WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL

~~WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS~~

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200

SALEM, INDIANA 47167

JULY 15, 2024

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN JOINT SESSION WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON JULY 15, 2024 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 KEELEY STINGEL, PRESTON SHELL, MARK ABBOTT, GERALD FLEMING, COMMISSIONERS PHIL MARSHALL, TODD EWEN, RICK ROBERTS, ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER, 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 PURPOSE OF THE JOINT MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS THE JAIL ADMINISTRATOR POSITION WITH SHERIFF BRENT MILLER.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ABBOTT STATED THE SHERIFF IS HAVING A PROBLEM HIRING A JAIL ADMINISTRATOR AND CURRENTLY HAS A ROAD OFFICER FILLING THAT POSITION. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT POSITION AND ABBOTT FELT THERE WAS AN URGENT NEED TO HAVE THIS MEETING.

SHERIFF BRENT MILLER SPOKE ON THE DUTIES OF THE JAIL ADMINISTRATOR AND ALSO HOW THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE SEPARATION ON PAY BETWEEN SUPERVISORS AND EMPLOYEES. THE DETENTION CENTER CURRENTLY HAS 120 INMATES. THE ADMINISTRATOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR UDATING THE BAIL TRACKER AND COORDINATING WITH THE COURTS/STATE PRISONS FOR TRANSPORT WHEN THE INMATE HAS HEARINGS. THIS ALSO WOULD INCLUDE SCHEDULING DOCTOR VISITS AND DENTIST APPOINTMENTS ALONG WITH OTHER MEDICAL NEEDS. THE ADMINISTRATOR IS ALSO IN CHARGE OF ANNUAL TRAINING FOR ALL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS.

COUNCILMEMBER STINGEL ASKED IF THERE IS A JOB DESCRIPTION AND, IF SO, WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE TO SUBMIT THE FORMS TO MAINTAIN LIABILITY INSURANCE. SHERIFF MILLER STATED THAT WOULD BE PART OF THE JOB BUT ULTIMATELY THE SHERIFF IS RESPONSIBLE.

COUNCILMEMBER STINGEL ALSO STATED THAT THE COUNCIL HAS DONE SALARY ADJUSTMENTS BUT IF THE COUNCIL RAISE THIS SALARY, THEN THIS POSITION WOULD NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE ACROSS-THE-BOARD RAISE FOR 2025 IF THE COUNCIL GIVE RAISES.

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL STATED THAT A LOT MORE HAS BEEN PLACED UPON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, ESPECIALLY WITH THE COURTS SINCE THEY DO NOT WISH TO USE VIDEO PROCEEDINGS. THE STATE NEEDS TO REALIZE HOW MUCH CORRECTIONAL SERVICES COST COUNTIES. OUR POPULATION IN WASHINGTON COUNTY DOES NOT SUPPORT WHAT IS ACTUALLY NEEDED.

COMMISSIONER EWEN STATED THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAD SEVERAL VEHICLES OUT THERE THAT ARE NOT BEING UTILIZED, WOULD WE BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A TAKE HOME VEHICLE TO THE ADMINISTRATOR TO HELP MAKE THE POSITION MORE ATTRACTIVE TO APPLICANTS. SHERIFF MILLER SAID HE WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A VEHICLE.

AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, COUNCILMEMBER SHELL MADE A MOTION TO INCREASE THE SALARY TO $57,000.00 WITH A TAKE HOME VEHICLE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FLEMING. COUNCILMEMBER STINGEL STIPULATED THAT THIS POSITION WOULD NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR A 2025 RAISE IF GIVEN. THE MOTION PASSED.

COUNCILMEMBER STINGEL MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SHELL. THE MOTION PASSED.

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

COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS

ATTEST: Kyra Stephenson

AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER MEETING
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THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD AT 6:00 P.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.

CODERED SYSTEM

EMA DIRECTOR DENI STEMPOWSKI PROVIDED INFORMATION ON A PUBLIC SAFETY ALERTING SYSTEM THAT WOULD ENABLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS, THE ABILITY TO SEND OUT ALERTS TO RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY TO NOTIFY THEM OF PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS SUCH AS TORNADOS, FLOODS, MISSING CHILDREN, BOIL WATER ADVISORIES ETC. THE CITY OF SALEM AND PEKIN ARE THE ONLY TOWN IN THE COUNTY WHO HAVE TORNADO SIRENS ALERTING RESIDENTS. THIS SYSTEM CAN NOTIFY EVERYONE IN THE COUNTY OR IT CAN ALERT RESIDENTS IN SPECIFIC AREAS VIA CELL PHONE NOTIFICATION. THE COST OF THE SYSTEM WOULD BE $28,015.00 WITH A ONE-TIME SERVICE FEE OF $750.00. THERE WILL BE AN ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEE OF $6,353.03 FOR ONE YEAR OR $5,603.03 FOR 5 YEARS. DIRECTOR STEMPOWSKI IS APPLYING FOR GRANTS TO HELP WITH THE COST OF THE SYSTEM. SHE HAS ALREADY RECEIVED $3,140.00 FROM THE DUKE ENERGY FOUNDATION. SHE PLANS TO DO FUNDRAISERS AND GET DONATIONS TO FILL THE GAPS OF THE GRANTS. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO PROCEED FORWARD WITH IMPLEMTING CODERED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED. DIRECTOR STEMPOWSKI WILL BRING A CONTRACT BACK FOR SIGNATURES ONCE SHE HAS RECEIVED ALL THE MONEY TO PAY FOR THE SYSTEM.

HEALTH INSURANCE ENROLLMENT

HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL FOR EMPLOYEES WILL BE SEPTEMBER 1, 2024. ZACK RICHARDS WITH KNAPP MILLER BROWN HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE CURRENT