COMMISSIONER MEETING
APRIL 21, 2026
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 TONY CARDWELL, ATTORNEY STEVE LANGDON, AND AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON. THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFY THAT THE ONLY ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D) DISCUSSION OF STRATEGY WITH RESPECT TO A REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTION, I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(19) TO HAVE COMMUNICATIONS WITH AN ATTORNEY THAT ARE SUBJECT TO THE ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE, I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) INITIATION OF LITIGATION OR LITIGATION THAT IS EITHER PENDING OR HAS BEEN THREATENED SPECIFICALLY IN WRITING.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONER MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER EWEN, CARDWELL, ATTORNEY STEVE LANGDON, AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON.

CARDWELL LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. PRESTON SHELL GAVE THE PRAYER.

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION THAT THE AGENDA BE AMENDED TO MOVE THE LADY MUSKETEERS STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPS BEFORE PUBLIC COMMENT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

RECOGNITION OF EASTERN LADY MUSKETEERS 2026 STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS
COMMISSIONER EWEN READ ALOUD A RESOLUTION HONORING THE EASTERN LADY MUSKETEERS 2026 STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS. THE COUNTY IS VERY PROUD OF THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION OF THESE YOUNG LADIES. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THE LADY MUSKETEERS HAVE BEEN STATE CHAMPIONS IN NINE YEARS. CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE YOUING LADIES AND THEIR COACHES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **JENNIFER BOWERS – COUNTY PROCESSES**
  MS BOWERS QUESTIONED WHO DECIDED ON THE 4-H BUILDING PROJECT FOR THE READI GRANT. COMMISSIONER EWEN EXPLAINED THE PROCESS. MS BOWERS WAS STILL NOT HAPPY WITH THE RESPONSE.

- **LUCY BRENTON – COUNTY BUSINESS**
  MS BRENTON AGAIN ASKED ABOUT HER RECORDS REQUEST. ATORNEY LANGDON INFORMED MS BRENTON THE AUDITOR IS STILL WORKING ON RESPONSES TO HER REQUEST AND THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT AND NO RESPONSE IS REQUIRED.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 7, 2026**
  COMMISSIONER MARSHALL CALLED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. ATTORNEY LANGDON QUESTIONED

CARDWELL ON HIS REASONING FOR NOT APPROVING THE MINUTES. CARDWELLS RESPONSE WAS THAT IT ISN'T AN ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF THE MEETING. ATTORNEY LANGDON ASKED HIM SPECIFICALLY WHAT NEEDED CHANGED AND HE COULD NOT COME UP WITH A SPECIFIC RESPONSE. MOTION PASSED 2-1 WITH CARDWELL OPPOSING.

- **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**
  COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS AND PAYROLL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

- **RBR ALLIANCE/BLUE RIVER SERVICES SOUTHERN INDIANA TRANSIT SERVICES**
  RBR ALLIANCE PRESENTED AN AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION FOR THEM TO APPLY FOR GRANTS FOR THE SOUTHERN INDIANA TRANSIT SERVICES. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR GRANT FUNDING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

- **CITY OF SALEM – PETITION TO CANCEL PROPERTY TAXES, DELINQUENCIES, FEES, INTEREST AND PENALTIES – 103 W HOMER STREET**
  THE CITY OF SALEM IS REQUESTING TAXS AND PENALTIES BE REMOVED FROM TAX ROLE ON A PIECE OF PROPERTY DEEMED AS AN "UNSAFE PREMISES". THE CITY OF PLANNING ON BIDDING ON THE PROPERTY AT THE SHERIFF SALE AT 10:00 A.M. CARDWELL DID NOT WANT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH REMOVING THE TAXES AND PENALTIES UNTIL THE CITY HAD A DEED IN HAND. ATTORNEY MARK CLARK AND MAYOR JUSTIN GREEN WILL RETURN WITH THE DEED AFTER THE SHERIFFS SALE.

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**
  THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN SPRAYING POISON HEMLOCK, PATCHING POTHOLES, AND GETTING THE MOWERS READY. THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN DOING RIP RAP REPAIR WORK AT THE SPARKSVILLE CROSSING .

- **BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**
  CARDWELL ASKED ABOUT THE SIGN ORDINANCE THAT WAS READ AT THE LAST MEETING. COMMISSIONER EWEN HAD SOME LANGUAGE HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE CHANGED AND WILL TALK WITH ATTORNEY GELTMAKER ABOUT THOSE CHANGES.

  CARDWELL ASKED FOR AN UPDATE ON THE HIGHWAY PROJECT. A WALK THROUGH HAS BEEN DONE WITH THE CITY AND CORRECTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE. HINDERLITER HAS REACHED OUT TO SEE WHEN FUEL WILL BE ADDED TO THE TANKS SO THEY CAN COME AND DO THEIR START UP WORK.

  COMMISSIONERS RECESSED UNTIL ATTORNEY CLARK AND MAYOR GREEN CAME BACK WITH A DEED.

- **CITY OF SALEM**
  ATTORNEY CLARK AND MAYOR GREEN CAME BACK TO THE MEETING WITH A DEED FOR THE PROPERTY AT 103 W HOMER STREET. THEY ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS TO HAVE THE TAXES AND PENALTIES REMOVED FROM THE PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO

REMOVE TAXES AND PENALTIES FROM 103 W HOMER STREET. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

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COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL

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COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

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COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: _____
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON