COMMISSIONER MEETING
JUNE 3, 2025
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 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.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL.

CARDWELL LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. COMMISSIONER EWEN GAVE THE PRAYER.

CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **LUCY BRENTON – COUNTY ISSUES**
  MS BRENTON CAME AGAIN TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE DISSOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF HARDINSBURG.

- **DAVID KOLLE – HARDINSBURG ROADS AND PROPERTIES**
  MR KOLLE CAME TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE TOWN OF HARDINSBURG AND FEELING THAT THE COUNTY WAS NOT PROVIDING ADEQUATE SERVICE TO THE TOWN.

- **WILLIAM SALYER – NOTICE OF STOP BUILDING HOMOE AND MAILING ADDRESS QUESTION**
  MR SALYER REQUESTED TO BE ON THE AGENDA BUT WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 20, 2025**
  COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 20, 2025 COMMISSIONER MEETING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

- **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**
  CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS AND PAYROLL. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL STATED THE CLAIM FOR MURPHY ELEVATOR THAT WAS TABLED AT THE LAST MEETING WAS IN FACT DUE TO PAY. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

- **PTABOA APPOINTMENT**
  ASSESSOR SHERRY WINGLER WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE TO GIVE A RECOMMENDATION.

REPORTS

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE**
  PAUL ECKERT REPORTED DRYWALL HAS BEEN INSTALLED AND PRIMER HAS BEEN APPLIED TO THE DRYWALL AT THE OFFICE SIGHT. THE BRICK WILL BE ARRIVING AND MASON WORK IS SET TO BE STARTED THE WEEK OF JUNE 9, 2025. THE ROOF IS SET TO FINISHED AS WELL. MR ECKERT IS SUPPOSED TO MEET WITH MIDWEST GAS TO DETERMINE THE ROUTING OF THE GAS LINES. DUKE ENERGY IS TO DO THE FINAL POWER SOON. THE FOUNDATION FOR THE SALT AND AGGREGATE BINS HAS STARTED. GRABER IS COMING TO DO FINAL MEASUREMENTS FOR MATERIALS FOR THE MECHANICS GARAGE AND SALT BUILDING. THE SEPTIC SYSTEM SHOULD BE APPROVED BY THE END OF THE WEEK.

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**
  SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE TO GIVE AN UPDATE.

- **AMEND THE AGENDA**
  CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD DISCUSSION OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT OVER THE TOWN OF HARDINSBURG. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

ATTORNEYS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE HARDINSBURG PAC HAVE PROVIDED A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT TO SETTLE THE LAWSUIT OVER THE TOWN OF HARDINSBURG. BOTH PARTIES HAVE ACCEPTED THE AGREEMENT AS WRITTEN WHICH WOULD REPEAL ORDINANCES 2022-8, 2022-10, 2022-11. THE COUNTY WILL GIVE ALL PROPERTY AND FUNDS BACK. THE ORDINANCES WILL BE NULL AND VOID AND THE TOWN WILL GO BACK TO THE WAY IT WAS. THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING UP A BOARD UNTIL THE NEXT ELECTION WHERE INDIVDUALS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE ON THE BALLOT. ATTORNEY GELTMAKER PROVIDED THE ORDINANCE RESCINDING THE ORDINANCE LISTED ABOVE. THIS WILL SERVE AS THE FIRST READING AND THE COMMISSIONERS WILL MOVE ON RESCINDING THE ORDINANCES AT THE JUNE 17, 2025 MEETING. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED 2-1 WITH COMMISSIONER EWEN OPPOSING.

BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

- THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING ON JUNE 10, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M. TO DISCUSS THE COMMUNITY CROSSING PAVING BID AWARD.

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

COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL

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COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: Kyra Stephenson

AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON

COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING
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THE COMMISSIONERS HELD A SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS PAVING BID AWARD FROM THE MAY 6, 2025 COMMISSIONER MEETING. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN, COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL, ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER, AND AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON.

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

A PLEDGE TO THE FLAG WAS LED BY CARDWELL, FOLLOWED BY A PRAYER BY COMMISSIONER EWEN.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- KEN TEMPLE FILLED OUT THE PUBLIC COMMENT FORM WITH THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL ASKED IF HE WANTED TO SPEAK AND HE DECLINED.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **COMMUNITY CROSSINGS PAVING BID**