COMMISSIONER MEETING
JULY 15, 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.

COMMISSIONER EWEN REQUESTED THE AGENDA BE AMENDED TO ADD THE ASSESSOR, SHERRY WINGLER FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO THE PTABOA BOARD. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA AS REQUESTED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **LUCY BRENTON – COUNTY ISSUES**
  MS BRENTON WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 1, 2025**
  CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 1, 2025 COMMISSIONER MEETING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

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

- **KNAPP MILLER BROWN – HEALTH INSURANCE**
  ZACK RICHARDS HAS BEEN WORKING ON GETTING QUOTES FOR HEALTH INSURANCE. THE COUNTY CURRENTLY HAS 177 TOTALLY INSURED INDIVIDUALS INCLUDING CHILDREN. OF THAT 177 THERE ARE 51 LOW RISK CLAIMANTS, 90 MEDIUM RISK CLAIMANTS, AND 36 HIGH RISK CLAIMANTS. UNITED HEALTH CARE HASN'T PROVIDED THEIR QUOTE YET BUT FEELS LIKE THEY WILL BE COMPETATIVE. HE HAS ALSO REACHED OUT TO SIHO AND THEY WILL BE PROVIDING A QUOTE. ANTHEM IS THE CURRENT HEALTH INSURANCE CARRIER AND THEY QUOTED A 14.5% INCREASE. HE SHOULD HAVE FINAL QUOTES BY THE AUGUST 5, 2025 MEETING.

- **PTABOA APPOINTMENT**
  ASSESSOR SHERRY WINGLER RECOMMENDED APPOINTING MICHAEL CARWILE TO FILL ONE OF THE VACANCIES ON THE BOARD. MR CARWILE IS AN ASSESSOR AT CRAWFORD COUNTY AND IS A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN AND HAS THE QUALIFICATIONS TO FILL THE VACANCY. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT MICHAEL CARWILE AS RECOMMENDED BY ASSESSOR SHERRY WINGLER TO THE PTABOA BOARD. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE**
  PAUL ECKERT REPORTED THE MASONRY WORK IS DONE ON THE OFFICE BUILDING AND IS READY FOR CLEANUP. WORK WILL RESUME IN THE INTERIOR OF THE OFFICE. THEY WILL BE POURING THE SLAB FOR THE MECHANICAS GARAGE. THE MIXED SALT BUILDING HAS THE WALLS AND SLABS POURED. THE SEPTIC TANKS WILL BE DELIVERED TOMORROW AND THEY HAVE ADDED ANOTHER ADDITIONAL STORM DRAINAGE. THE GAS COMPANY HAS MET WITH MR ECKERT ON WHERE AND HOW THE GAS LINES WILL RUN.

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**
  THE SPRAYING CREWS ARE OUT SPRAYING NOXIOUS WEEDS. THE FIRST ROUND OF COUNTY PAVING HAS BEEN COMPLETED WITH APPROXIMATELY 8 MILES PAVED. BRIDGE 61 ON BATA ROAD HAD BEEN BUDGETED TO BUILD, BUT DESIGN NOT

COMPLETED YET SO GOING TO USE THOSE FUNDS WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY $500,000.00 TO PUT TOWARD THE SECOND ROUND OF COUNTY PAVING. THE SMALL STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT ON GARRISON HOLLOW IS COMPLETE. THE SMALL STRUCTURE ON OLIVE BRANCH IS SCHEDULED TO BE CLOSED DOWN TOMORROW AND WILL BE CLOSED FOR APPROXIMATELY A WEEK. BRIDGE 238 ON MAIN ST IN SALEM HAS A CHANGE ORDER DUE TO FORM WORK NEEDING TO BE DONE. THE CHANGE ORDER IS $38,400.00. THEY ARE HOPING TO HAVE THE WORK DONE BY THE START OF SCHOOL. WORK SHOULD BEGIN AGAIN THE FIRST OF NEXT WEEK.

- **BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**
  COMMISSIONER EWEN WANTED TO THANK EVERYONE THAT WAS INVOLVED WITH WORKING OR VOLUNTEERING TO MAKE THE FAIR A SUCCESS THIS YEAR.

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

COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: _____
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON