COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 5, 2024
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200
SALEM, INDIANA 47167

THE COMMISSIONERS HELD A SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN, AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON, KEELEY STINGEL, MARK ABBOTT, DOUG KATT, LORI GILSTRAP, SHERRY FLEENOR, ANGIE BUCHANAN, REPRESENTATIVES FROM STRUCTUREPOINT MATT O'ROURKE, AND RACHEL CARDIS.

STRUCTUREPOINT WILL FOCUS ON TOURISM, FESTIVALS, FARMERS MARKETS, IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH AND OFFERING THE YOUTH TRADE SCHOOL OPPORTUNITES, AND JOB CREATION.

ANGIE BUCHANAN WILL WORK WITH THE TOURISM BOARD TO TALK ABOUT THE NUMBER OF FESTIVALS THAT ARE HELD IN THE COUNTY AND WILL ASK THEM TO ATTEND ONE OF THE MEETINGS.

THEY WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH ALL OF THE PRELIMINARY STAKEHOLDERS. THOSE STAKEHOLDERS WOULD CONSIST OF BUSINESS OWNERS, SCHOOL DISTRICT REPS, RESIDENTS, FOUNDATIONS/NON-PROFITS, COUNTY EMPLOYEES, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND ANY OTHER RELEVENT COUNTY AGENCIES.

STRUCTUREPOINT WILL ALSO WORK IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH HOOSIER PLANNING WHO IS WORKING ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION PART OF THE PROJECT.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2024 AT 11:00 A.M.

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

COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL

COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS

ATTEST:
AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2024
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THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD AT 8:00 A.M. PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN, COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS, ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER, AND AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON. THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFY THAT THE ONLY ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) INITIATION OF LITIGATION OR LITIGATION THAT IS EITHER PENDING OR HAS BEEN THREATENED SPECIIFICALLY IN WRITING, I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1-(9)

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

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

BRIDGE DEDICATION DISCUSSION

THE COMMISSIONERS ARE WORKING WITH ANDREW BUSH IN THE VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE ON DEDICATING BRIDGE 88-00238 LOCATED ON SOUTH MAIN STREET IN CITY OF SALEM. WALMART WILL BE DONATING SUPPLIES AND DECORATIONS FOR THE DEDICATION. TEMPLE AND TEMPLE WILL PROVIDE A TRAILER TO BE USED FOR A STAGE FOR THE SPEAKERS. THERE WILL BE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE STATE THAT WILL ATTEND. MR. BUSH HAS WORKED WITH THE COMMISSIONERS AND AGREED THEY WOULD LIKE TO NAME THE BRIDGE, WASHINGTON COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE. ATTORNEY GELTMAKER WILL PREPARE THE RESOLUTION NEEDED TO BE PRESENTED TO THE STATE FOR APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO NAME THE WASHINGTON COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE AND MOVE FORWARD WITH THE RESOLUTION. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

THE DEDICATION WILL BE HELD ON VETERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 11,2024. MR BUSH WILL ATTEND THE NEXT COMMISSIONER MEETING ON AUGUST 20, 2024 FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND PLANNING.

MR. BUSH INQUIRED ABOUT THE COUNTIES CONTRIBUTION OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR VETERAN'S MARKERS. THE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS HAS ALWAYS BEEN A ONE-TIME PAYMENT BUT MR. BUSH WOULD LIKE TO INCREASE THAT AND ALLOW THE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO BE PAID AGAIN IF A MARKER IS DAMAGED. COMMISSIONER EWEN INSTRUCTED MR. BUSH TO TALK WITH THE COUNCIL ABOUT THIS DURING THE UPCOMING BUDGET HEARINGS.

HEALTH INSURANCE ENROLLMENT

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL WILL BEGIN AUGUST 12, 2024. ZACK RICHARDS HAS QUOTED OUT THE HEALTH INSURANCE AND RECEIVED A FEW OPTIONS. THE CURRENT PLAN THE COUNTY HAS INCREASED FROM $1,074,952.20 TO $1,270,325.40 BUT UPON REVIEW, SEEMED OFFER THE BEST COVERAGE FOR THE EMPLOYEES. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH KEEPING THE INSURANCE WITH THE CURRENT CARRIER. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

EVAN BRIDGEWATER – 911 ADDRESS COMPLAINT

MR BRIDGEWATER CALLED 911 IN JULY FOR A HEALTH PROBLEM FOR HIS WIFE. WHEN THE CALL WAS DISPATCHED TO HIS RESIDENCE ON COUNTY LINE ROAD, IT SENT EMS CREWS TOWARD PALMYRA. THE COUNTY HAS FOUR COUNTY LINE ROADS WHICH MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO KNOW WHICH COUNTY LINE ROAD TO RESPOND TOO. EMS DID RESPOND TO MR BRIDGEWATER'S RESIDENTS AFTER THE CALL WAS CLEARED UP BY MR BRIDGEWATER CLARIFYING IT WAS SCOTT COUNTY LINE ROAD. MR BRIDGEWATER WOULD LIKE THE COMMISSIONERS TO WORK ON A PLAN TO POSSIBLY RENAME THE COUNTY LINE ROADS SO IT IS MORE EASILY KNOWN WHERE EMS, FIRE, OR SHERIFF NEEDS TO BE DISPATCHED TO. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL ASSURED MR BRIDGEWATER HE WOULD WORK WITH 911 DIRECTOR KELLY SARGENT AND SHERIFF MILLER TO TRY TO COME UP A SOLUTION.

BRIDGE #118 BIDS

ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER OPENED TWO BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE #118 ON SHORTS CORNER ROAD. BIDS WERE RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING:

RAGLE INC. – NEWBURGH, INDIANA
$569,784.00

TEMPLE AND TEMPLE – SALEM, INDIANA
$332,200.00

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

GENERATOR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

W. W. WILLIAMS PROVIDED A QUOTE FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE GENERATORS AT THE FOLLOWING BUILDINGS: JAIL, AMBULANCE BUILDING, AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THE

TOTAL COST OF MAINTENANCE AT ALL THREE LOCATION WILL BE $5,229.00 YEARLY. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE W. W. WILLIAMS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE GENERATORS AT THE THREE LOCATIONS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

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

COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL

COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS

ATTEST: _____
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON

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THE COMMISSIONERS HELD A SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE INCREASE IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE COST AND OPEN ENROLLMENT. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN, COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS, AND AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON.

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

THE HEALTH INSURANCE COST INCREASED THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:

$1,000 DEDUCTIBLE	EMPLOYEE ONLY $98.17 TO $109.99
	EMPLOYEE + CHILD $453.77 TO $529.40
$3,200 DEDUCTIBLE	EMPLOYEE ONLY $24.32 TO $31.46
	EMPLOYEE + CHILD $322.97 TO $382.57

THE COMMISSIONERS ALONG WITH ZACK RICHARDS FROM KNAPP MILLER BROWN DISCUSSED WHETHER THE COUNTY COULD ABSORB THE EXTRA COST OR IF THE EMPLOYEE WOULD NEED TO CONTRIBUTE MORE. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, IT WAS MENTIONED THE COUNTY ALREADY ABSORBS APPROXIMATELY 85% OF THE COST OF HEALTH INSURANCE WHICH IS MORE THAN IS REQUIRED. OPEN ENROLLMENT FORMS WERE BEING SENT OUT ON AUGUST 12, 2024 AND DUE BACK ON AUGUST 23, 2024 BY 4:00 P.M. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL COST TO COME FROM THE EMPLOYEES. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

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