COMMISSIONER MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 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.

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.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE & DENI STEMPOWSKI

DENI STEMPOWSKI RECEIVED HER CERTIFICATE FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE MAKING THE COUNTY STORM READY. THIS DESIGNATION WILL AID HER IN IMPLEMENTING CODE RED. THE COUNTY RECEIVED A SIGN INDICATING THE COUNTY IS STORM READY.

STRUCTURE POINT – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

STRUCTURE POINT HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE COUNTY AND COMMUNITY IN IMPLEMENTING A NEW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. THEY ATTENDED SEVERAL COUNTY FESTIVALS TO GET FEEDBACK AND SURVEYORS ON WHAT CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY WOULD LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE. WITH ALL THE WORK DONE THEY HAVE PUT TOGETHER A PLAN AND PRESENTED IT TO THE COMMISSIONERS. A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PLAN AS PRESENTED WAS PROVIDED TO THE COMMISSIONERS. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

ATTORNEY GENERAL TODD ROKITAS OFFICE

PARKER FLETCHER, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM TODD ROKITAS OFFICE GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE. HE PROVIDED INFORMATION ON UNCLAIMED PROPERTY.

PTABOA BOARD APPOINTMENT

ASSESSOR SHERRY WINGLER REQUESTED THE APPOINTMENT OF LORI GILSTRAP TO THE PTABOA BOARD. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT LORI GILSTRAP TO THE PTABOA BOARD. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY TO ADD EXEMPT POSITION

THE ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY TO INCLUDE THE DEPUTY AMBULANCE DIRECTOR AS AN EXEMPT EMPLOYEE WAS READ AGAIN. WITH THERE BEING NO QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

RESOLUTION OBLIGATING ARP FUNDS

A RESOLUTION OBLIGATING THE ARP FUNDS WAS READ BY ATTORNEY GELTMAKER. THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY ISSUED RULES AND TIMELINES FOR THE OBLIGATION AND EXPENDITURE OF THE ARP FUNDS INCLUDING A DEADLINE OF DECEMBER 31, 2024 FOR ALL FUNDS TO BE OBLIGATED. FUNDS NOT SPENT OR OBLIGATED WOULD HAVE TO BE RETURNED TO THE TREASURY. THE COUNTY WOULD LIKE TO OBLIGATE THE REMAINING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $621,910.20 TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION OBLIGATING THE ARP FUNDS FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

BIDS FOR BRIDGE 61 ON BATA ROAD WERE READ ALLOWED. TEMPLE AND TEMPLE WAS THE ONLY BID IN THE AMOUNT OF $585,542.00. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FOR REVIEW. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES PROVIDED A FINANCIAL COMMITMENT LETTER FOR COMMUNITY CROSSINGS TO THE SIGNED BY THE COMMISSIONERS.

RICK ROBERTS - THANK YOU

COMMISSIONER ROBERTS GAVE A HEARTFELT THANK YOU FOR BEING ABLE TO SERVE THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY AS COMMISSIONER. H

WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC GROWTH

ANGIE BUCHANAN GAVE AN END OF THE YEAR RECAP OF WHAT THE ECONOMIC GROWTH HAS DONE FOR THE COUNTY THIS YEAR. THEY HAVE BROUGHT SEVERAL BUSINESS TO THE COUNTY AND HAVE MORE INTERESTED TO LOCATE IN THE JF HELSEL PARK.

WASHINGTON COUNTY TOURISM

SUSAN LLOYD GAVE AN UPDATE ON TOURISM. THE GROUP IS TRYING TO DEVELOP MORE IDEAS FOR THE COMING YEAR. THEY ARE WORKING ON GETTING THE OLD ABANDONED BUILDINGS UPDATED AND MAKING THE SQUARE LOOK MORE ATTRACTIVE.

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.

COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL

COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS

ATTEST: Kyra Stephenson
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 30, 2024
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A SPECIAL MEETING WAS CALLED TO APPROVE CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND MINUTES FOR THE END OF THE YEAR AND APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH BIS DIGITAL . THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS, AND AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON.

COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS LED THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG WITH COMMISSIONER MARSHALL SAYING A PRAYER.

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

BIS AGREEMENT

AUDITOR STEPHENSON PRESENTED AN AGREEMENT FROM BIS DIGITAL. THE AGREEMENT IS FOR STREAMING OF ALL MEETINGS. THE STATE HAS MADE IT MANDITORY THAT ALL MEETINGS MUST BE LIVE STREAMED BEGINNING JULY 2025. BILL BRADFORD WILL WORK WITH BIS TO GET THIS DONE. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH BIS. 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 MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED.

COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL

COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS

ATTEST: _____
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON