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
JULY 16, 2024
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200
SALEM, INDIANA 47167

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

CARRIER ANTHEM AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHER CARRIERS. THE COUNTY HAS FILED SEVERAL HEALTH CLAIMS BUT DOES NOT HAVE ANY CHRONIC HEALTH PROBLEM CLAIMS. HE WILL BE BACK AT THE AUGUST 6, 2024 MEETING WITH QUOTES.

STRUCTURE POINT AGREEMENT

THE COUNTY RECEIVED A GRANT TO UPDATE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. THE COMMISSIONERS AGREED TO HIRE STRUCTURE POINT AS THE CONSULTING FIRMS TO HELP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN. ATTORNEY GELTMAKER HAS REVIEWED THE CONTRACT WITH STRUCTURE POINT IN THE AMOUNT OF $57,400.00. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH STRUCTURE POINT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

DISCUSSION OF NIGHT MEETINGS

THE COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSED HOLDING ONE MEETING A MONTH IN THE EVENING. THEY ASKED MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE WHICH THEY WOULD PREFER AND THEY ALL AGREED THEY COULD COME EVENINGS OR DAY TIME. BASED ON THE LOW ATTENDANCE, AT THIS TIME IT WAS DECIDED THE MEETINGS WOULD STAY AS THEY HAVE FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, WHICH IS AT 9:00 A.M. EVERY FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH.

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

COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL

COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS

ATTEST: _____
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON