COMMISSIONER MEETING
JUNE 17, 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.

COMMISSIONER EWEN LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. MARK ABBOTT GAVE THE PRAYER.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **LUCY BRENTON – COUNTY BUSINESS**
  MS BRENTON PROVIDED INFORMATION ABOUT HERSELF.

- **KEN TEMPLE – COUNTY BUSINESS**
  MR TEMPLE EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS SPEAKING FROM A PERSONAL VIEW AND NOT AS THE OWNER OF TEMPLE AND TEMPLE. HE ASKED CARDWELL ABOUT HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH C & R PAVING STATING THAT CARDWELL HAD INVITED C & R PAVING TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN DINNER AND ANOTHER EVENT. HE QUESTIONED HOW CARDWELL COULD BENEFIT FROM THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS BEING DONE BY C & R PAVING SINCE IT IS LOCATED IN HARRISON COUNTY WHICH CARDWELL ALSO WORKS FOR HARRISON COUNTY PARKS AND REC. WITH THE RECENT PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST FROM C & R PAVINGS ATTORNEY, FINDS IT INTERESTING CARDWELL IS NOT ASKED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION. MR TEMPLE ALSO ASKED WHO HAD APPROACHED THE STATE TO SEND OUT A LETTER TO THE COUNTY IN REGARDS TO THE COUNTY GIVING THE BID TO TEMPLE AND TEMPLE.

- **RHONDA GREENE – LOCAL GOVERNMENT LIVE STREAMING LAW**
  MS GREENE STATED SHE LIVESTREAMS THE MEETINGS THROUGH HER INDIANAPROUD.COM SIGHT. THE STATE HAS PASSED A LAW THAT ALL BOARD MEETINGS MUST BE LIVESTREAMED EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025. SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE BOARDS USE GOOGLE CALENDARS AND HAS OFFERED HER ASSISTANCE TO HELP BOARDS LIVESTREAM THEIR MEETINGS IN ORDER TO BE COMPLIANT. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL HAS ASKED HER TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR HER HELP.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 3, 2025**
  COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 3, 2025 COMMISSIONER MEETING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

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

- **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMMISSIONER MARSHALL TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS REGARDING INDOT-LPA CONTRACT**
  RESOLUTION WAS PROVIDED TO ALLOW COMMISSIONER MARSHALL TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS REGARDING INDOT-LPA CONTRACTS. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER MARSHALL AS THE EXECUTOR OF ALL INDOT-LPA CONTRACTS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

- **ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCES 2022-8, 2022-10, 2022-11 TOWN OF HARDINSBURG**
  THE ORDINANCE HAD THE FIRST READING AT THE LAST MEETING. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCES 2022-8, 10, 11 FOR

THE TOWN OF HARDINSBURG. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. MOTION PASSED 2-1 WITH COMMISSIONER EWEN OPPOSING.

- **BRIDGE 238 BID OPENING**
  REQUESTS FOR BIDS WERE DUE IN TO THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE BY 9:00 A.M.. TEMPLE AND TEMPLE WAS THE ONLY BID PROVIDED. THE REQUEST IS FOR SIDEWALK AND DECK REHABILITATION ON SOUTH MAIN STREET IN SALEM. TEMPLE AND TEMPLE'S BID WAS IN THE AMOUNT OF $88,340.00. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FOR REVIEW. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE**
  MASON WORK WILL START ON THE OFFICE BUILDING WEDNESDAY WEATHER PERMITTING. THE MECHANICS GARAGE WILL HAVE SOME PLUMBING WORK TO BE TWEAKED AND THEN THE FINAL PREP ON SLABS. MIX SALT BUILDING WALLS ARE DONE WILL BE WORKING ON THE REST OF THE CONCRETE WORK. THE CITY OF SALEM IS TO SET THE WATER METER ON FRIDAY. THE SEPTIC PERMIT HAS BEEN APPROVED.

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**
  THE COUNTY IS BUSY DOING MOWING AND BRUSH CUTTING. THE COUNTY PAVING SHOULD WRAP UP BY THE END OF THE WEEK. SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES PROVIDED DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNATURES FOR THE BRIDGE INSPECTIONS. THERE WILL BE A 30% RAISE WHICH WILL BE A GRAND TOTAL OF $557,976.00. THIS WILL BE PAID OUT IN FOUR PHASES AND IS 80% REIMBURSEABLE BY THE STATE.

- **BLUE RIVER SERVICES SUPPORT LETTER**
  BLUE RIVER SERVICES HAVE ASKED FOR A SUPPORT LETTER FROM THE COMMISSIONERS WHICH OUTLINES SOME OF THE COUNTIES CURRENT KEY INVESTMENTS. THIS LETTER IS TO HELP AID BLUE RIVER SERVICES IN APPLYING AND RECEIVING GRANTS FROM WCCF AND IHCDA (HOME FUNDS). THE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO DEVELOP NEW HOUSING FOR RESIDENTS NEEDING BETTER AMENITIES AND SAFETY FEATURES. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE LETTER OF SUPPORT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

- **COUNTY LIVESTREAMING**
  AUDITOR STEPHENSON ANNOUNCED THE COUNTY HAS A LIVESTREAM OF THE COMMISSIONER, COUNCIL, AND AMBULANCE MEETINGS ON YOUTUBE. THE YOUTUBE CHANNEL IS @WASHINGTONCOUNTYINDIANA.

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

COMMISSIONER PHILLIP MARSHALL

COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST:
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON