COMMISSIONER MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2024
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200
SALEM, INDIANA 47167

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

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

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

VETERANS BRIDGE DEDICATION

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER ANDREW BUSH HAS PUT TOGETHER A TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR THE BRIDGE DEDICATION ON NOVEMBER 11, 2024. HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SEVERAL STATE OFFICIALS ABOUT ATTENDING THE DEDICATION. HE WANTED TO THANK BRAD GILBERT WITH WALMART, FOR THE HELP AND DONATIONS. MR BUSH WILL REPORT BACK AT THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 MEETING WITH A MORE DETAILED ITINERARY FOR THE BRIDGE DEDICATION. ATTORNEY GELTMAKER PROVIDED A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NAMING OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION NAMING THE BRIDGE WASHINGTON COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

WILSON ROAD PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT

STEVE AND JON MEREDITH OWN PROPERTY ON WILSON ROAD. THERE IS A DISPUTE BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE MEREDITH'S CONCERNING RIGHT-OF-WAY IMPROVEMENTS ON THE REAL ESTATE. ATTORNEY GELTMAKER HAS PREPARED A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE FOR BOTH PARTIES TO SIGN WHICH STATES THE MEREDITH'S FULLY RELEASE THE COMMISSIONERS FROM ANY FURTHER LIABILITY REGARDING THE DISPUTE. THE COUNTY WILL AGREE TO PAY THE MEREDITH'S $12,000.00 FOR THE WORK THAT WAS DONE WITHOUT APPROVAL FROM THE MEREDITH'S. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

SUPERINTENDENT JASON CLODFELTER WILL BE RESIGNING AS HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 27, 2024. THE COMMISSIONERS WILL BE TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR A REPLACEMENT.

JOHNSON CONTROLS CONTRACT

THE CONTRACT FOR FIRE PROTECTION AT THE EMS BUILDING IS UP FOR RENEWAL. THE FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT PROPOSED, WOULD COST $2,196.37 OVER THE COURSE OF THE FIVE YEARS. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONTRACT WITH JOHNSON CONTROLS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

WALKER MECHANICAL CONTRACT

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL CONTACTED WALKER MECHANICAL TO GIVE A QUOTE ON MAINTENANCE FOR THE HVAC UNITS AT THE COURTHOUSE. WALKER MECHANICAL DOES ALL THE MAINTENANCE WORK FOR THE OTHER COUNTY BUILDINGS HVAC. THE QUOTE PRESENTED IS TO SERVICE ALL OUTSIDE AND INSIDE UNITS ON ALL THREE FLOORS OF THE COURTHOUSE. THE TOTAL COST IS $7,000.00 A YEAR. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH WALKER MECHANICAL TO SERVICE THE COURTHOUSE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

CHOICES LIFE RESOURCE CENTER

ALLISON ADAMS EXPLAINED THE RESOURCES CHOICES LIFE RESOURCE CENTER OFFERS TO THE FAMILIES OF THE COMMUNITY. THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFER LIFE SKILLS, AND SUPPORT FOR PARENTS WHO MAY NEED HELP. THEY WORK WITH DCS TO ADVOCATE FOR THESE FAMILIES.

RECESS FOR BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING.

BOARD OF FINANCE

BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY TREASURER, NANCY COATS. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE TREASURER NANCY COATS, COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS, COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN, COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, REPRESENTATIVES OF FIRST SAVINGS: DANIEL SHEPHARD, KATRINA HUMPHREY, AND DANA JULIOT.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO DISCUSS THE INVESTMENTS THE COUNTY HAS WITH FIRST SAVINGS.

THE ARP MONEY IS COMING DUE FOR RENEWAL OR CASH OUT. THE BOARD DISCUSSED INVESTING IT FOR ANOTHER THREE MONTHS UNTIL IT HAS TO BE SPENT BY THE END OF DECEMBER 2024. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION IT WAS DECIDED TO MOVE THE ONE MILLION DOLLARS INTO A MONEY MARKET. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE MOVING THE ARP FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF 1 MILLION INTO A MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED. KATRINA AND DANIEL WILL HANDLE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS ON THE BANKING SIDE.

THE COUNTY HAS ANOTHER CD IN THE AMOUNT OF $2.5 MILLION THAT MATURES AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION IT WAS DECIDED TO INVEST THIS MONEY INTO CD'S AS WELL. IT WAS AGREED TO INVEST $1.25 MILLION INTO A 12-MONTH CD AND ANOTHER $1.25 MILLION INTO ANOTHER CD FOR 24-MONTHS. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO GIVE TREASURER COATS THE AUTHORITY TO MOVE THE MONEY AS SHE'S SEES FIT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

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

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COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL

Todd Mewe
COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

Rick Roberts
COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS

ATTEST: Kyra Stephenson
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON

WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BUDGET HEARINGS

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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AUGUST 21ST – 22ND, 2024

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET AUGUST 21ST-22ND, 2023 BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M. FOR THE 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET