COMMISSIONER MEETING
MARCH 19, 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.

ORDINANCE INCREASING ELECTION DAY MEAL COMPENSATION

ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE MEAL AND SNACK ALLOWANCE COMPENSATION FOR POLL WORKERS ON ELECTION DAY WAS PRESENTED. THE ALLOWANCE WILL BE $13.33 PER MEAL PER PERSON EACH DAY, $40.00 MAXIMUM PER PERSON PER DAY, $200.00 MAXIMUM PER PRECINCT EACH DAY. PIERCE AND POLK PRECINCTS WILL HAVE AN ADDITIONAL $80.00 EACH DAY FOR TWO ADDITIONAL CLERKS. SNACKS WILL BE $40.00 PER PRECINCT. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE WITH PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE COUNCIL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

CYBER SECURITY INSURANCE PROPOSAL

THE INSURNACE IS REQUESTING COVERAGE FOR CYBER SECURITY WHICH WILL COVER EXPOSURE AND RISK FROM CYBER ATTACKS. BILL BRADFORD WHO IS THE COUNTIES I.T. HAS SET UP A MULTIFACTOR AUTHENTICATION FOR ALL COUNTY EMAILS. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE NEW CYBER SECURITY INSURANCE PROPOSAL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT FOR THE IDOR

THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE PROPOSED AN AGREEMENT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE DESIGNATED PERSONNEL ON A SEMI-ANNUAL BASIS CERTAIN CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO THE INNKEEPERS TAX. COMMSSIONERL EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH THE IDOR. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

SENN/MURPHY CASE DISMISSAL

THE PENDING CASE OF SENN/MURPHY HAS BEEN ASKED TO BE DISMISSED. ATTORNEY GELTMAKER REQUESTED THE COMMISSIONERS TO DISMISS THE CASE WHERE THE SENN'S AND MURPHY'S PURCHASED COUNTY PROPERTY IN FREDERICKSBURG. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO DISMISS THE CASE GRANTING ALL PROPERTY TO SENN/MURPHY. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN WORKING ON GETTING THE TRACTORS AND MOWERS READY FOR SPRING.

THE GEOTECHING HAS BEEN DONE FOR BRIDGE 39.

RECESS FOR BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING AT 11:00.

BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL CALLED THE MEETING BACK TO ORDER. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN, COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS, COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, TREASURER NANCY COATS, AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON, DANIEL SHEPARD AND AARON WELLER FROM FIRST SAVINGS.

THE BOARD DISCUSSED OPTIONS TO INVEST MORE MONEY THE COUNTY CURRENTLY HAS. IT WAS DISCUSSED TO INVEST $2 -$3 MILLION MORE IN EITHER CD'S OR TREASURY NOTES. DANIEL SHEPARD EXPLAINED THE RATES: 6 MONTH TREASURY BILL – 5.2% 6 MONTH CD – 5.15%

12 MONTH TREASURY BILL – 4.8%
12 MONTH CD – 5.05%
24 MONTH TREASURY BILL – 4.55%
24 MONTH CD – 4.75%
18 MONTH TREASURY BILL – 4.65%
18 MONTH CD – 5.0%

AFTER SOME DISCUSSION IT WAS DECIDED A 6 MONTH TREASURY BILL WOULD BE THE BEST AT THIS TIME. THE BOARD DECIDED TO INVEST $2.5 MILLION. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO INVEST $2.5 MILLION, WITH $1.5 MILLION IN THE 6 MONTH CD AND $1 MILLION IN THE 6 MONTH TREASURY BILL. COMMISIONER EWEN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.

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

COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL

COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS

ATTEST:
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONER SPECIAL MEETING
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A SPECIAL MEETING WAS CALLED TO MEET WITH CORY COCHRAN WITH RIVER HILLS TO DISCUSS THE READI GRANT THE COUNTY WILL RECEIVE FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN, COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS, AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON, COUNCILWOMAN KEELEY STINGEL AND CORY COCHRAN.

THE IEDC HAS APPROVED $75,000 FOR THE COUNTY TO USE TO UPDATE THEIR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. THE COUNTY WILL RECEIVE THE CONTRACT TO LOOK OVER PRIOR TO THE NEXT COMMISSIONER MEETING ON APRIL 2, 2024. THE COMMISSIONERS WILL THEN BE ABLE TO APPROVE THE GRANT AGREEMENT AT THEIR MEETING. MR COCHRAN DISCUSSED WHAT WILL BE NEEDED FROM THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE GRANT. THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBMITTING THE MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE GRANT. KEELEY STINGEL HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THREE CONSULTING FIRMS, HWC, TAYLOR SIEFKER WILLIAMS, AND STRUCTURE POINT TO HELP WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. THE MONEY FROM THIS GRANT HAS TO BE SPENT BY THE END OF 2026 AND THE BOARD HOPES TO HAVE THIS COMPLETED BY THE END OF 2024.

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 MARSHAL

COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS

ATTEST:
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