COMMISSIONER MEETING
APRIL 16, 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.

RECOGNITION OF MASTER GARDENERS

THE MASTER GARDENERS HAVE BEEN PLANTING FLOWERS IN MAINTAINING THEM FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS AROUND THE COURTHOUSE AND THE COMMISSIONERS WANTED TO THANK THEM FOR ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK ON MAKING THE COURTHOUSE GROUNDS BEAUTIFUL. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS PRESENTED MEMBERS OF THE MASTER GARDNERS, JAMES WILLIAMS, BRENDA GREGORY, CHRISTY KARMIRE, JANA EWEN, AND BECKY DEWEESE WITH A PICTURE OF THE COURTHOUSE THAT SHOWS THE BRIGHT RED TULIPS THEY HAD PLANTED. THE MASTER GARDENERS REQUESTED THE PICTURE BE DISPLAYED IN THE COURTHOUSE.

APPOINTMENT TO THE PLAN COMMISSION

THE PLAN COMMISSION HAD A VACANCY ON THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER EWEN HAS ASKED DAVID LYLES TO SIT ON THE BOARD TO FILL THE VACANCY. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT DAVID LYLES TO THE PLAN COMMISSION UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF COMMISSIONER EWEN. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.

BLUE RIVER SOUTHERN INDIANA TRANSIT SYSTEM

AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN HARRISON COUNTY AND WASHINGTON COUNTY WAS PRESENTED FOR THE SOUTHERN INDIANA TRANSIT SYSTEM AS WELL AS A GRANT. THEY PROVIDE SAFE AND AFFORDABLE TRANSPORTION TO SEVERAL SURROUNDING COUNTIES. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND GRANT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT APPROVAL

WASHINGTON COUNTY WAS GRANTED THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF $1.5 MILLION. SUPERINTENDENT CLODFELTER WILL BE FINALIZING THE ROADS FOR THE FUNDS IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

ORDINANCE RESTRICTING SEMI-TRUCK TRAFFIC

ATTORNEY GELTMAKER PRESENTED AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING SEMI-TRUCK TRAFFIC ON COUNTY ROADS DURING STATE HIGHWAY PROJECTS WHERE DETOURS ARE PROVIDED BY THE STATE. THIS ORDINANCE WILL ALLOW THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO PLACE APPROPRIATE SIGNS ALONG DESIGNATED COUNTY ROADS AND VIOLATORS CAN BE CHARGED WITH A CLASS C INFRACTION AND FINED UP TO $500.00. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

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

COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL

Todd M. Ewen
COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

Rick Roberts
COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS

ATTEST: Kyra Stephenson
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON