COMMISSIONER MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2025
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
99 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 200
SALEM, INDIANA 47167

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M. DUE TO THE COURTHOUSE BEING CLOSED FOR SNOW ON THE ORIGINAL MEETING DATE OF JANUARY 7, 2025. PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN, COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL, ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER, AND AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG BY COMMISSIONER CARDWELL FOLLOWED BY A PRAYER LED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN.

ATTORNEY GELTMAKER CALLED FOR A REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2025. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO REAPPOINT COMMISSIONER MARSHALL AS PRESIDENT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED. MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO REAPPOINT COMMISSIONER EWEN AS THE VICE PRESIDENT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED. MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

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

OPIOID FUND APPLICATION

THE JRAC BOARD MET TO LOOK OVER A REQUEST FOR FUNDS FOR WEST WASHINGTON SADD. THE REQUEST WAS FOR UNRESTRICTED FUNDS AND WILL SUPPORT SCREENING THE ADDICTS WAKE. THE EDUCATIONAL FILM WILL FOCUS ON ADDICTION AND RECOVERY. THE JRAC BOARD HAS REVIEWED THE APPLICATION AND BELIEVE REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET FOR FUNDING. THE TOTAL DOLLARS REQUESTED ARE $3,200.00. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FUNDING OF $3,200.00 FROM THE UNRESTRICTED OPIOID FUNDS BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE JRAC BOARD. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY CROSSING 2025-1 CALL FOR PROJECTS OPENED JANUARY 1, 2025.

DURING THE RECENT SNOWSTORM THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT USED 900 TON OF MIXED MATERIAL. THEY ARE WORKING ON REPLENSHING THE MATERIAL AND SHOULD HAVE IT DONE BY FRIDAY. THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT COVER APPROXIMATELY 788 MILES OF ROADS DURING THE SNOW EVENT. THE COMMISSIONERS COMMENDED THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR HARD WORK IN GETTING THE ROADS TREATED AND PLOWED.

WTH AGREEMENT – 911/EMA MAPS

WTH PROVIDED A PROPOSAL FOR AN ADDRESS RANGE LAYER CREATION AND ALI DATABASE COMPARISON FOR 911/EMA. THE COST OF THE ADDRESS RANGE LAYER CREATION WILL BE $23,870.00. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

SHERIFF BRENT MILLER

SHERIFF MILLER REPORTED ON THE RECENT SNOWSTORM COMMENDING THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY FOR STAYING OFF THE ROADS DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY. THEY HAD VERY FEW ACCIDENTS AND NO INJURY ACCIDENTS. HE ALSO COMMENDED THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR HARD WORK CLEARING THE ROADS.

KNAPP MILLER BROWN

ZACK RICHARDS REPORTED WORK COMP RENEWED ON JANUARY 1, 2025. THE COUNTY'S LOSS RATIO LOWERED FROM 0.72 TO 0.65. THE CLINIC RENEWAL INCREASED 3.2%. THIS INCREASE WENT FROM $88.62 PER MEMBER PER MONTH TO $91.50 WITH THERE BEING 123 EMPLOYEES USING THE CLINIC.

COMMERCIAL INSURANCE RATES WILL BE IN THIS WEEK FROM AMBRIDGE. ZACK IS ~~PROJECTING A 5-6% INCREASE ON THE COMMERCIAL INSURANCE.~~

2025 BOARD APPOINTMENTS

BOARD OF HEALTH: KEELEY STINGEL REPLACES DR RONALD KEARSCHNER

CEMETERY COMMISSION: REAPPOINT RAYMOND LEE

ABC BOARD: REAPPOINT LAURIE JACKSON

WASHINGTON COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: REAPPOINT TODD EWEN, AND ROBERT STRANGE. REPLACE MARK DAY WITH REBECCA WHITE UPON THE COMMISSIONS RECOMMENDATION.

RIVER HILLS: REAPPOINT PRESTON SHELL

PTABOA: REAPPOINT LORI GILSTRAP

WEED BOARD: REPLACE THE COMMISSIONER SEAT HELD BY RICK ROBERTS WITH TONY CARDWELL.

WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC GROWTH PARTNERSHIP: REPLACE THE COMMISSIONER SEAT HELD BY RICK ROBERTS WITH COMMISSIONER EWEN.

TOURISM BOARD: REAPPOINT DANIELLE WALKER, JANA EWEN, BYRON FAGG, RAYMOND LEE

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD: REPLACE THE COMMISSIONER SEAT HELD BY RICK ROBERTS WITH TONY CARDWELL.

WASHINGTON COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION: MARSHA DAILY WILL REPLACE DIEDRE MILLER

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: REAPPOINT RYAN PACKWOOD AND JOHN MISHLER

WASHINGTON COUNTY PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE: REAPPOINT COMMISSIONER MARSHALL.

AMBULANCE SERVICE BOARD: REPLACE THE COMMISSIONER SEAT HELD BY RICK ROBERTS WITH TONY CARDWELL.

SOUTHERN INDIANA WORKFORCE BOARD REGION 10: REPLACE LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMISSIONER MARSHALL WITH TONY CARDWELL.

COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL APPOINTS AS READ. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

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

COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL

COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST:
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON