TO BE FAIR AND FEELS LIKE THE STATE SYSTEM IS FLAWED. HE FEELS VOTING FOR C & R PAVING ABANDONS THE COUNTY AND COMMUNITY.

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL STATED NO HIGH BID HAS EVER BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE STATE WHICH IS WHY HE FELT LIKE THEY HAD TO RESCIND THE BID AND GIVE IT TO THE LOWER BIDDER. HE DIDN'T WANT TO TAKE THE RISK OF LOSING COMMUNITY CROSSINGS.

SUPERINTENDENT RICK VOYLES STATED HE IS APPRECIATIVE OF THE STATE FOR THIS GRANT MONEY AND DOES NOT WANT TO GET A BLACK EYE IN THE EYES OF THE STATE. HE HAS A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE STATE AND WANTS THE COUNTY TO ABIDE BY THE STATE LAW. HE PROVIDED THE CONTRACTS FOR THE GRANT FOR THE COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES.

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


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: 
AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING

~~JUNE 17, 2025~~

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200

SALEM, INDIANA 47167

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THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL.

COMMISSIONER EWEN LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. MARK ABBOTT GAVE THE PRAYER.

COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PROVIDED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **LUCY BRENTON – COUNTY BUSINESS**
MS BRENTON PROVIDED INFORMATION ABOUT HERSELF.
- **KEN TEMPLE – COUNTY BUSINESS**
MR TEMPLE EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS SPEAKING FROM A PERSONAL VIEW AND NOT AS THE OWNER OF TEMPLE AND TEMPLE. HE ASKED CARDWELL ABOUT HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH C & R PAVING STATING THAT CARDWELL HAD INVITED C & R PAVING TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN DINNER AND ANOTHER EVENT. HE QUESTIONED HOW CARDWELL COULD BENEFIT FROM THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS BEING DONE BY C & R PAVING SINCE IT IS LOCATED IN HARRISON COUNTY WHICH CARDWELL ALSO WORKS FOR HARRISON COUNTY PARKS AND REC. WITH THE RECENT PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST FROM C & R PAVINGS ATTORNEY, FINDS IT INTERESTING CARDWELL IS NOT ASKED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION. MR TEMPLE ALSO ASKED WHO HAD APPROACHED THE STATE TO SEND OUT A LETTER TO THE COUNTY IN REGARDS TO THE COUNTY GIVING THE BID TO TEMPLE AND TEMPLE.
- **RHONDA GREENE – LOCAL GOVERNMENT LIVE STREAMING LAW**
MS GREENE STATED SHE LIVESTREAMS THE MEETINGS THROUGH HER INDIANAPROUD.COM SIGHT. THE STATE HAS PASSED A LAW THAT ALL BOARD MEETINGS MUST BE LIVESTREAMED EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025. SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE BOARDS USE GOOGLE CALENDARS AND HAS OFFERED HER ASSISTANCE TO HELP BOARDS LIVESTREAM THEIR MEETINGS IN ORDER TO BE COMPLIANT. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL HAS ASKED HER TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR HER HELP.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 3, 2025**
COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 3, 2025 COMMISSIONER MEETING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.
- **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**
COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS AND PAYROLL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.
- **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMMISSIONER MARSHALL TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS REGARDING INDOT-LPA CONTRACT**
RESOLUTION WAS PROVIDED TO ALLOW COMMISSIONER MARSHALL TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS REGARDING INDOT-LPA CONTRACTS. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER MARSHALL AS THE EXECUTOR OF ALL INDOT-LPA CONTRACTS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.
- **ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCES 2022-8, 2022-10, 2022-11 TOWN OF HARDINSBURG**
THE ORDINANCE HAD THE FIRST READING AT THE LAST MEETING. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCES 2022-8, 10, 11 FOR

THE TOWN OF HARDINSBURG. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER
~~MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED 2-1 WITH COMMISSIONER EWEN OPPOSING.~~

- **BRIDGE 238 BID OPENING**

REQUESTS FOR BIDS WERE DUE IN TO THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE BY 9:00 A.M.. TEMPLE AND TEMPLE WAS THE ONLY BID PROVIDED. THE REQUEST IS FOR SIDEWALK AND DECK REHABILITATION ON SOUTH MAIN STREET IN SALEM. TEMPLE AND TEMPLE'S BID WAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,340.00. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FOR REVIEW. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

MASON WORK WILL START ON THE OFFICE BUILDING WEDNESDAY WEATHER PERMITTING. THE MECHANICS GARAGE WILL HAVE SOME PLUMBING WORK TO BE TWEAKED AND THEN THE FINAL PREP ON SLABS. MIX SALT BUILDING WALLS ARE DONE WILL BE WORKING ON THE REST OF THE CONCRETE WORK. THE CITY OF SALEM IS TO SET THE WATER METER ON FRIDAY. THE SEPTIC PERMIT HAS BEEN APPROVED.

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

THE COUNTY IS BUSY DOING MOWING AND BRUSH CUTTING. THE COUNTY PAVING SHOULD WRAP UP BY THE END OF THE WEEK. SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES PROVIDED DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNATURES FOR THE BRIDGE INSPECTIONS. THERE WILL BE A 30% RAISE WHICH WILL BE A GRAND TOTAL OF \$557,976.00. THIS WILL BE PAID OUT IN FOUR PHASES AND IS 80% REIMBURSEABLE BY THE STATE.

- **BLUE RIVER SERVICES SUPPORT LETTER**

BLUE RIVER SERVICES HAVE ASKED FOR A SUPPORT LETTER FROM THE COMMISSIONERS WHICH OUTLINES SOME OF THE COUNTIES CURRENT KEY INVESTMENTS. THIS LETTER IS TO HELP AID BLUE RIVER SERVICES IN APPLYING AND RECEIVING GRANTS FROM WCCF AND IHCA (HOME FUNDS). THE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO DEVELOP NEW HOUSING FOR RESIDENTS NEEDING BETTER AMENITIES AND SAFETY FEATURES. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE LETTER OF SUPPORT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

- **COUNTY LIVESTREAMING**

AUDITOR STEPHENSON ANNOUNCED THE COUNTY HAS A LIVESTREAM OF THE COMMISSIONER, COUNCIL, AND AMBULANCE MEETINGS ON YOUTUBE. THE YOUTUBE CHANNEL IS @WASHINGTONCOUNTYINDIANA.

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


 COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


 COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

 COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: 
 AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING

~~JULY 1, 2025~~

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

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THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL.

CARDWELL LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. DENISE COOTS GAVE THE PRAYER.

COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **LUCY BRENTON – COUNTY BUSINESS**

MS BRENTON CAME AGAIN TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE PLAN COMMISSION AND THE COUNTY.

- **PAM LOCKHART – HARDINSBURG**

MS LOCKHART EXPRESSED HER THANKS TO THE COMMISSIONERS FOR WHAT THEY DONE FOR THE TOWN HARDINSBURG. SHE IS CONCERNED THE TOWN WILL NOT BE RUN PROPERLY WITH THE NEW BOARD. SHE RUNS THE SENIOR CENTER IN HARDINSBURG AND HAS ALREADY BEEN TOLD BY SOME BOARD MEMBERS THEY WILL USE THAT FACILITY WHENEVER THEY CHOOSE TOO. SHE DOESN'T WANT TO SEE THE TOWN NOT BE MAINTAINED.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 17, 2025**

COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 17, 2025 COMMISSIONER MEETING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

- **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**

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

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE MENTIONED INDIVIDUALS FOR THE SELECTION COMMITTEE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

THE MASONRY WORK HAS STARTED AND WILL CONTINUE ON THE OFFICE BUILDING WEATHER PERMITTING. WORKING ON GETTING SOME PLUMBING ADJUSTMENTS MADE ON THE MECHANICS GARAGE. THE MIXED SALT BUILDING WALLS ARE UP AND WILL BE POURING THE SLAB WHICH WILL BE 80 X 100. GRABERS WILL BE GETTING STARTED ON THE SALT BUILDING. THE FOOTINGS AND WALLS ARE ALMOST DONE FOR THE AGGREGATE BINS. THE WALLS WILL BE 12". THE SEPTIC FIELD WILL BE INSTALLED IN JULY AND THE STORM SEWER WILL BE ESTABLISHED AND RAN. TEMPLES WAS TO MEET WITH GRABERS TO REVIEW AND GO OVER DETAILS FOR THE REMAINING BUILDINGS.

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

- **KNAPP MILLER BROWN**

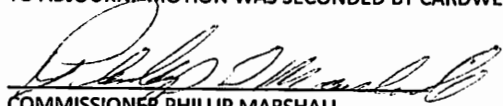
ZACK RICHARDS HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE COUNTIES HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDER, ANTHEM. THEY ARE INTERESTED IN KEEPING THE COUNTY BUT STATED THE CLAIMS HAVE BEEN HIGH. THEY DO ANTICIPATE AN INCREASE ON HEALTH CARE COVERAGE. HE WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE A PHONE CONFERENCE WITH THEM TODAY

TO GO OVER SOME DETAILS. ZACK ASKED TO BE PUT ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT
COMMISSIONER MEETING, JULY 15, 2025.

• **ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER**

ATTORNEY GELTMAKER GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE LIVESTREAMING STATING THAT THE COMMISSIONERS ARE COMPLIANT WITH THE NEW LAW. THE STATUTE APPLIES TO COUNCIL, COMMISSIONERS, SCHOOL BOARDS, AND TOWN BOARDS. IF ANYONE NEEDS MORE INFORMATION ON THIS NEW STATUTE, THEY CAN CONTACT THE STATE PUBLIC ACCESS COUNSELOR.

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


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: 
AUDITOR, RYRA STEPHENSON

WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL

~~WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS~~

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200

SALEM, INDIANA 47167

JULY 7, 2025

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN JOINT SESSION ON JULY 7, 2025 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 MARK ABBOTT, GERALD FLEMING, PRESTON SHELL, BRAD GILBERT, ANDREW DAVISSON, TODD ARMSTRONG, COMMISSIONERS PHILLIP MARSHALL, TODD EWEN, TONY CARDWELL, ATTORNEY ALYSSA COCHRAN, ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER, AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON AND DEPUTY AUDITOR MICHELE FLEENOR. COUNCILMEMBER WISCHMEIER WAS ABSENT.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ABBOTT CALLED THE COUNCIL TO ORDER.

COMMISSIONER PRESIDENT MARSHALL CALLED THE COMMISSIONERS TO ORDER.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SHELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVISSON. THE MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

KEELEY STINGEL OFFERED ENCOURAGING WORDS TO THE COUNCIL AS THEY HEAD INTO BUDGET TIME ESPECIALLY NOT KNOWING WHAT SENATE BILL 1 WILL DO TO COUNTY REVENUES.

SALEM COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

NEW SALEM SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT TERRY GOODIN INTRODUCED HIMSELF. SUPERINTENDENT GOODIN ALSO ASKED IF THE COUNCIL WOULD APPOINT SOMEONE TO BE THE COUNCIL'S LIASON TO THE SCHOOL.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

FIRST READING AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS WENT BEFORE THE COUNCIL AT THE REGULAR JUNE MEETING. THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS ARE NOW UP FOR APPROVAL AT THE JULY MEETING. COUNCILMEMBER ARMSTRONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

1000.11701.00000.0381 CORRECTIONAL OFFICER 17	\$25,000.00
1000.11702.00000.0381 CORRECTIONAL OFFICER 18	\$25,000.00
4952.20102.00000.0000 GENERAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,798.55
4952.32600.0000.0000 UTILITIES	\$ 46.55

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

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,350.00. THE GRANT IS FOR RECYCLING EQUIPMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVISSON. THE MOTION PASSED.

FIRST READING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WENT BEFORE THE COUNCIL AT THE REGULAR JULY MEETING. THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IS FOR THE GENERAL FUND CHILD SUPPORT DEPARTMENT IVD DEPUTY PROSECUTOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,600.00 AND THE COUNTY IVD INCENTIVE FUND FOR IVD ATTORNEY SUPPLEMENTAL \$15,750.00. THE PURPOSE IS TO REARRANGE THE

PAYROLL DISTRIBUTIONS TO THE TWO ATTORNEYS DUE TO THE ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES GRANT ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2025.

FIRST READING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WENT BEFORE THE COUNCIL AT THE REGULAR JULY MEETING. THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IS FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTINUING EDUCATION FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00. THE PURPOSE IS TO FUND CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

COUNCILMEMBER GILBERT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING 2025 SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS:

1000.10901.00000.0009 ATTORNEY	\$84,224.00
1000.13003.00000.0660 ATTORNEY	\$19,516.00
1000.10213.00000.0009 ATTORNEY	\$10,920.00
1000.13002.00000.0660 ATTORNEY	\$10,378.00
8895.13004.00000.0000 ATTORNEY	\$46,950.00

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

DEPARTMENTS

CLERK STEPHANIE ROCKEY – UPDATES ON NEW LAWS AND THE VOTER LIST MAINTENANCE PROJECT.

SHERIFF BRENT MILLER – UPDATE ON STAFFING

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT RICK VOYLES – UPDATE ON HIGHWAY ACTIVITIES.

ATTORNEY ALYSSA COCHRAN

ATTORNEY COCHRAN GAVE INFORMATION ON THE NEW OPEN DOOR LAWS THAT TOOK EFFECT ON JULY 1, 2025 PERTAINING TO INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED ON BOARD AGENDAS AND WEBSITES RELATING TO ELECTIVE OFFICIALS WHO ARE APPOINTED TO VARIOUS BOARDS SUBJECT TO OPEN DOOR LAWS, AND LIVE STREAMING THE MEETINGS.

JENNIFER BOWERS ASKED IF THE ECONOMIC GROWTH PARTNERSHIP WAS INCLUDED IN THE OPEN DOOR LAW REQUIREMENTS. ATTORNEY COCHRAN DECLINED TO PROVIDE LEGAL OPINION OR ASSESSMENT AS TO HOW OPEN DOOR LAW APPLIES TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE

ZACH RICHARD FROM KNAPP-MILLER-BROWN STATED THE COUNTY IS LOOKING AT A 14.5% INCREASE IN PREMIUMS ON ANTHEM INSURANCE. RICHARDS HAVE SUBMITTED INFORMATION TO NATIONWIDE BENEFITS, UNITED HEALTH CARE AND ANGLE HEALTH FOR THOSE COMPANIES TO SEND QUOTES.

BOARD COMMENTS

COUNCILMEMBER ARMSTRONG – ASKED ABOUT 4H BUILDING. COMMISSIONER EWEN STATED THE FUNDS ARE BEING HELD UP AT THE STATE LEVEL DUE TO AN INDIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION.

THE COUNCIL AND COMMISSIONERS RECESSED FOR 15 MINUTES.

DARREN BATES – DATA PITSTOP

DARREN BATES APPEARED BEFORE THE COUNCIL TO GIVE INFORMATION ON SENATE BILL 1 THAT WAS PASSED THIS YEAR BY THE STATE OF INDIANA. MR. BATES STATED THAT THERE IS A LOT OF UNKNOWNNS WITH THE BILL AND THE LEGISLATORS ARE NOT ABLE TO GIVE ANY ANSWERS TO COUNTIES ON HOW IT WILL AFFECT THE REVENUES THE COUNTIES RECEIVE. SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

*IN TWO YEARS, THERE WILL NO LONGER BE A COUNTY WIDE INCOME TAX. INDIVIDUAL TAXING UNITS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PLACING THEIR OWN INCOME TAX RATE.

CURRENTLY THE COUNTY IS .5% AWAY FROM MAXING OUT THE INCOME TAX RATE; WITH
~~THE NEW LAW THE COUNTY IS .05% AWAY FROM MAXING OUT.~~

*SOLAR & GEOTHERMAL DEDUCTIONS WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE.

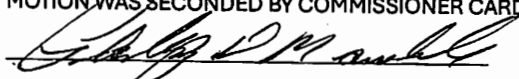
*HOMESTEAD WILL BE PHASING OUT.

THE COUNTIES WILL HAVE TO FIGURE OUT NEW WAYS TO GENERATE REVENUE. RURAL
COUNTIES WILL SUFFER, AND THER ARE STILL MANY UNKNOWNNS ABOUT THE
PRACTICAL APPLICATION AND IMPACT OF THE LAW. COUNTIES SHOULD THINK ABOUT
MAXING OUT THE LOCAL INCOME TAX RATE FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS TO GENERATE
REVENUE TO PLACE INTO A "SAVINGS" FUND FOR ANTICIPATED FUTURE REVENUE
DECREASES. BATES WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW-UP WITH THE LEGISLATURE ON
OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF THE NEW LAW.

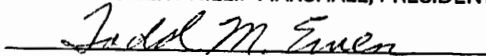
THE COUNCIL AND COMMISSIONERS THANKED MR. BATES FOR HIS TIME.

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

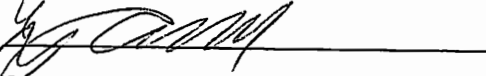
COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE COMMISSIONERS. THE
MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARDWELL. THE MOTION PASSED.



COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, PRESIDENT



COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN



COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: _____

AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING

~~JULY 15, 2025~~

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 TONY CARDWELL, 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 SPECIFICALLY IN WRITING.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL.

CARDWELL LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. COMMISSIONER EWEN GAVE THE PRAYER.

COMMISSIONER EWEN REQUESTED THE AGENDA BE AMENDED TO ADD THE ASSESSOR, SHERRY WINGLER FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO THE PTABOA BOARD. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA AS REQUESTED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **LUCY BRENTON – COUNTY ISSUES**
MS BRENTON WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 1, 2025**
CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 1, 2025 COMMISSIONER MEETING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.
- **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**
COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS AND PAYROLL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.
- **KNAPP MILLER BROWN – HEALTH INSURANCE**
ZACK RICHARDS HAS BEEN WORKING ON GETTING QUOTES FOR HEALTH INSURANCE. THE COUNTY CURRENTLY HAS 177 TOTALLY INSURED INDIVIDUALS INCLUDING CHILDREN. OF THAT 177 THERE ARE 51 LOW RISK CLAIMANTS, 90 MEDIUM RISK CLAIMANTS, AND 36 HIGH RISK CLAIMANTS. UNITED HEALTH CARE HASN'T PROVIDED THEIR QUOTE YET BUT FEELS LIKE THEY WILL BE COMPETATIVE. HE HAS ALSO REACHED OUT TO SIHO AND THEY WILL BE PROVIDING A QUOTE. ANTHEM IS THE CURRENT HEALTH INSURANCE CARRIER AND THEY QUOTED A 14.5% INCREASE. HE SHOULD HAVE FINAL QUOTES BY THE AUGUST 5, 2025 MEETING.
- **PTABOA APPOINTMENT**
ASSESSOR SHERRY WINGLER RECOMMENDED APPOINTING MICHAEL CARWILE TO FILL ONE OF THE VACANCIES ON THE BOARD. MR CARWILE IS AN ASSESSOR AT CRAWFORD COUNTY AND IS A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN AND HAS THE QUALIFICATIONS TO FILL THE VACANCY. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT MICHAEL CARWILE AS RECOMMENDED BY ASSESSOR SHERRY WINGLER TO THE PTABOA BOARD. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE**
PAUL ECKERT REPORTED THE MASONRY WORK IS DONE ON THE OFFICE BUILDING AND IS READY FOR CLEANUP. WORK WILL RESUME IN THE INTERIOR OF THE OFFICE. THEY WILL BE POURING THE SLAB FOR THE MECHANICAS GARAGE. THE MIXED SALT BUILDING HAS THE WALLS AND SLABS POURED. THE SEPTIC TANKS WILL BE DELIVERED TOMORROW AND THEY HAVE ADDED ANOTHER ADDITIONAL STORM DRAINAGE. THE GAS COMPANY HAS MET WITH MR ECKERT ON WHERE AND HOW THE GAS LINES WILL RUN.
- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**
THE SPRAYING CREWS ARE OUT SPRAYING NOXIOUS WEEDS. THE FIRST ROUND OF COUNTY PAVING HAS BEEN COMPLETED WITH APPROXIMATELY 8 MILES PAVED. BRIDGE 61 ON BATA ROAD HAD BEEN BUDGETED TO BUILD, BUT DESIGN NOT

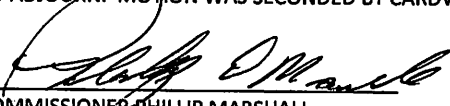
COMPLETED YET SO GOING TO USE THOSE FUNDS WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY
~~\$500,000.00 TO PUT TOWARD THE SECOND ROUND OF COUNTY PAVING. THE SMALL~~

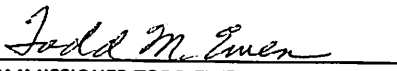
STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT ON GARRISON HOLLOW IS COMPLETE. THE SMALL
STRUCTURE ON OLIVE BRANCH IS SCHEDULED TO BE CLOSED DOWN TOMORROW
AND WILL BE CLOSED FOR APPROXIMATELY A WEEK. BRIDGE 238 ON MAIN ST IN
SALEM HAS A CHANGE ORDER DUE TO FORM WORK NEEDING TO BE DONE. THE
CHANGE ORDER IS \$38,400.00. THEY ARE HOPING TO HAVE THE WORK DONE BY THE
START OF SCHOOL. WORK SHOULD BEGIN AGAIN THE FIRST OF NEXT WEEK.

• **BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

COMMISSIONER EWEN WANTED TO THANK EVERYONE THAT WAS INVOLVED WITH
WORKING OR VOLUNTEERING TO MAKE THE FAIR A SUCCESS THIS YEAR.

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


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: _____
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING

AUGUST 5, 2025

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

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THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL.

CARDWELL LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. COMMISSIONER EWEN GAVE THE PRAYER.

COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **LUCY BRENTON – COUNTY ISSUES**
MS BRENTON SPOKE ABOUT THE COUNTY BEING RESILIENT AND HELPING OUT YOUR NEIGHBORS.
- **RHONDA GREENE – LACK OF COMPLIANCE OF HEA 1167 BY COMMISSIONERS AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**
MS GREENE CLAIMS THE COUNTY IS NOT COMPLIANT WITH HB1167 WHICH ENFORCES LIVESTREAMING MEETINGS. SHE BELIEVES ALL BOARDS THAT RECEIVE COUNTY MONEY HAVE TO BE LIVESTREAMED. ATTORNEY GELTMAKER ASKED BILL BRADFORD TO DEMONSTRATE THE COUNTY WEBSITE TO SHOW MS GREENE THE COUNTY IS COMPLIANT.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 7 & 15, 2025**
CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 7 & 15, 2025 COMMISSIONER MEETINGS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.
- **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**
COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS AND PAYROLL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.
- **KNAPP MILLER BROWN – HEALTH INSURANCE**
ZACK RICHARDS PRESENTED OPTIONS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE AND DISCUSSED OFFERING SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE THROUGH COLONIAL LIFE. COLONIAL LIFE HAS OFFERED A SUPPLEMENTAL COMPARABLE TO AFLAC AT A CHEAPER COST TO THE EMPLOYEE. THE HEALTH INSURANCE WILL SEE A 14.5% INCREASE. THE COUNTY CONTRIBUTES 95% OF THE COST FOR THE \$3,200 DEDUCTIBLE AND 85% OF THE COST FOR THE \$1,000 DEDUCTIBLE. MR RICHARDS PROVIDED FIVE OPTIONS. THREE OF THE OPTIONS WOULD RAISE THE DEDUCTIBLE AND THE OTHER TWO WOULD DECREASE THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION. COMMISSIONER EWEN RECOMMENDED OPTION 3 WHICH WOULD DECREASE THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION 10% AND THE DEDUCTIBLE WOULD REMAIN THE SAME BUT THE EMPLOYEE'S CONTRIBUTION WOULD INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION 3. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY PHIL. MOTION PASSED.
- **PLAN COMMISSION APPOINTMENT**
COMMISSIONER EWEN, WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE PLAN COMMISSION, RECOMMENDED TO APPOINT LUCY BRENTON TO REPLACE ANDREW KATT ON THE PLAN COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT LUCY BRENTON TO THE PLAN COMMISSION. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE**
PAUL ECKERT REPORTED THE MASONRY WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED ON THE OFFICE BUILDING. THE GUTTER WORK HAS ALSO BEEN COMPLETED. THEY WILL BE WORKING

ON CAMERA OUTLETS ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING. THE MECHANICS GARAGE FRAMING WILL BE STARTING THIS WEEK. THE SEPTIC SYSTEM LINES HAVE BEEN RAN TO THE TANKS AND CHRIS BOLING WILL BE DOING THE FINAL INSPECTION. WATER AND GAS LINES HAVE BEEN RAN. THE MAIN FEEDS OF ELECTRIC WILL BE RAN TO THE BUILDING SOON. SIGN SHED IS COMPLETE.

• **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

GARRISON HOLLOW AND OLIVE BRANCH SMALL STRUCTURES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. THE SECOND ROUND OF PAVING HAS BEEN COMPLETED. COMMUNITY CROSSINGS PAVING HAS STARTED AND IS GOING GOOD. THEY WILL BE STARTING ON OLD 160 NEXT. BRIDGE 238 WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND THE PAVING WILL BE DONE BY THE END OF THE WEEK. DUMP TRUCKS THAT WERE ORDERED TWO YEARS AGO, SHOULD BE DELIVERED IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS.

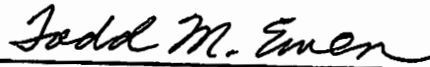
• **BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

COMMISSIONER EWEN SPOKE ON A LETTER RECEIVED BY THE STATE NAMING THE BLUE RIVER/QUAKER SETTLEMENT AREA AS A HISTORIC DISTRICT.

FAIRGROUNDS BUILDING PROJECT IS STILL IN A HOLDING PATTERN. THE IEDC HAS STILL NOT MADE A DECISION BUT HOPING TO HEAR SOMETHING IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS.

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


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: 
AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER/COUNCIL JOINT MEETING

~~AUGUST 19, 2025~~

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

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THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL.

CARDWELL LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. COMMISSIONER EWEN GAVE THE PRAYER.

COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **LUCY BRENTON – COUNTY ISSUES**
MS BRENTON SPOKE ABOUT WATER ISSUES.
- **RANDY LEE – JOB**
MR LEE WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE DUE TO HEALTH ISSUE WITH HIS WIFE BUT HE ASKED MS BRENTON TO SPEAK ON HIS BEHALF. HIS JOB AS GROUNDSKEEPER AT THE FAIR GROUNDS HAS BEEN ELIMINATED AND THE FAIR BOARD NOTIFIED HIM OF HIS TERMINATION. FEELS THIS IS A POLITICAL MOVE.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

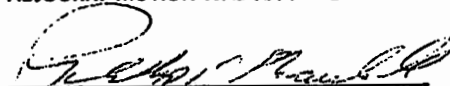
- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 5, 2025**
COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 5, 2025 COMMISSIONER MEETING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.
- **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**
COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS AND PAYROLL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.
- **WTH – AGREEMENT WITH CORELOGIC**
CORELOGIC REQUESTS YEARLY TO EXTEND THEIR AGREEMENT FOR ACCESS TO THE COUNTIES GIS MAPPING. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO GRANT ACCESS TO THE COUNTIES GIS MAPS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.
- **WHEEL TAX DISCUSSION**
COMMISSIONERS AND COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE STATE PUSHING COUNTIES TO IMPLEMENT A WHEEL TAX IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT. THE IMPLEMENTATION WILL GO INTO EFFECT IN 2027. SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES EXPLAINED THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS MATCHING GRANT THE COUNTY HAS ALWAYS USED IS STAYING THE SAME AS FAR AS ELIGIBILITY. THE HEA 1461 REQUIRES LOCAL UNITS TO ADOPT A WHEEL TAX/EXCISE SURTAX TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A DIRECT DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNITY CROSSINGS FUNDS VIA A LAND MILE DISTRIBUTION FORMULA. THERE IS A NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NAMED LANE MILE DIRECT DISTRIBUTION (LMDD) WHICH REQUIRES THE ADOPTION OF A WHEEL TAX. COUNCILMAN TODD ARMSTRONG STRESSED THAT THE COUNCIL DOES NOT WANT TO IMPLEMENT A WHEEL TAX AND WOULD ONLY CONSIDER DOING SO IF THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY TO GET GRANT MONEY FOR PAVING. COMMISSIONERS AND COUNCIL BOTH AGREE IMPLEMENTING A WHEEL TAX IS A LAST RESORT.
- **ELIMINATION OF GROUNDSKEEPER POSITION AT FAIRGROUNDS**
THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FAIR BOARD. THIS MEMORANDUM STATES THE FAIR BOARD HAS THE RIGHT TO ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTION UP TO TERMINATION. THE FAIR BOARD HAS MADE THE DECISION TO ELIMINATION THE POSITION. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ELIMINATE THE GROUNDSKEEPER POSITION UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FAIR BOARD. MOTION WAS SECONDED, MOTION FAILED WITH COMMISSIONER

MARSHALL AND CARDWELL OPPOSING. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION IT WAS DECIDED TO TABLE THE ISSUE UNTIL FURTHER QUESTIONS COULD BE ANSWERED BY THE FAIR BOARD.

REPORTS

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE**
PAUL ECKART REPORTED THE METAL WILL BE INSTALLED IN THE OFFICE BUILDING SOON. THE MECHANICS GARAGE IS UNDER ROOF AND THE METAL SIDING ON THE OUTSIDE WILL BE DONE BY THE END OF THE WEEK. SEPTIC INSTALL WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK. THE CONDUIT FOR THE ELECTRIC AND FIBER IS BEING RAN. FUEL PUMPS WILL BE INSTALLED NEXT MONTH. THE COMPLETION OF THE SALT SHED WILL BE STARTED AFTER THE MECHANICS GARAGE IS DONE.
- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**
COMMUNITY CROSSINGS PAVING IS HALFWAY DONE. THE COUNTY PAVING IS COMPLETED AND THEY ARE STARTING TO DO DITCH WORK FOR NEXRT YEARS COMMUNITY CROSSING.

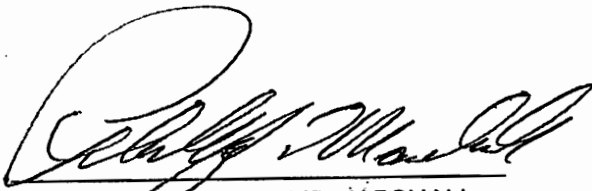
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COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL

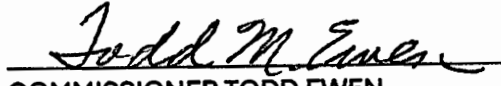
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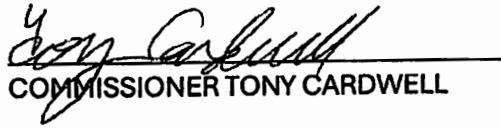
ATTEST: 
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON



COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL



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ATTEST: 
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WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL

~~WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS~~

BUDGET HEARINGS

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200

SALEM, INDIANA 47167

AUGUST 20th – 22ND, 2025

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET AUGUST 20th-22ND, 2025 BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M. FOR THE 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET HEARINGS. THE MEETING WAS LOCATED AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE 99 PUBLIC SQUARE SUITE 200 SALEM, INDIANA. IN ATTENDANCE WERE COUNCILMEMBERS GERALD FLEMING, MARK ABBOTT, KAREN WISCHMEIER, ANDREW DAVISSON, BRAD GILBERT, TODD ARMSTRONG, COMMISSIONERS PHILLIP MARSHALL, TODD EWEN, TONY CARDWLL, AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON AND DEPUTY AUDITOR MICHELE FLEENOR. COUNCILMEMBER PRESTON SHELL WAS ABSENT. COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING LEFT AT NOON AND RETURNED AT 3:00 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ABBOTT CALLED THE COUNCIL TO ORDER.

COMMISSIONER PRESIDENT MARSHALL CALLED THE COMMISSIONERS TO ORDER.

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

THE COUNCIL MET WITH THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS:

HIGHWAY – EMPLOYEE RETENTION, BRIDGE INSPECTION 4% INCREASE

PARK – NO CHANGES

SURVEYOR

HEALTH

LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH – GRANT FUNDING REDUCED

AUDITOR

PLAN COMMISSION/BUILDING COMMISSION

RECORDER – DISCUSSED SCANNING PROJECT

TREASURER

EXTENSION

WEED BOARD – DISCUSSED RAILS FOR TRAILS WEED MANAGEMENT

CORONER – NEW VEHICLE QUOTE FOR APPROXIMATELY \$65,000

ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT

CLERK/ELECTION – PRESENTED SPREADSHEET ON SALARIES

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/LEPC

SOIL & WATER

RBR ALLIANCES

BLUE RIVER SERVICES

WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC GROWTH PARTNERSHIP

CEMETERY

WASHINGTON COUNTY EMS – WANT FLOATER POSITION

JAIL BOND/COURT BOND

LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTINUING EDUCATION

RIVERBOAT WAGE SHARE

THE COUNCIL RECESSED UNTIL AUGUST 21, 2025.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ABBOTT CALLED THE COUNCIL BACK TO ORDER ON AUGUST 21, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M. WITH COUNCILMEMBER SHELL ABSENT UNTIL 1:30 P.M. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL LEFT AT NOON.

COMMISSIONER PRESIDENT MARSHALL CALLED THE COMMISSIONERS BACK TO ORDER.

THE COUNCIL MET WITH THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS:

SUPERIOR COURT

CIRCUIT COURT

PUBLIC DEFENDER

PROBATION

PROSECUTOR

SHERIFF – AMENDED THE PUBLIC SAFETY FUND BUDGET

STATEWIDE 911

FAIRBOARD – DISCUSSED THE FINANCIALS AND THE FAIR GROUNDS CARETAKER POSITION. FAIR BOARD IS REQUESTING APPROXIMATELY \$22,000.00 MORE SINCE THE CARETAKER POSITION HAS BEEN TERMINATED.

COMMISSIONERS – AMENDED THE COMMISSIONERS BUDGET

COURTHOUSE/COUNTY BUILDINGS

CUMULATIVE FUNDS

CREDIT FUND

THE COUNCIL RECESSED UNTIL AUGUST 22, 2025.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ABBOTT CALLED THE COUNCIL BACK TO ORDER ON AUGUST 22, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M.

COMMISSIONER PRESIDENT MARSHALL CALLED THE COMMISSIONERS BACK TO ORDER.

COMMENTS BY THE COUNCIL:

COUNCILMEMBER ARMSTRONG DISCUSSED THE OVERTIME SITUATION. ARMSTRONG QUESTIONED IF THE COUNTY NEEDED TO HIRE A PROFESSIONAL SCHEDULER TO HELP DEPARTMENTS. THE OVERTIME BUDGETS ARE NOT SUSTAINABLE. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL AGREES THAT THE OVERTIME IS OUT OF CONTROL BUT EMS HAS A HARD TIME FINDING PARAMEDICS. COUNCILMEMBER GILBERT STATED THAT HE UNDERSTANDS THE CONCERNS WITH SENATE BILL 1, AND IF WE ARE TRULY CONCERNED ABOUT A LOSS IN REVENUE THEN WE NEED TO STOP ENABLING OVERTIME. COUNCILMEMBER WISCHMEIER STATED THAT WHEN THE COUNTY STOPPED PAYING OUT VACATION TIME THEN OVERTIME INCREASED. THE COUNCIL WILL STUDY THE OVERTIME SITUATION.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ABBOTT ALSO DISCUSSED THE COST OF THE CORONER'S VEHICLE. ABBOTT AND FLEMING WILL RESEARCH CHEAPER OPTIONS. THE VEHICLE WILL BE PAID FOR BY CREDIT FUNDS.

THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED SALARY INCREASES. THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE WILL FIGURE THE BUDGET WITH A 5% BLANKET RAISE THEN A SECOND TIME ON DIFFERENT PERCENTAGES BASED ON DEPARTMENTS.

HIGHWAY – 6% WITH CLERK ADJUSTMENT

PARK – 4%

AUDITOR – 4%

SURVEYOR – 4%

HEALTH – 4%

PLAN COMMISSION/BUILDING COMMISSION – 4%

RECORDER – 6%

TREASURER – 6%

EXTENSION – 4%

CORONER – 4%

VETERANS – 8%

ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT – 6%

CLERK/ELECTION – 6%

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – CREATED FULL TIME EMA DIRECTOR

SOIL & WATER – 4%

WASHINGTON COUNTY EMS – 4%

SUPERIOR COURT – 6%

CIRCUIT COURT – 6%

PUBLIC DEFENDER – 4%, 3% ATTORNEYS

PROBATION SECRETARIAL – 4%

PROSECUTOR – 6%, 3% ATTORNEYS

SHERIFF – 3% DEPUTIES

DETENTION – 6%

DISPATCHERS – 6%

COMMISSIONERS – PARK DIRECTOR 4%, FAIRGROUNDS CARETAKER 4%, CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL IS TO NOT INCLUDE COUNCIL AND COMMISSIONERS IN A SALARY INCREASE.

PARK – 4%

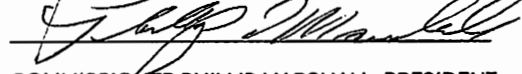
CUSTODIANS – 4%

THE PART TIME RATE WILL REMAIN THE SAME AS 2025.

THE COUNCIL REMINDED DEPARTMENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT THE COUNCIL COULD MADE CHANGES/AMENDMENTS UP UNTIL THE ADOPTION ON OCTOBER 6, 2025.

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

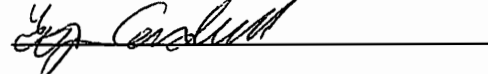
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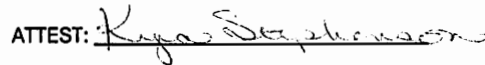
COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, PRESIDENT



COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN



COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: 

AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2025
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200
SALEM, INDIANA 47167

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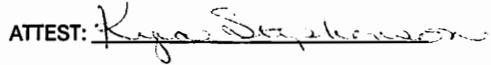
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TO KEEP ACCESS TO ALL OF THE BUSINESSES IN THAT AREA OF CONSTRUCTION. HE PROVIDED A MAP THAT SHOWS A SECOND ENTRANCE TO SMOKIN HOGS OFF OF OLD 160. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL WILL LOOK INTO THIS FURTHER.

- **MISTY SULLIVAN – RANDY LEE'S JOB**
MS SULLIVAN STATED RANDY LEE HAS BEEN THE GROUNDSKEEPER AT THE FAIRGROUNDS FOR 15 YEARS AND HAS MANY DUTIES. SHE FEELS RANDY PUTS IN A LOT OF HOURS THAT HE IS NOT GETTING RECOGNIZED FOR AND WOULD LIKE THE COMMISSIONERS TO KEEP HIM AS THE GROUNDSKEEPER.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 19, 2025**
CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 5, 2025 COMMISSIONER MEETING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED.
- **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**
CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS AND PAYROLL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED.
- **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING EFFORTS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA TO COMPLY WITH TITLE II AND INVESTIGATING COMPLAINTS WHERE THE TOWN HAS VIOLATED TITLE II WITH RESPECT TO THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990**
INDOT HAS REQUESTED A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATING A PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING THE ADA COMPLIANCE. DEPUTY AUDITOR MALEA FORDYCE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND HAS AGREED TO CONTINUE IN THAT ROLE. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT MALEA FORDYCE TO THIS ROLE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED.
- **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT TRANSITION PLAN**
THE UPDATED TRANSITION PLAN WAS PRESENTED FOR PUBLIC REVIEW IN THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE.
- **ELIMINATION OF GROUNDSKEEPER AT FAIRGROUNDS**
COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION OF ELIMINATION OF THE GROUNDSKEEPER AT THE FAIRGROUNDS DUE TO COMMISSIONER EWEN NOT BEING IN ATTENDANCE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

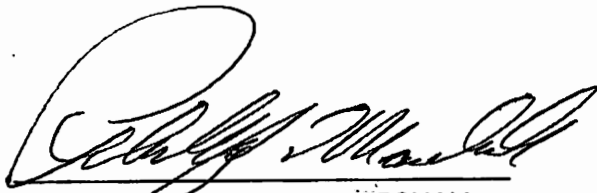
REPORTS

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE**
INSULATION WILL BE STARTED THIS WEEK AND GRABERS WILL START INSTALLING THE METAL IN THE MECHANICS GARAGE. GRABERS WILL BEGIN FINISHING UP THE MIXED SALT SHED WITH SHEET METAL SOON. WATER AND GAS LINES HAVE BEEN INSTALLED. GAS PUMPS HAVE BEEN ORDERED.
- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVING COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE INTERSECTION OF RADCLIFF ROAD AND HIGHWAY 150. SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH INDOT AND THEY WILL BE DESIGNING A NEW INTERSECTION.

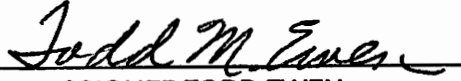
COMMUNITY CROSSINGS IS ABOUT THREE-FOURTHS DONE.

THERE WILL BE A CALL FOR BIDS DUE OCTOBER 7, 2025 FOR BRIDGE 39.

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



COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL



COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN



COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: 
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON

WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL

~~WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS~~

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200

SALEM, INDIANA 47167

SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 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: MARK ABBOTT, GERALD FLEMING, BRAD GILBERT, ANDREW DAVISSON, TODD ARMSTRONG, PRESTON SHELL; ATTORNEY ALYSSA COCHRAN; COMMISSIONERS TODD EWEN AND TONY CARDWELL; AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON AND DEPUTY AUDITOR MICHELE FLEENOR. COUNCILMEMBER WISCHMEIER AND COMMISSIONER MARSHALL WERE ABSENT.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ABBOTT CALLED THE COUNCIL TO ORDER.

COMMISSIONER VICE-PRESIDENT EWEN CALLED THE COMMISSIONERS TO ORDER.

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

COUNCILMEMBER DAVISSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 4TH, AUGUST 19TH, AND THE AUGUST 20TH-22ND COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SHELL. THE MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

*MAX GREEN IS REQUESTING THE COUNTY TO NOT FUND ANY BOARDS THAT ARE NOT COMPLYING WITH THE LIVESTREAM LAW. MR. GREEN DOES NOT WANT TO HAVE THE PLANNING COMMISSION FUNDED DUE TO THE BOARD BEING ILLEGAL AND NOT POSTING MEETINGS PROPERLY.

*SHERIFF BRENT MILLER SPOKE ABOUT THE 2026 BUDGET OVERTIME REQUEST. STAFF TURNOVER, HOLIDAYS AND COVERING SHIFTS FOR VACATION TIME IS A FEW OF THE REASONS THIS LINE ITEM IS SO HIGH. COUNCILMEMBER ARMSTRONG ASKED IF IT WOULD HELP IF THE COUNTY BOUGHT BACK VACATION TIME. MILLER THINKS IT WOULD HELP BUT NOT SURE HOW MUCH.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER RYAN BOWER ASKED TO AMEND HIS 2026 BUDGET REQUEST. BOWER WOULD LIKE THE TWO SECRETARIAL POSITIONS MOVED TO \$44,000 EACH SO THE OFFICE CAN HIRE SOMEONE WITH EXPERIENCE IN THE OPEN POSITION. BOWER WOULD ALSO LIKE THE OFFICE MANAGER INCREASED TO \$56,000. BOWER STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THOSE SALARIES CHANGED FOR 2025.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

FIRST READING AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS WENT BEFORE THE COUNCIL AT THEIR REGULAR AUGUST MEETING. THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS ARE NOW UP FOR APPROVAL AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. COUNCILMEMBER GILBERT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

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

FIRST READING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WENT BEFORE THE COUNCIL AT THE REGULAR SEPTEMBER MEETING. THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IS FOR THE ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,805.77. THE PURPOSE IS TO REPAY THE ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR THE NEGATIVE AMOUNT AFTER CLOSING OF THE GRANT ON JUNE 30, 2025.

BROWN VERNON FIRE DISTRICT 2026 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVISSON. THE MOTION PASSED.

BLUE RIVER FIRE DISTRICT 2026 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

COUNCILMEMBER ARMSTRONG MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING. THE MOTION PASSED.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT 2026 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

COUNCILMEMBER GILBERT MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING. THE MOTION PASSED.

DELANEY CREEK CONSERVANCY 2026 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SHELL. THE MOTION PASSED.

WASHINGTON COUNTY 2026 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVISSON MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ARMSTRONG. THE MOTION PASSED.

2026 WASHINGTON COUNTY BUDGET DISCUSSION

*EMS DIRECTOR TONY FLOYD SPOKE TO THE COUNCIL ABOUT THE OVERTIME BUDGET AT THE EMS AND FLOYD ALSO SUBMITTED AN AMENDED BUDGET.

COUNCILMEMBER ARMSTRONG STATED HE WASN'T TRYING TO ATTACK ANY DEPARTMENT AND WAS TRYING TO FIND A BALANCE WITH OVERTIME.

SEVERAL QUESTIONS WERE ASKED CONCERNING EMS AND IF THERE WERE POSSIBILITIES OUT THERE THAT MAY WORK TO REDUCE OVERTIME.

*PARK MANAGER JOHN BURLINGTON WOULD LIKE THE PARK SECRETARY TO BE INCREASED TO \$40,000.00.

BOARD COMMENTS/CONCERNS

*COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING GAVE AN UPDATE ON SEARCHING FOR A CORONER'S VEHICLE.

*COUNCIL PRESIDENT ABBOTT STATED THE COUNCIL HAS A JOB TO DO AND WILL CONSIDER ALL COMMENTS MADE BY DEPARTMENTS BUT ULTIMATELY THE COUNCIL HAS TO PUT TOGETHER A FISCALLY SOUND BUDGET.

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

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

COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL

Todd M. Ewen

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COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: *Kyra Stephenson* Auditor Kyra Stephenson

COMMISSIONER MEETING

~~SEPTEMBER 16, 2025~~

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COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **LUCY BRENTON – COUNTY ISSUES**
MS BRENTON ASKED FOR UNITY WITHIN THE COUNTY AND THE NATION. SHE REQUESTED A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE DEATH OF CHARLIE KIRK. SHE THEN PROCEEDED ON WITH DISCUSSING ILLEGAL BOARDS.
- **JAMES KEENER – FIRE PROTECTION IN HARDINSBURG**
MR KEENER WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 20-22, 2025 AND SEPTEMBER 2, 2025**
COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.
- **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**
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THE ADA TRANSITION PLAN & TITLE VI PLAN HAS BEEN AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW. WITH THERE BEING ON QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ADA TRANSITION PLAN AND TITLE VI PLAN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.
- **ELIMINATION OF GROUNDSKEEPER AT FAIRGROUNDS**
ON AUGUST 13, 2025 THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIRBOARD ELIMINATED THE GROUNDSKEEPER POSITION HELD BY RANDY LEE. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FAIRBOARD TO ELIMINATE THE GROUNDSKEEPER POSITION EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. MOTION PASSED 2-1 WITH CARDWELL OPPOSING.

REPORTS

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**
COMMUNITY CROSSING 2025 PAVNG IS COMPLETED.

ONE OF THE NEW TANDEMS HAS ARRIVED AND THE OTHER SHOULD BE DELIVERED IN THE COMING WEEKS.

SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES HAS BEEN WORKING WITH INDOT ON THE INTERSECTION OF RADCLIFF ROAD AND HIGHWAY 150. HWC ENGINEERING HAS PROVIDED A CONTRACT FOR THEIR SERVICES IN ENGINEERING THE INTERSECTION. IT WILL BE SOMETIME IN 2027 BEFORE THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED.

SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING ROAD INVENTORY UPDATE:

MIDDLE DISTRICT ROAD – IR280 – MILEAGE CHANGE FROM 1.903 TO 1.822

~~MILES~~

REMOVE: JOHNS LANE – IR628 – MILEAGE CHANGE FROM 0.2645 TO 0.0

MILES

ADD: OLD UNITY CEMETERY ROAD – 0.245 MILES

REMOVE: CEDAR LANE – IR398 – MILEAGE CHANGE FROM 1.147 TO 0.0 MILES

ADD: CEDAR LANE – IR617 – MILEAGE CHANGE FROM 0.7959 TO 1.0554 MILES

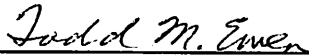
ADD: DOGWOOD VALLEY ROAD – 0.4117 MILES

- **HIGHWAY PROJECT UPDATE**

METAL WILL BE INSTALLED IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM IN THE OFFICE THIS WEEK. THEY WILL ALSO BE INSTALLING A RAMP FOR ACCESS TO THE OFFICE BUILDING TO MAKE IT ADA COMPLIANT. INSIDE WORK ON THE MECHANICS GARAGE IS WRAPPING UP. UTILITY INSTALLATION WILL BE WRAPPING UP THIS WEEK. TRUSSES HAVE BEEN DELIVERED FOR THE ROOF OF MIXED SALT BINS. ALL WORK IS ON SCHEDULE AND SHOULD BE DONE BY THE COMPLETION DATE AT THE END OF OCTOBER.

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

 COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL



 COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN



 COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: 
 AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING

OCTOBER 7, 2025

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MARK ABBOTT LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. PRESTON SHELL GAVE THE PRAYER. COMMISSIONER EWEN ASKED EVERYONE TO KEEP JAN MARSHALL IN THEIR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS AS SHE HAS BEEN DEALING WITH SOME HEALTH ISSUES.

CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **LUCY BRENTON – COUNTY ISSUES**
MS BRENTON WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**
CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 COMMISSIONER MEETING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.
- **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**
CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS AND PAYROLL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.
- **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – WASHINGTON COUNTY FARMERS & MERCHANTS AND WASHINGTON COUNTY**
DISCUSSION OF THE MEMORANDUM WAS TABLED IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE FAIR BOARD TO READ OF THE DOCUMENT.
- **MAINSTREAM FIBER EASEMENT**
MAINSTREAM FIBER IS ASKING FOR AN EASEMENT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL AT THE FAIRGROUNDS. THEY ARE WANTING TO INSTALL A 15 X 15 FIBER OPTIC CABINET AT THIS LOCATION. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW MAINSTREAM AN EASEMENT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.
- **BRIDGE 39 BID OPENING – FRANKLIN BOTTOMS**
THREE BIDS WERE SUBMITTED TO THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE FOR BRIDGE 39.
TEMPLE AND TEMPLE - \$718,225.00
R L VUCKSON - \$898,000.00
KLB EXCAVATING - \$869,850.00
SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES RECOMMENDED ACCEPTING ALL BIDS FOR REVIEW. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BIDS FOR REVIEW. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS

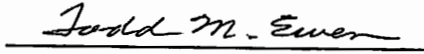
- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE**
THE CEILING GRID IS BEING INSTALLED IN THE OFFICE. THEY WILL THEN INSTALL THE DUCT WORK AND LIGHTS. THE FLOORING WILL ALSO BEGIN. MIXED SALT BUILDING ROOF IF ON. SEPTIC FIELD IS DONE AND WILL BE FINALIZED AND INSPECTED BY CHRIS BOLING. ALL UNDERGROUND UTILITIES ARE DONE. THEY WILL BE WORKING WITH SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES ON PUTTING BINDER DOWN.
- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

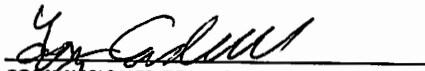
SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES PRESENTED A COMMITMENT LETTER FOR THE COMMUNITY
~~CROSSINGS PAVING 2026. THE LETTER IS DONE EVERY YEAR COMMITTING THE~~
COUNTY FOR THE MATCH FOR COMMUNITY CROSSINGS.

ALL THREE TANDUM TRUCKS THAT WAS ORDERED A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO HAS BEEN
DELIVERED.

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


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: 
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING

~~OCTOBER 21, 2025~~

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 TODD EWEN, COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL, ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER, AND AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL WAS ABSENT. THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFY THAT THE ONLY ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) TO DISCUSS EMPLOYMENT MATTER OF INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES, I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) INITIATION OF LITIGATION OR LITIGATION THAT IS EITHER PENDING OR HAS BEEN THREATENED SPECIFICALLY IN WRITING.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONER EWEN, COMMISSIONER CARDWELL, ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER, AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL WAS ABSENT.

CARDWELL LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. PRESTON SHELL GAVE THE PRAYER.

COMMISSIONER EWEN REQUESTED THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR BOARD AND WASHINGTON COUNTY BE REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA. MOTION WAS MADE TO REMOVE THE ITEM BY CARDWELL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **MAX GREENE – PROPOSED ORDINANCE DOESN'T MEET STATE CODE**
MR GREENE CLAIMS THE PLAN COMMISSION IS NOT LIVESTREAMING THEIR MEETINGS. HE ALSO BELIEVES THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE SUBDIVISION CONTROL ORDINANCE IS NOT LEGAL AND UP TO STATE CODE.
- **RHONDA GREENE – PROPOSED ORDINANCE DOESN'T MEET STATE CODE**
MS. GREENE DID NOT WISH TO SPEAK.
- **LUCY BRENTON – COUNTY BUSINESS**
MS BRENTON IS ON THE PLAN COMMISSION AND VOTED AGAINST THE SUBDIVISION CONTROL ORDINANCE. CLAIMS THERE NEEDS TO BE CHANGES IN THE DOCUMENT.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 7, 2025**
CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 7, 2025 COMMISSIONER MEETING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.
- **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**
CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS AND PAYROLL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.
- **REASSESSMENT CONTRACT WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES**
AARON SCHELHAMMER AND ASSESSOR SHERRY WINGLER PROVIDED THE CONTRACT WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES. ASSESSOR WINGER HAD SENT OUT BID REQUESTS AND TYLER TECHNOLOGIES WAS THE ONLY RESPONSE SHE RECEIVED. THERE ARE NO CHANGES FROM THE PREVIOUS YEARS CONTRACT. THE COST WILL BE \$248,730.00 OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONTRACT FROM TYLER TECHNOLOGIES. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.
- **FIRST READING OF SUBDIVISION CONTROL ORDINANCE**
ATTORNEY LISA FLEMING READ OVER THE SUBDIVISION CONTROL ORDINANCE THAT WAS PASSED BY THE PLAN COMMISSION.
- **HEALTH BOARD RE-APPOINTMENT**

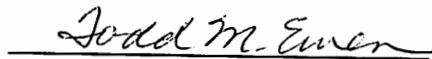
THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH BOARD HAS RECOMMENDED RE-APPOINTING
~~JANET HINDS. HER TERM WILL BE JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2029.~~
 COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO RE-APPOINT JANET HINDS TO THE
 HEALTH BOARD UPON THEIR RECOMMENDATION. MOTION WAS SEONDED BY
 CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE**
 DUKE ENERGY HAS ENERGIZED THE OFFICE AND ELECTRICIANS WILL WORK ON
 GETTING THE OTHER BUILDINGS ENERGIZED. SALT BUILDINGS IS UP AND THE SIDING
 IS ON. THE MECHANICS SHOP HAS BEEN INSULATED AND WAITING ON PLUMBING
 WORK. TEMPLES WILL BE WORKING ON SIGHT CONCRETE AND HAULING MORE
 STONE TO BUILD UP THE BACK SIDE OF THE PROPERTY.
- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**
 THERE WERE THREE BIDS FOR REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE 39. TEMPLE AND TEMPLE
 WAS THE LOWEST BID AT \$718,225.00. SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES RECOMMENDED
 AWARDING THE BID TO THE LOWEST BIDDER. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO
 ACCEPT THE LOWEST BID FROM TEMPLE AND TEMPLE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY
 COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

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


 COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


 COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

 COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: 
 AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING

~~NOVEMBER 4, 2025~~

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 TONY CARDWELL, 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)(9) TO DISCUSS EMPLOYMENT MATTER OF INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES. I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) INITIATION OF LITIGATION OR LITIGATION THAT IS EITHER PENDING OR HAS BEEN THREATENED SPECIFICALLY IN WRITING.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONER MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER EWEN, COMMISSIONER CARDWELL, ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER, AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON.

COMMISSIONER EWEN LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. PRESTON SHELL GAVE THE PRAYER.

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. CARDWELL STATED HE DISAGREES WITH HAVING A TIME LIMIT ON PUBLIC SPEAKING. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL SECONDED THE MOTION.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **LUCY BRENTON – COUNTY ISSUES**
MS BRENTON WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE.
- **MAX GREENE – FILED WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE**
MR GREENE CLAIMS THE PLAN COMMISSION IS STILL NOT A LEGAL BOARD. HE HAS ALSO FILED A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION CONTROL ORDINANCE. HE CLAIMS THERE ARE SEVERAL THINGS WRONG WITH THE DOCUMENT THAT NEEDS CHANGED.
- **RHONDA GREENE – FILED WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE**
MS GREENE GAVE HER TIME TO MAX GREENE TO SPEAK.
- **MICHELLE HOSKINS – QUESTIONS ABOUT ZONING**
MS HOSKINS IS WANTING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ZONING AND THE SUBDIVISION CONTROL ORDINANCE. COMMISSIONER EWEN ENCOURAGED HER TO ATTEND ONE OF THE PLAN COMMISSION MEETINGS.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 21, 2025**
COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 21, 2025 COMMISSIONER MEETING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.
- **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**
COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS AND PAYROLL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.
- **HEALTH BOARD APPOINTMENT FOR REPLACEMENT OF DR HEDRICK**
MAGGIE ENGLAND FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT NOTIFIED THE COMMISSIONERS THAT DR HEDRICK WILL BE RETIRING FROM THE HEALTH BOARD. SHE GAVE A FEW NAMES OR POSSIBLE REPLACEMENTS. SHE WILL ASK FOR AN APPOINTMENT AT THE NEXT MEETING.
- **EXTENSION OFFICE ANNUAL UPDATE**
DANIELLE WALKER AND TAYLOR CHASTAIN GAVE AN ANNUAL UPDATE ON THE EXTENSION OFFICE. THEY HAVE BEEN OFFERING SEVERAL WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE THROUGH GRANTS. THEY ALSO ANNOUNCED THEY WILL BE MAKING CHEESEBALLS FOR THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS. THE LAST DATE TO ORDER FOR THANKSGIVING WILL BE NOVEMBER 19, 2025.

• **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – WASHINGTON COUNTY FARMERS & MERCHANTS AND WASHINGTON COUNTY**

THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WAS PRESENTED BETWEEN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FARMERS & MERCHANTS AND WASHINGTON COUNTY. THE MEMORANDUM WILL REMAIN THE SAME WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE GROUNDSKEEPER WHICH HAS BEEN ELIMINATED. THE MEMORANDUM STATES THE COUNTY WILL ASSUME MOWING DUTIES AND THE FAIRBOARD WILL TAKE CARE OF ALL MAINTENANCE NEEDS. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED WITH CARDWELL OPPOSING.

• **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES CHARGED BY WASHINGTON COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE**

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY AMBULANCE BOARD APPROVED AT THEIR MEETING TO RAISE THE AMBULANCE SERVICE FEES TO BE MORE IN LINE WITH MEDICARE RATES. THE LAST TIME THE FEES INCREASED WERE IN 2013. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEE INCREASE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

• **SUBDIVISION CONTROL ORDINANCE – SECOND READING**

PLAN COMMISSION ATTORNEY LISA FLEMING HAD THE SECOND READING OF THE SUBDIVISION CONTROL ORDINANCE. MS FLEMING ALSO ADDRESSED WHAT MAX GREENE HAD STATED AND SAID SHE WOULD FOLLOW UP ON THAT SEPERATELY AT A LATER DATE. WITH THERE BEING NO PUBLIC COMMENTS, COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUBDIVISION CONTROL ORDINANCE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED WITH CARDWELL OPPOSING.

• **MANAGED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE FAIRGROUNDS IT**

DYNAMIC CAMERA SOLUTIONS PROVIDED A SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR IT SUPPORT AT THE FAIRGROUNDS. THE CONTRACT IS FOR SUPPORT AND ANY EQUIPMENT PURCHASES WILL BE BILLED SEPERATLY. THE AMOUNT OF THE CONTRACT IS \$150.00 PER MONTH. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE SERVICE AGREEMENT. MOTION SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE**
PAUL ECKART HAD TO LEAVE DUE TO FAMILY EMERGENCY AND WAS UNABLE TO GIVE REPORT.
- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**
SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES HAD NOTHING TO UPDATE.

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


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL


COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: 
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 2025

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 TONY CARDWELL, 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)(9) TO DISCUSS EMPLOYMENT MATTER OF INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES, I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) INITIATION OF LITIGATION OR LITIGATION THAT IS EITHER PENDING OR HAS BEEN THREATENED SPECIFICALLY IN WRITING.

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERES WAS HELD AT 9:00 A.M. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONER MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER EWEN, COMMISSIONER CARDWELL, ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER, AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON.

CARDWELL LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. PRESTON SHELL GAVE THE PRAYER.

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER EWEN REQUESTED THE 2026 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA FOR APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE 2026 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE ADDED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- THERE WAS NO ONE SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 4, 2025**
COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025 MEETING. CARDWELL COMPLAINED THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION FROM THE END OF THE LAST MEETING. ATTORNEY GELTMAKER AGAIN REITERATED THERE ARE NO REQUIREMENTS ON HOW THE MINUTES HAVE TO BE DONE AND IF SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE CHANGED, A RESPONSE BACK TO THE AUDITOR NEEDS TO BE DONE. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL ASKED CARDWELL WHAT HE WANTED ADDED AND HE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH CARDWELL OPPOSING.
- **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**
COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS AND PAYROLL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.
- **OPIOID APPLICATION – MYRA ALBERTSON AND JOE KELTNER**
THE JRAC BOARD ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS TO ALLOW RELEASING FUNDS FOR PROJECT LIFE SAVER. THEY RECEIVED A REQUEST FOR \$2,000.00 TO PURCHASE BRACELETS FOR INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED, ELDERLY, OR OTHER INDIVIDUALS THAT MIGHT NEED TO BE MONITORED FOR THEIR WHEREABOUTS. THESE BRACELETS HAVE A TRACKING DEVICE IN THEM AND ALLOWS THEM TO BE LOCATED SHOULD THEY GO MISSING. PROJECT LIFE SAVER CURRENTLY HAS 7 BRACELETS AND THEY WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE MORE. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW THE RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR THE REQUEST FROM PROJECT LIFE SAVER. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.
- **HEALTH BOARD APPOINTMENT**
MAGGIE ENGLAND NOTIFIED THE COMMISSIONER'S THAT DR HEDRICK WILL BE STEPPING OFF OF THE HEALTH BOARD. SHE HAS SPOKEN WITH DR JARED KEARSCHNER AND HE IS INTERESTED IN FILLING THE VACANCY. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT JARED KEARSCHNER TO THE HEALTH BOARD. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.
- **2026 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**
AUDITOR STEPHENSON READ ALOUD THE PROPOSED 2026 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE. THE SCHEDULE HAS THIRTEEN HOLIDAYS. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE AS READ ALOUD. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

~~AUDITOR STEPHENSON ALSO READ ALOUD THE 2026 COMMISSIONER MEETING DATES. THE MEETING DATE OF MAY 5, 2026 NEEDED TO BE CHANGED TO MAY 6, 2026 DUE TO THE FIFTH BEING A HOLIDAY. AUDITOR STEPHENSON WILL MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES.~~

REPORTS

• **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

THE OFFICE IS GETTING THE FINAL TOUCH UPS ON PAINT. THE WOOD AND VINYL TRIM IS ALSO FINISHING UP. THE PLUMBING CONTRACTOR IS WORKING ON FINISHING UP ON ALL BUILDINGS. MIXED SALT SHED IS DONE AND THE SALT DETERENT HAS BEEN PUT ON THE WALLS. MECHANICS GARAGE HAS ALL THE WALLS UP AND THE DOORS ON AND ARE WORKING ON GETTING THE ELECTRICAL PANELS BEING SET. SIGHT CONCRETE IS 99% DONE. GAS LINE INSTALLATION IS APPROXIMATELY 70% COMPLETED. PAUL WILL PROVIDE A BREAKDOWN OF ALL THE FUNDS IN THE COMING DAYS FOR SOME THAT ARE QUESTIONING IT.

• **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

PAPERWORK HAS BEEN SUBMITTED FOR THE 2025 CLOSEOUT OF THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WILL BE ACCEPTING BIDS FOR BRIDGE 61 ON BATA ROAD. BIDS WILL BE OPENED AT THE DECEMBER 16, 2025 MEETING.


SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE 2026 COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT PAPERWORK.

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


COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL

COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN


COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: 
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING

~~DECEMBER 2, 2025~~

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200

SALEM, INDIANA 47167

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CARDWELL LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. PRESTON SHELL GAVE THE PRAYER.

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- THERE WAS NO ONE SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 18, 2025**
CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 18, 2025 MEETING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED.
- **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**
CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS AND PAYROLL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED.
- **2026 ATTORNEY AGREEMENT**
COMMISSIONER MARSHALL EXPRESSED TO ATTORNEY GELTMAKER HIS APPRECIATION FOR HER GUIDANCE AND HELP AS THE ATTORNEY FOR THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO CONTINUE WITH CLLB LAW AND ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER AS THE COUNTY ATTORNEY. MOTION SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.
- **2026 HIGHWAY BID OPENING**
HERITAGE PETROLEUM: DEISEL - \$2.42
GASOLINE - \$2.09

RILEY OIL COMPANY: UNLEADED 87 OCTANE - \$2.049
PREMIUM - \$2.827

PETROLEUM TRADERS: 89 OCTANE - \$1.9123
#1 DIESEL - \$3.3765
#2 DIESEL - \$2.2251

PREMIER ENERGY: #1 DIESEL - \$3.8236
#2 DIESEL - \$2.8314
UNLEADED - \$2.4044

MAC CONSTRUCTION: HMA BASE - \$47.00 TON
HMA INTERMEDIATE - \$56.00 TON
HMA SURFACE - \$60.00 TON

HEIDELBERG MATERIALS: #8 STONE - \$15.95
#53 STONE - \$13.15

IMI BROWNSTOWN: SAND & GRAVEL - \$12.05

IMI CORYDON : #8 STONE - \$17.00
~~#53 STONE - \$13.00~~

IMI SELLERSBURG : #8 STONE - \$18.50
 #53 - \$13.00

ROBERTSON CRUSHED STONE : #8 STONE - \$14.65
 #53 STONE - \$13.40

DAVIS CRUSHED STONE : #8 STONE - \$13.00
 #53 STONE - \$10.00

CAVE QUARRIES : VIRGIN #11 SURFACE - \$83.00
 VIRGIN #9 SURFACE - \$83.00
 VIRGIN #9 BINDER - \$80.00
 VIRGIN # 5 BASE - \$77.00
 10% RAP #9 SURFACE - \$80.00
 10% RAP #9 BINDER - \$77.00
 10% RAP #5 BASE - \$74.00

MAC CONSTRUCTION : COLD MIX - \$140.00

C & R CONSTRUCTION : 10% RAP #9 SURFACE - \$60.00
 10% RAP #9 BINDER - \$60.00

TEMPLE & TEMPLE : VIRGIN #11 SURFACE - \$58.00
 VIRGIN #9 SURFACE - \$56.00
 VIRGIN #9 BINDER - \$54.00
 10% RAP #9 SURFACE - \$53.00
 10% RAP #9 BINDER - \$51.00

FURNISHED AND APPLIED

VIRGIN #11 SURFACE - \$63.00
 VIRGIN #9 SURFACE - \$61.00
 VIRGIN #9 BINDER - \$58.00
 10% RAP #9 SURFACE - \$58.00
 10% RAP #9 BINDER - \$56.00

C & R CONSTRUCTION : FURNISHED AND APPLIED
 10% RAP #9 SURFACE - \$85.00
 10% RAP #9 BINDER - \$84.00

E & B PAVING: FOB HOT MIX INTERMEDIATE - \$50.00
 FOB HOT MIX SURFACE - \$60.00

FLYNN BROTHERS: COLD MIX PICK UP EZ STREET BULK - \$115.00

ROGERS GROUP: FOB #8 STONE - \$16.75
 FOB #53 STONE - \$12.60

CIVILCON: CULVERTS - AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

E3 BRIDGE: CULVERTS - AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL BIDS. MOTION WAS
 SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS

• HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE

THE OFFICE IS 95% COMPLETED WITH THE ELECTRIC AND WILL COMPLETE ELECTRICAL WORK ON THE FUELING STATION. THE PLUMBING FIXTURES ARE IN AND WILL BE WORKING ON THE DOORS AND TRIM IN THE OFFICE. FINISHING UP ELECTRICAL WORK ON THE SALT/MIXED SALT BUILDING. HINDERLITER IS FINISHING UP WIRING AT THE FUEL STATION. NO FUEL IN THE TANKS YET. MECHANICS SHOP HAS THE HVAC COMPLETED AND WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON THE PLUMBING. THE LEAN-TO HAS TWO MORE ELECTRICAL OUTLETS TO FINISH UP. MIDWEST GAS IS JUST NORTH OF LAKE SALINDA ROAD WORKING ON GAS LINES. MR ECKERT IS WORKING ON THE

SPREADSHEET THAT WAS REQUESTED. GENERATORS ARE SET AND ARE HOPING TO
~~HAVE THE PROJECT COMPLETE BY THE END OF THE YEAR.~~

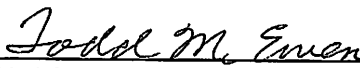
- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**
 CREWS WERE OUT AT 4:00 A.M. THIS MORNING LAYING DOWN MATERIAL AFTER THE SNOW OVERNIGHT. ALL ROADS SEEM TO BE IN GOOD SHAPE.

 BID OPENING FOR BRIDGE 61 ON BATA ROAD WILL BE DECEMBER 16, 2025.

 SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES RECEIVED WORD THE COUNTY WILL NOT BE RECEIVING COMMUNITY CROSSINGS PAVING GRANT FOR 2026.
- **KNAPP MILLER BROWN – COMMERCIAL INSURANCE**
 ZACK RICHARDS HAS BEEN WORKING ON GETTING SOME RENEWAL COSTS FOR THE COMMERCIAL INSURANCE THAT WILL RENEW IN FEBRUARY. HE HAS SPOKE WITH TRAVELERS INSURANCE AND THEY SUGGEST IMPLEMENTING BODY CAMERAS FOR THE SHERIFF DEPUTIES WHICH COULD BRING DOWN THE COST OF INSURANCE. ZACK HOPES TO HAVE SOME NUMBERS AT THE NEXT MEETING.

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

 COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL



 COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN



 COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: 
 AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING

~~DECEMBER 16, 2025~~

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 TODD EWEN, COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL, ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER, AND AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL WAS ABSENT. THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFY THAT THE ONLY ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) TO DISCUSS EMPLOYMENT MATTER OF INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES, I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) INITIATION OF LITIGATION OR LITIGATION THAT IS EITHER PENDING OR HAS BEEN THREATENED SPECIFICALLY IN WRITING.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONER EWEN, COMMISSIONER CARDWELL, ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER, AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL WAS ABSENT.

BRAD GILBERT LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. PRESTON SHELL GAVE THE PRAYER.

COMMISSIONER EWEN ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **LUCY BRENTON – COUNTY BUSINESS**

MS BRENTON SPOKE ABOUT DATA CENTERS AND SOLAR FARMS AND WOULD LIKE TO NOT SEE THEM ALLOWED IN THE COUNTY. SHE ALSO DISAGREES WITH WHAT IS WRITTEN IN THE MINUTES WHEN SHE SPEAKS.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 2, 2025**

CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 2, 2025 COMMISSIONER MEETING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

- **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**

CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS AND PAYROLL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

- **KNAPP MILLER BROWN – COMMERCIAL INSURANCE RENEWAL RATES**

ZACK RICHARDS HAS BEEN WORKING ON GETTING COMMERCIAL INSURANCE RATES. TWO CARRIERS HAVE DECLINED THE COUNTY. TRAVELERS INSURANCE IS REVIEWING BUT WILL MOST LIKELY NOT BE OFFERING A PLAN UNTIL THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT IMPLEMENTS THE USAGE OF BODY CAMERAS. COMMISSIONER EWEN ENCOURAGED MR RICHARDS TO REACH OUT TO SHERIFF MILLER ABOUT STARTING THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING BODY CAMERAS. MR RICHARDS HOPES TO HAVE RENEWAL NUMBERS BY THE JANUARY 6, 2025 MEETING.

- **INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT TO SHARE RIVERBOAT REVENUE HARRISON COUNTY**

HARRISON COUNTY PROVIDED AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR RIVERBOAT SHARES. PREVIOUS YEARS, THE COUNTY HAS RECEIVED 2% OF THE REVENUE FROM THE RIVERBOAT. HARRISON COUNTY HAS NOW DROPPED THE SHARES TO 1%. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH HARRISON COUNTY. COMMISSIONER EWEN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.

- **RIVER HILLS BOARD APPOINTMENT**

RIVER HILLS REQUESTED THE COMMISSIONERS APPOINT AN INDIVIDUAL TO THE BOARD BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2026. PRESTON SHELL CURRENTLY SITS ON THE BOARD TO REPRESENT THE COMMISSIONERS. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO RE-APPOINT PRESTON SHELL TO THE RIVER HILLS BOARD. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

- **FAIRGROUNDS MOWING CONTRACT**

FOUR BIDS WERE RECEIVED FOR THE MOWING CONTRACT AT THE FAIRGROUNDS. GREEN'S LANDSCAPING WAS THE LOWEST BIDDER AT \$21,000.00 A YEAR. THERE WILL BE A MINIMUM OF 35 MOWINGS A YEAR AND ANY ADDITIONAL WORK OR MOWING

WILL BE \$600.00 EACH. THEY WILL ALSO HAVE TO PROVIDE PROOF OF INSURANCE.
~~CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT GREEN'S LANDSCAPING FOR THE~~
~~FAIRGROUNDS MOWING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN.~~
 MOTION PASSED.

- **BRIDGE 61 BID OPENING**

BRIDGE 61 ON BATA ROAD RECEIVED REQUESTS FOR BIDS. THOSE BIDS WERE RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING: TEMPLE AND TEMPLE - \$378,300.00
 C & R CONSTRUCTION - \$427,488.00
 CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT AND REVIEW ALL BIDS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

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- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

PLUMBING WORK WILL BE COMPLETED ON THE OFFICE BUILDING TODAY AS WELL AS THE PAINTING. THE HVAC INDOOR UNITS WILL BE INSTALLED IN ALL THREE BUILDINGS BY MONDAY. THE GAS LINE WILL BE INSTALLED BY PARKS PLUMBING BY END OF THE WEEK. THE MECHANICS SHOP IS FINISHING UP WITH THE FIRE WALL FRAMING AND WILL HAVE ELECTRICAL PULLED TO THE BUILDING THURSDAY. SIGHT WORK IS WRAPPING UP AND THE BINDER WILL BE DONE THIS WEEK.

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

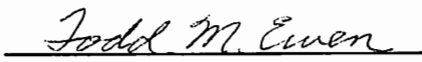
SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES EXPLAINED COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT AND LMDD (LANE MILE DIRECT DISTRIBUTION). THE COUNTY APPLIED FOR THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT THIS YEAR BUT DID NOT RECEIVE IT. SEVERAL COUNTIES IN THE STATE DID NOT RECEIVE THE GRANT THIS YEAR. NOT IMPLEMENTING THE WHEEL TAX DID NOT AFFECT THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT SELECTION. SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES DOES NOT THINK APPLYING FOR THE LMDD WOULD BE A GOOD FIT FOR THE COUNTY.

SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES PRESENTED A CONTRACT ADDENDUM FROM FLECK ENGINEERING. THE COST OF THE CONTRACT IS \$20,000.00. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONTRACT WITH FLECK ENGINEERING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

THE RECENT WEATHER EVENTS HAVE WENT WELL AND THE COUNTY HIGHWAY WORKERS HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB WITH KEEPING THE COUNTY ROADS IN GOOD SHAPE.

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


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