COMMISSIONER MEETING
JANUARY 21, 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 OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG BY CARDWELL FOLLOWED BY A PRAYER LED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN.

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

COMMERCIAL INSURANCE QUOTE

ZACK RICHARDS PROVIDED A QUOTE TO RENEW THE COMMERICIAL INSURANCE FOR ALL COUNTY BUILDINGS AND ASSETS. AMBRIDGE PROVIDED A QUOTE AGAIN THIS YEAR FOR SELF-INSURANCE. THE QUOTE INCREASED 6.5% FROM 2024. THE COST WILL RISE FROM $385,434.00 TO $410,469.00. ZACK ALSO GAVE A REPLACEMENT COST FOR ALL OF THE COUNTY BUILDINGS AS FOLLOWS:

COURTHOUSE - $11,557,200.00
DETENTION CENTER - $29,120,200.00
GOVERNMENT BUILDING - $3,461,600.00
AMBULANCE BUILDING - $1,417,300.00
WOMENS SHELTER - $1,460,300.00

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RENEWAL WITH AMBRIDGE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

CEMETERY BOARD APPOINTMENT

AT THE LAST COMMISSIONER MEETING, THE COMMISSIONERS WANTED TO REACH OUT TO RAYMOND LEE TO CONFIRM HE WOULD STILL SIT ON THE CEMETERY BOARD. COMMISSIONER EWEN SPOKE WITH MR LEE AND HE IS IN AGREEMENT TO STAY ON THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO RE-APPOINT RAYMOND LEE TO THE CEMETERY BOARD. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

TOURISM BOARD

COMMISSIONER EWEN SPOKE WITH CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE TOURISM BOARD TO CONFIRM THEY WOULD REMAIN ON THE BOARD. THOSE UP FOR RE-APPOINTMENT ARE DANIELLE WALKER, JANA EWEN, BYRON FAGG, AND RAYMOND LEE. ALL WERE IN AGREEMENT TO REMAIN ON THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO RE-APPOINT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED BOARD MEMBERS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE COST OF THE WINTER STORM TO THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. AT THIS TIME THE ADDITIONAL COST HAS BEEN $110,000.00. THIS COST IS FOR SALT, SAND, AND PAYROLL. THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT USED APPROXIMATELY 300 TONS OF SALT DURING THE SNOW STORM.

SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES PROVIDED A CONTRACT ADDENDUM WITH FLECK ENGINEERING. FLECK ENGINEERING IS AN ON-CALL SERVICE THAT IS USED TO HELP WITH THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT. THE ON-CALL SERVICE IS $20,000.00. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH FLECK ENGINEERING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

AUDITOR STEPHENSON

THE TREASURER NANCY COATS REQUESTED THE COMMISSIONERS GIVE HER PERMISSION TO CLOSE OUT THE CUM JAIL ACCOUNT AT FIRST SAVINGS AND MOVE IT INTO THE CUM FUND. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF MONEY. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

THE COMMISSIONERS RECESSED FOR A BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING AT 10:00.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND, COMMISSIONER MARSHALL 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