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.

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

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COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL

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COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS

ATTEST: Kyra Stephenson
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON

WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BUDGET HEARINGS

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200

SALEM, INDIANA 47167

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

HEARINGS. THE MEETING WAS LOCATED AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE 99 PUBLIC SQUARE SUITE 200 SALEM, INDIANA. IN ATTENDANCE WERE COUNCILMEMBERS PRESTON SHELL, KEELEY STINGEL, RONDALE BRISHABER, GERALD FLEMING, MARK ABBOTT, KAREN WISCHMEIER, ANDREW DAVISSON, COMMISSIONERS PHILLIP MARSHALL, TODD EWEN, RICK ROBERTS, 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 SHELL LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED BY PRAYER LED BY COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING.

THE COUNCIL MET WITH THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS:

VETERANS AFFAIRS

CIRCUIT COURT

PUBLIC DEFENDER – COMMISSION AS LOWERED THE CASELOAD STATING THE TWO FULL TIME PUBLIC DEFENDERS NEED TO BE PAID THE SAME AS THE DEPUTY PROSECUTOR.

SYSTEM NAVIGATOR – COUNCIL REMINDED THE OFFICE THAT THE POSITION IS DEPENDENT ON 100% FUNDING FROM THE STATE.

PROSECUTOR

DRUG FREE COMMUNITY

PROBATION – ASKED IF THE PER DIEM COULD BE RAISED TO 50.00 PER DAY.

SHERIFF – PRESENTED A STUDY THAT WAS DONE BY THE SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION CONCERNING SALARIES FOR JAIL OFFICERS AND DISPATCHERS. MILLER WOULD LIKE TO SEE A BIGGER GAP BETWEEN EMPLOYEES AND SUPERVISORS. ALSO REQUESTED TWO ADDITIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS.

911

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

CLERK

BUILDING AND PLAN COMMISSION

RECORDER

TREASURER

EXTENSION

WEED BOARD

SOIL & WATER

AUDITOR

HEALTH – COUNCIL WOULD LIKE A QUARTERLY REPORT ON THE STATE HEALTH FUND MONIES THE COUNTY IS RECEIVING.

CORONER – NEEDS A NEW VEHICLE; WILL BE LOOKING FOR GRANTS TO HOPEFULLY COVER THE COST.

WASHINGTON COUNTY EMS

SURVEYOR

BLUE RIVER SERVICES

CEMETERY COMMISSION

THE COUNCIL RECESSED UNTIL AUGUST 22, 2024.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ABBOTT CALLED THE COUNCIL BACK TO ORDER ON AUGUST 22, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M. WITH COUNCILMEMBER STINGEL ABSENT.

COMMISSIONER PRESIDENT MARSHALL CALLED THE COMMISSIONERS BACK TO ORDER.

THE COUNCIL MET WITH THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS:

PARK & RECREATION

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

BLUE RIVER SERVICES

SUPERIOR COURT – CURRENTLY THREE COURTS DUE TO CONFLICT OF INTEREST CASES WITH JUDGE HOUCHIN. JUDGE HOUCHIN IS HOPEFUL THOSE CASES WILL BE DONE BY THE END OF 2024.

HIGHWAY

ASSESSOR

COMMISSIONERS

RBR ALLIANCES (FORMERLY HOOSIER HILLS PACT)

ECONOMIC GROWTH PARTNERSHIP

THE COUNCIL MADE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET:

*ELECTION – REDUCED AVM MECHANICS FROM 7,000 TO 6,000

*TREASURER – REDUCED PART TIME FROM 1,000 TO 0; REDUCED MILEAGE/LODGING FROM 600 TO 500

*DETENTION CENTER – 1000.11501 JAIL ADMINISTRATOR 58,429; 1000.12301 MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR 45,062; 1000.14302 MAINTENANCE 2 37,400; 1000.11601 CORRECTIONAL OFFICER/SHIFT LEAD 41,140; 1000.11700 CORRECTIONAL OFFICER/SHIFT LEAD 41,140; 1000.11801 CORRECTIONAL OFFICER/SHIFT LEAD 41,140; 1000.11901 CORRECTIONAL OFFICER/SHIFT LEAD 41,140

*PUBLIC SAFETY – ADDED LINE 31006 FOR FIRST NET CAD FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF 12,336

*SURVEYOR – REDUCED EXTRA HELP FROM 2,500 TO 0

*ASSESSOR – REDUCED CERTIFICATION FROM 4,500 TO 3,500; REDUCED MILEAGE/LODGING FROM 6,000 TO 4,200

*AUDITOR – 1000.10200 TAX BILLING 41,995; 1000.10202 FINANCIAL 43,875; 1000.10300 PAYROLL/HR 41,416; 1000.10306 ACCTS PAYABLE/TAX BILLING/HR 41,416; REDUCED 1000.10306 HUMAN RESOURCES FROM 3,000 TO 0

