COMMISSIONER MEETING
~~AUGUST 5, 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 SPECIFICALLY IN WRITING.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- LUCY BRENTON – COUNTY ISSUES
  MS BRENTON SPOKE ABOUT THE COUNTY BEING RESILIENT AND HELPING OUT YOUR NEIGHBORS.

- RHONDA GREENE – LACK OF COMPLIANCE OF HEA 1167 BY COMMISSIONERS AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT
  MS GREENE CLAIMS THE COUNTY IS NOT COMPLIANT WITH HB1167 WHICH ENFORCES LIVESTREAMING MEETINGS. SHE BELIEVES ALL BOARDS THAT RECEIVE COUNTY MONEY HAVE TO BE LIVESTREAMED. ATTORNEY GELTMAKER ASKED BILL BRADFORD TO DEMONSTRATE THE COUNTY WEBSITE TO SHOW MS GREENE THE COUNTY IS COMPLIANT.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 7 & 15, 2025
  CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 7 & 15, 2025 COMMISSIONER MEETINGS. 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 PRESENTED OPTIONS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE AND DISCUSSED OFFERING SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE THROUGH COLONIAL LIFE. COLONIAL LIFE HAS OFFERED A SUPPLEMENTAL COMPARABLE TO AFLAC AT A CHEAPER COST TO THE EMPLOYEE. THE HEALTH INSURANCE WILL SEE A 14.5% INCREASE. THE COUNTY CONTRIBUTES 95% OF THE COST FOR THE $3,200 DEDUCTIBLE AND 85% OF THE COST FOR THE $1,000 DEDUCTIBLE. MR RICHARDS PROVIDED FIVE OPTIONS. THREE OF THE OPTIONS WOULD RAISE THE DEDUCTIBLE AND THE OTHER TWO WOULD DECREASE THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION. COMMISSIONER EWEN RECOMMENDED OPTION 3 WHICH WOULD DECREASE THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION 10% AND THE DEDUCTIBLE WOULD REMAIN THE SAME BUT THE EMPLOYEE'S CONTRIBUTION WOULD INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION 3. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY PHIL. MOTION PASSED.

- PLAN COMMISSION APPOINTMENT
  COMMISSIONER EWEN, WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE PLAN COMMISSION, RECOMMENDED TO APPOINT LUCY BRENTON TO REPLACE ANDREW KATT ON THE PLAN COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT LUCY BRENTON TO THE PLAN COMMISSION. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS

- HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE
  PAUL ECKERT REPORTED THE MASONRY WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED ON THE OFFICE BUILDING. THE GUTTER WORK HAS ALSO BEEN COMPLETED. THEY WILL BE WORKING

ON CAMERA OUTLETS ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING. THE MECHANICS GARAGE FRAMING WILL BE STARTING THIS WEEK. THE SEPTIC SYSTEM LINES HAVE BEEN RAN TO THE TANKS AND CHRIS BOLING WILL BE DOING THE FINAL INSPECTION. WATER AND GAS LINES HAVE BEEN RAN. THE MAIN FEEDS OF ELECTRIC WILL BE RAN TO THE BUILDING SOON. SIGN SHED IS COMPLETE.

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**
  GARRISON HOLLOW AND OLIVE BRANCH SMALL STRUCTURES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. THE SECOND ROUND OF PAVING HAS BEEN COMPLETED. COMMUNITY CROSSINGS PAVING HAS STARTED AND IS GOING GOOD. THEY WILL BE STARTING ON OLD 160 NEXT. BRIDGE 238 WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND THE PAVING WILL BE DONE BY THE END OF THE WEEK. DUMP TRUCKS THAT WERE ORDERED TWO YEARS AGO, SHOULD BE DELIVERED IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS.

- **BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**
  COMMISSIONER EWEN SPOKE ON A LETTER RECEIVED BY THE STATE NAMING THE BLUE RIVER/QUAKER SETTLEMENT AREA AS A HISTORIC DISTRICT.

  FAIRGROUNDS BUILDING PROJECT IS STILL IN A HOLDING PATTERN. THE IEDC HAS STILL NOT MADE A DECISION BUT HOPING TO HEAR SOMETHING IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS.

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

Todd M. Ewen
COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST:
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON