The Executive session of the Board of Commissioners was held at 9:45 am. Present were Commissioner Bundy, Commissioner McKinley, Commissioner Stewart, Attorney Susan Umpleby and Auditor Sullivan. Only pending litigation and personnel matters were discussed.

The regular session was called to order by President Bundy with all other members in attendance. Minutes of the previous session were read and approved. Claims totaling in the amount of $278,013.66 were reviewed and unanimously allowed.

Items on the agenda were as follows:

JOHN BURLINGTON -COX FERRY ROAD

Mr. Burlington did not appear.

INDIANA LAND - STEVE LYNCH

Mr. Lynch appeared before the Board to discuss the approval of the Rockwood 1 & 2 subdivision and the Neal subdivision. The Board informed Mr. Lynch that the Franklin Township Plat Advisory Committee had not returned the plat to the Auditor's Office. The Commissioners did not take action without a recommendation from the Franklin Township Plat Advisory Committee.

PUBLIC TRANSIT PROGRAM

Dan Lowe, President of Blue River Services appeared before the Board to discuss certain aspects of a public transit program. Mr. Lowe explained that Blue River Services, Inc. had been asked by INDOT to expand the regional public system in Harrison County to Crawford and Washington counties beginning in January 2001.

Mr. Lowe mentioned that Blue River Services has had a long time interest in developing a regional transportation system but would like some assistance from the Commissioners.

Mr. Lowe asked that the Board sign a letter of support which would be forwarded to James English, Program Manager, Public Transit section of INDOT. The letter indicates that the Washington County Commissioners support the application of the Harrison County Commissioner's to provide regional public transportation for Washington, Harrison, and Crawford Counties through section 5311 funding form INDOT.

Mr. Lowe stated that Blue River Services is NOT asking Washington County for any financial assistance. However, Blue River Services would not deny any funds that might be made available for transportation. Mr. Lowe pointed out that Blue River Services has identified the importance of the transportation need and will proceed with the project regardless. Furthermore, Mr. Lowe mentioned that they will seek outside funding sources, such as grants, to be used for the local match.

Debbie Ponder, Step Ahead Council, asked that a separate Transportation Advisory Committee be set up in Washington County. This committee could then make recommendations to Blue River Services. The Board took no action on this matter but mentioned that they had been approached on this subject before. With no further discussion, Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the letter of support. Commissioner McKinley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Superintendent Orville Gilbert presented a mowing and paving update.

VETERAN'S AFFAIR

Veteran's Affair Officer, Patrick Rice appeared before the Board to announce that the annual training for Veteran's Officers was approaching. Mr. Rice stressed the importance of the training session. Commissioner McKinley made a motion a allow Mr. Rice to attend the annual training. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

S. CASEY ROAD

Commissioner Bundy mentioned that he had been contacted by Vicky Staggs concerning the speed limit on S. Casey Road. Bundy stated that this subject would be discussed in more depth at the next regular meeting after he had researched the matter.

WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC GROWTH PARTNERSHIP, INC.

Commissioner McKinley made a motion to reappoint Perry Fleenor to the Board of Directors of the Washington County Economic County Growth Partnership, Inc.. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The term will expire 05-31-2002.

Commissioner McKinley made a motion to reappoint Joseph L. Bundy to the Board of Directors of the Washington County Economic Growth Partnership, Inc.. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed 2 with 1 abstention. The term will expire 12-31-2002.

FALLING CRREK SECTION 2

Steve Aulbach appeared before the Board to explain the revision of four property lines on the Falling Creek Section 2 plat. The affected lot #'s are: 46, 47, 48 and 51. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to exempt the subdivision from the plat approval process because the plat had actually been approved prior to September of 1997. Commissioner McKinley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

COURTYARD GROUNDS

Auditor Sullivan mentioned that a local entertainer inquired about using the southern portion of the courthouse lawn as a video production site. The Board stated that they wanted to be released from all liability and that any damages to the grounds would be the sole

With there being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Commissioner Bundy

Commissioner McKinley

Commissioner Stewart

ATTEST: Lana Sullivan
Washington County Auditor, Lana Sullivan