SHERIFF – AGREED 6% SALARY INCREASES

REASSESSMENT – REDUCED CERTIFICATION FROM 6,000 TO 1,500; REDUCED PART TIME FROM 2,000 TO 0; REDUCED VEHICLE PURCHASE FROM 10,000 TO 0; REDUCED CONTRACTS FROM 210,000 TO 200,000

PROSECUTOR – 1000.10901 DEPUTY PROSECUTOR 80,985; 1000.10213 ATTORNEY 10,500

PROSECUTOR IVD – 1000.13003 DEPUTY PROSECUTOR 3,015; 13002 DEPUTY PROSECUTOR 25,124

COUNTY IVD INCENTIVE – 13004 IVD ATTORNEY SUPPLEMENT 30,000

APSU – 10213 ATTORNEY 15,750; NO SALARY INCREASES DUE TO THE GRANT NOT HAVING THE FUNDS

EXTENSION – REDUCED 40109 EQUIPMENT FROM 10,000 TO 0; MOVED THE 10,000 TO THE CEDIT FUND

COMMISSIONERS – REDUCED MENTAL HEALTH FROM 169,650 TO 169,163 DUE TO MAXIMUM LEVY INFORMATION; CREATED COMMISSIONER SECRETARY LINE 1,500; CREATED COUNCIL SECRETARY LINE 1,500

CEDIT – INCREASED 32071 ECONOMIC GROWTH FROM 20,000 TO 40,000; REDUCED NON-PAVING FROM 276,768 TO 256,768

PLAN COMMISSION – REDUCED DIRECTOR FROM 8,000 TO 7,000

BUILDING COMMISSION – REDUCED 911 ADDRESSING FROM 5,000 TO 3,000; REDUCED LEGAL SERVICES FROM 25,000 TO 12,500

CIRCUIT COURT – REDUCED LAW BOOKS FROM 15,000 TO 10,000; REDUCED PAUPER ATTORNEYS FROM 100,000 TO 50,000

ADULT PROBATION – REDUCED OT/VACATION FROM 15,000 TO 12,400 TO ACCOMMODATE SALARY INCREASES

A & D VETERANS COURT – REDUCED INCENTIVES FROM 1,000 TO 250; REDUCED GRADUATION SUPPLIES FROM 1,000 TO 250; REDUCED EMERGENCY PARTICIPANT NEEDS FROM 1,000 TO 500; REDUCED EDUCATION FROM 25,000 TO 7,000. GRANT WAS REDUCED.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – REDUCED CASE MANAGER FROM 55,000 TO 50,800

PUBLIC DEFENDER – 1000.10902 ATTORNEY 4 47,288; CREATED LINE FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER STIPEND, IF NEEDED, 10,348

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – 1000.13000 EMA DIRECTOR 25,000; MOVED 31006 FIRST NET CAD 12,336 TO PUBLIC SAFETY

STATEWIDE 911 – REDUCED HEALTH INSURANCE FROM 50,000 TO 40,000; REDUCED 40106 INDIGITAL FROM 66,000 TO 30,000

CEMETERY – REDUCED 11404 CONTRACT FROM 52,080 TO 48,500; REDUCED MONUMENT REPAIR FROM 3,360 TO 3,000

SOIL & WATER – REDUCED ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNICIAN FROM 15,000 TO 0

HEALTH – REDUCED HEALTH INSURANCE FROM 48,000 TO 42,000; REDUCED LEGAL SERVICES FROM 15,000 TO 13,014

LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH – INCREASED HEALTH INSURANCE FROM 18,000 TO 21,000; REDUCED HEALTH SUPPLIES FROM 191,766 TO 190,784; REDUCED 10124 RAISES FROM 10,080 TO 0

PARK – REDUCED HEALTH INSURANCE FROM 25,000 TO 20,000; INCREASED FICA FROM 13,000 TO 15,092

COMMENTS BY THE COUNCIL:

-WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A JOINT PRESENTATION OF THE ASSESSMENT SOFTWARE IN 2025 WITH THE COMMISSIONERS AND ASSESSOR.

-COUNCILMEMBER SHELL WOULD LIKE A JOINT MEETING WITH THE FAIRBOARD CONCERNING THE 30,000 IN FUNDING THE COUNTY PROVIDES.

-THE CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL IS TO GRANT AN 8% SALARY INCREASE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED ABOVE.

-SOME BUDGETS WERE ADJUSTED DUE TO PROPOSED SALARY INCREASES AND RECEIVING THE 2025 INSURANCE RATES.

THE COUNCIL REMINDED DEPARTMENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT THE COUNCIL COULD MADE CHANGES/AMENDMENTS UP UNTIL THE ADOPTION ON OCTOBER 7, 2024.

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

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

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COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

Todd M. Ewen

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