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

THE PETITIONN SIGNED BUT FEELS THERE IS A LOT OF FRICTION BETWEEN RESIDENTS AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS RECTIFIED. WHILE THEY DID GET THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES NEEDED FOR THE PETITION, THE COMMISSIONERS FEEL IT MAY HAVE BEEN MISREPRESENTED AND INDIVIDUALS MAY HAVE NOT RECEIVED ALL THE INFORMATION NEEDED TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THEY WERE SIGNING. ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS WERE IN AGREEMENT THEY DID NOT WANT TO RAISE TAXES FOR THIS COMMUNITY. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO NOT ALLOW THERE TO BE A FIRE DISTRICT AT THIS TIME. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

BROWN VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD APPOINTMENT

COMMISSIONERS WERE NOTIFIED TERRY ELGIN HAS RESIGNED FROM THE BOARD. IT WAS RECOMMENDED TO MOVE TONY MARANTO TO FILL MR ELGIN'S VACANCY FOR BROWN TOWNSHIP. THE BOARD ALSO RECOMMENDED PLACING ROBBIE BATCHELOR IN TONY MARANTO'S SPOT FOR THE TOWN OF CAMPBELLSBURG. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDED BOARD MEMBERS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

SUPERINTENDENT CLODFELTER GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE DEPARTMENT. THEY HAD SOME TREE CLEANUP DUE TO STORMS THAT HAD PASSED THROUGH AND ARE READY FOR THE SNOW FORECASTED TO COME. HE ALSO REPORTED THE FUEL TANKS HAVE BEEN INSPECTED BUT HAVE NOT RECEIVED A REPORT ON THEM YET.

COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT HAS BEEN APPLIED FOR AND WILL RECEIVE WORD ON IT SOMETIME IN MARCH OR APRIL.

WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC GROWTH DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR ANGIE BUCHANAN GAVE AN UPDATE AND STATED THERE ARE A FEW THINGS IN THE WORKS.

COMMISSIONERS RECESSED UNTIL THE 11:00 BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING.

BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL CALLED THE COMMISSIONERS BACK TO ORDER. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONER MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER EWEN, COMMISSIONER ROBERTS, AUDITOR STEPHENSON, TREASURER NANCY COATS, DEPUTY TREASURER LADONNA BRISCOE, AND MEMBERS FROM FIRST SAVINGS BANK.

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING. MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

TREASURER COATS BID OUT BANK PROPOSALS FOR 2024. FIRST SAVINGS BANK WAS IN ATTENDANCE TO PRESENT THEIR BID. OTHER BIDS WERE FROM FIRST HARRISON, CENTRA CREDIT UNION AND MID SOUTHERN SAVINGS BANK. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO CONTINUE WITH FIRST SAVINGS BANK. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

TREASURER COATS READ THE TREASURERS REPORT. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURERS REPORT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 20, 2024 TO DISCUSS THE ARP MONEY WITHDRAW AND THERE WILL ALSO BE ANOTHER MEETING ON OCTOBER 15, 2024 TO DISCUSS THE MATURING CD'S.

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