COMMISSIONER MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 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.

HEALTH BOARD APPOINTMENTS

AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING MAGGIE ENGLAND PRESENTED THREE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE HEALTH BOARD. THE THREE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE: DR. BENNIE MOORE, DR. RONALD KEARSCHNER, AND BRITTANY GARLOCH. ALL INDIVIDUALS RECOMMENDED MET THE REQUIREMENT SET BY THE STATE. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT DR BENNIE MOORE TO THE HEALTH BOARD. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

THE HEALTH BOARD RECOMMENDED REAPPOINTING DR JEFFERY MORGAN AS THE HEALTH OFFICER. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO REAPPOINT DR JEFFERY MORGAN AS THE HEALTH OFFICER. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

BURN BAN

WASHINGTON COUNTY HAS BEEN UNDER A BURN BAN FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. WITH THE RECENT RAIN, THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE DECIDED TO LIFT THE BURN BAN EFFECTIVE AS OF 9:04 A.M. NOVEMBER 6, 2024.

2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

AUDITOR STEPHENSON PRESENTED THE 2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE COMMISSIONER'S APPROVAL. THE HOLIDAYS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

JANUARY 1, 2025	NEW YEAR'S DAY
APRIL 18, 2025	GOOD FRIDAY
MAY 26, 2025	MEMORIAL DAY
JULY 4, 2025	INDEPENDENCE DAY
SEPTEMBER 1, 2025	LABOR DAY
NOVEMBER 11, 2025	VETERAN'S DAY
NOVEMBER 27-28, 2025	THANKSGIVING
DECEMBER 24-26, 2025	CHRISTMAS

COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE 2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

ON-SITE SEWAGE SYSTEMS ORDINANCE

CHRIS BOLING WITH THE HEALTH BOARD PRESENTED THE ON-SITE SEWAGE SYSTEMS ORDINANCE FOR THE COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL. THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE IS TO PROVIDE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION OF DISEASE AND HEALTH RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF ON-SITE SEWAGE SYSTEMS. THE ORDINANCE WILL REGULATE LOCATION, INSTALLATION, CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, RECONNECTION, REPLACEMENT, ALTERATION, AND REPAIR OF ALL RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SEWAGE SYTEMS. THE ORDINANCE HAS BEEN PASSED BY THE HEALTH BOARD. ATTORNEY GELTMAKER SUGGESTED THE COMMISSIONERS TABLE A DECISION UNTIL THEY HAVE HAD TIME TO REVIEW THE ORDINANCE.

WASHINGTON COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE DEDICATION

THE COMMISSIONERS WILL BE DEDICATING THE BRIDGE ON MAIN STREET ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M. THE BRIDGE WILL BE DEDICATED TO THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AND CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY CROSSINGS PAVING IS WRAPPING UP ON BECKS MILL ROAD. THEY WILL BE WORKING ON THE REPAVING OF QUARRY ROAD FROM DAMAGE THAT WAS DONE DURING THE DETOUR. TRUCKS AND MATERIAL ARE READY FOR THE WINTER MONTHS. THE NEW TRUCKS THAT WERE ORDERED ARE DONE BUT WILL BE A FEW MONTHS BEFORE THEY ARE READY TO GO.

COURTHOUSE RE-APPRAISAL

BUCKLAND AND ASSOCIATES PROVIDED A QUOTE FOR A RE-APPRAISAL OF THE COURTHOUSE. BUCKLAND HAS BEEN DOING THE COUNTIES APPRAISALS FOR SEVERAL YEARS FOR COMMERCIAL INSURANCE. THE COST OF THE RE-APPRAISAL IS $6,700.00. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RE-APPRAISALS QUOTE FROM BUCKLAND AND ASSOCIATES. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

MALCON

MALCON PROVIDED A PROPOSAL FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE ANNUAL COUNTYWIDE IV-D COST ALLOCATION PLANS 2024-2026. THE COUNTY HAS BEEN USING MALCON FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO DO THE COST ALLOCATIONS. THE FEE FOR THE COST ALLOCATION IS $10,500.00 FOR 2024-2026. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE COST ALLOCATION PLAN FROM MALCON. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

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