COMMISSIONER MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 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.

HEALTH BOARD APPOINTMENT

A VACANCY ON THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD MUST BE FILLED ACCORDING TO I.C. 16-20-2-4(B)(2)(3) ONE PERSON APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE FROM A LIST OF THREE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE EXECUTIVE OF THE MOST POPULUS MUNICIPALITY IN THE COUNTY. THE CITY OF SALEM HAS RECOMMENDED BENNIE MOORE, DR. RON KEARSCHNER, AND BRITTANY GARLOCH. ALL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MEET THE STATE REQUIREMENT AND WILL HOLD A FOUR-YEAR TERM. COMMISSIONERS TOOK THE NAMES UNDER ADVISEMENT AND WILL MAKE THE APPOINTMENT AT THE NOVEMBER 6, 2024 MEETING.

CAMERON STAHL – ALLOW GOLF CARTS ON ROADWAYS

THE COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE AN ORDINANCE THAT SPECIFICALLY ALLOWS GOLF CARTS TO BE ON COUNTY ROADS. MR STAHL WOULD LIKE AN ORDINANCE CREATED TO ALLOW GOLF CARTS TO BE ON COUNTY ROADS. ATTORNEY GELTMAKER SUGGESTED THE COMMISSIONERS TAKE THIS UNDER ADVISEMENT IN ORDER TO DO SOME RESEARCH AND LOOK IN TO SAFETY CONCERNS. COMMISSIONERS WILL TABLE THIS DISCUSSION UNTIL MORE RESEARCH CAN BE DONE.

MAINSTREAM FIBER

REPRESENTATIVES FROM MAINSTREAM FIBER ARE ASKING FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO HELP THEM EXTEND FIBER LINES TO AREAS IN THAT COUNTY THAT DO NOT HAVE IT. THE LETTER OF SUPPORT WOULD HELP THEM RECEIVE THE BEAD GRANT. ANGIE BUCHANAN WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WILL WORK WITH MAINSTREAM TO GET THE LETTER DRAFTED. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE LETTER OF INTENT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES REPORTED THE COUNTY PAVING IS DONE AND THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS PAVING PROJECT SHOULD BE DONE SOON.

THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED WRITEN PERMISSION FROM THE LANDOWNER AT THE CORNER OF HIGHWAY 160 AND HERITAGE CHAPEL ROAD TO REMOVE A FENCE ROW. THERE HAS BEEN SEVERAL COMPLAINTS IT IS HARD TO SEE AT THIS LOCATION.

ELECTION & POLLING PLACE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

EMA DIRECTOR DENI STEMPOWSKI SUBMITTED AN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GUIDE FOR THE ELECTION. THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE NOT HAD ADEQUATE TIME TO REVIEW THE DOCUMENT THEREFORE, ATTORNEY GELTMAKER RECOMMENDED APPROVING THE DOCUMENT CONTIGENT UPON A FINAL REVIEW AT A LATER MEETING. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO FOLLOW ATTORNEY GELTMAKERS' RECOMMENDATION. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

THE COMMISSIONERS RECESSED FOR A BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING AT 10:30 A.M.

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 MARSHALL

COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

COMMISSIONER RICK ROBERTS

ATTEST:
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON