COMMISSIONER MEETING
JANUARY 3, 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 EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTORNEY GELTMAKER ASKED FOR APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSIONERS. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO RETAIN THE CURRENT PRESIDENT, COMMISSIONER MARSHALL AND VICE PRESIDENT, RICK ROBERTS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR 2024 WERE AS FOLLOWS:

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: JASON CLODFELTER
HIGHWAY SUPERVISORS: RUSTY HOWELL, 1ST DISTRICT
SAM CRESS, 2ND DISTRICT
DEVIN BROWN, 3RD DISTRICT

COMMISSIONER ATTORNEY: APRIL GELTMAKER, CLLB LAW

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER: ANDREW BUSH

POOR RELIEF HEARING OFFICER: ANDREW BUSH

EMA DIRECTOR: DENI STEMPOWSKI

911 DIRECTOR: KELLY SARGENT

BUILDING/PLAN COMMISSIONER: TRAVIS ELLIOTT

HOOSIER UPLANDS: MAX BEDWELL

CEMETERY COMMISSION: JOHN W MEAD

ABC BOARD: LAURIE JACKSON

BLUE RIVER FIRE DISTRICT: JEREMY HARDWICK
ROBERT ALLEN
AMANDA DAVIS

WASHINGTON COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: TODD EWEN
ROBERT STRANGE
THOMAS A PARIS

RIVER HILLS EDD & RPC: PRESTON SHELL

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: LORI GILSTRAP

AMBULANCE SERVICE BOARD: MARK ABBOTT
GERALD FLEMING

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS: SHIRLEY BATT
JASON COCKERILL

COUNTY PARK BOARD: BOBBY WEBB

COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ALL OF THE ABOVE APPOINTMENTS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

FAIRGROUND BLEACHER BIDS

ATTORNEY GELTMAKER OPENED TO BIDS FOR REPAIR WORK OF THE BLEACHERS AT THE FAIRGROUNDS DUE TO STORM DAMAGE. THE BIDS WERE AS FOLLOWS: MIKE GOEN CONSTRUCTION - $210,000.00 AND COTTONGIM ENTERPRISES - $113,000 WITH AN ADDITIONAL $5,400 FOR STEEL FOLDING CHAIRS. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE LOW BID FROM COTTONGIM ENTERPRISES. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

SUPERINTENDENT CLODFELTER INTRODUCED HIMSELF AND IS WORKING ON GETTING THINGS SWITCHED OVER. THEY ARE ALSO WORKING ON GETTING THINGS DONE FOR THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS SUBMITTAL.

COMMISSIONERS ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT

COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO RETAIN CLLB LAW ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER AS THE COMMISSIONER'S ATTORNEY. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

KNAPP MILLER BROWN

ZACK RICHARDS GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE COMMERCIAL INSURANCE. COVERAGE WILL END WITH LIBERTY MUTAL ON FEBRUARY 3, 2024. HE IS STILL WORKING ON GETTING ANOTHER CARRIER AND HOPES TO HAVE SOMETHING BACK BY THE NEXT MEETING ON JANUARY 16, 2024. WORKERS COMP RATE HAS WENT DOWN FROM $108,519 TO $107,080.

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