COMMISSIONER SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2024
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200
SALEM, INDIANA 47167

A SPECIAL MEETING WAS CALLED TO HAVE DISCUSSION AND LISTEN TO CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP REGARDING THE REQUEST FOR JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIRE TO BECOME A FIRE DISTRICT. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS, COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN, ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER, AND AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON. COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL WAS ABSENT DUE TO ILLNESS.

COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE IT KNOWN THERE WOULD BE NO DECISIONS MADE AT THIS MEETING. THE MEETING IS TO ALLOW THE COMMISSIONERS TO RECEIVE INFORMATION. ATTORNEY GELTMAKER READ ALOUD THE GUIDELINES FOR ESTABLISHING A FIRE DISTRICT. THERE MUST BE A BOARD APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSIONERS WITH A MINIMUM OF THREE MEMBERS THAT HAVE EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF FIRE PROTECTION. THE BOARD MUST MEET ONCE A MONTH IN JANUARY, APRIL, JULY AND OCTOBER. THE MAJORITY OF THE DISCUSSION AND CONCERN WAS THE INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAX. IT WAS ALSO DISCUSSED WHAT THE TOWNSHIP WOULD GAIN IN HAVING A FIRE DISTRICT. MOST OF THE CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE WERE OPPOSED TO CREATING A FIRE DISTRICT. THE COMMISSIONERS WILL MAKE A DECISION ON THE FIRE DISTRICT AT THEIR NEXT MEETING JANUARY 16, 2024.

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 MARSHAL

COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS

ATTEST:
AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON

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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.

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

JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIRE

NATE THOMPSON AND REUBEN CUMMINGS APPEARED AGAIN REQUESTING THE COMMISSIONERS MAKE A DECISION ON ESTABLISHING A FIRE DISTRICT FOR JACKSON TOWNSHIP. THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE HELD TWO PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS AND ASK QUESTIONS. COMMISSIONER EWEN COMMENDED THE GENTLEMEN FOR ALL OF THE WORK THEY HAVE PUT IN TO GETTING