COMMISSIONER MEETING
~~SEPTEMBER 16, 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)(9) TO DISCUSS EMPLOYMENT MATTER OF INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES, 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. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONER MARSHALL, COMMISSIONER EWEN, COMMISSIONER CARDWELL, ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER, AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON.

CARDWELL LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. PRESTON SHELL 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 ASKED FOR UNITY WITHIN THE COUNTY AND THE NATION. SHE REQUESTED A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE DEATH OF CHARLIE KIRK. SHE THEN PROCEEDED ON WITH DISCUSSING ILLEGAL BOARDS.

- **JAMES KEENER – FIRE PROTECTION IN HARDINSBURG**
  MR KEENER WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 20-22, 2025 AND SEPTEMBER 2, 2025**
  COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUNTES. 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.

- **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT TRANSITION PLAN**
  THE ADA TRANSITION PLAN & TITLE VI PLAN HAS BEEN AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW. WITH THERE BEING ON QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ADA TRANSITION PLAN AND TITLE VI PLAN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

- **ELIMINATION OF GROUNDSKEEPER AT FAIRGROUNDS**
  ON AUGUST 13, 2025 THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIRBOARD ELIMINATED THE GROUNDSKEEPER POSITION HELD BY RANDY LEE. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FAIRBOARD TO ELIMINATE THE GROUNDSKEEPER POSITION EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. MOTION PASSED 2-1 WITH CARDWELL OPPOSING.

REPORTS

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**
  COMMUNITY CROSSING 2025 PAVNG IS COMPLETED.

  ONE OF THE NEW TANDEMS HAS ARRIVED AND THE OTHER SHOULD BE DELIVERED IN THE COMING WEEKS.

  SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES HAS BEEN WORKING WITH INDOT ON THE INTERSECTION OF RADCLIFF ROAD AND HIGHWAY 150. HWC ENGINEERING HAS PROVIDED A CONTRACT FOR THEIR SERVICES IN ENGINEERING THE INTERSECTION. IT WILL BE SOMETIME IN 2027 BEFORE THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED.

  SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING ROAD INVENTORY UPDATE:

MIDDLE DISTRICT ROAD – IR280 – MILEAGE CHANGE FROM 1.903 TO 1.822 MILES

REMOVE: JOHNS LANE – IR628 - MILEAGE CHANGE FROM 0.2645 TO 0.0 MILES

ADD: OLD UNITY CEMETERY ROAD – 0.245 MILES
REMOVE: CEDAR LANE – IR398 – MILEAGE CHANGE FROM 1.147 TO 0.0 MILES
ADD: CEDAR LANE – IR617 – MILEAGE CHANGE FROM 0.7959 TO 1.0554 MILES
ADD: DOGWOOD VALLEY ROAD – 0.4117 MILES

- **HIGHWAY PROJECT UPDATE**
  METAL WILL BE INSTALLED IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM IN THE OFFICE THIS WEEK. THEY WILL ALSO BE INSTALLING A RAMP FOR ACCESS TO THE OFFICE BUILDING TO MAKE IT ADA COMPLIANT. INSIDE WORK ON THE MECHANICS GARAGE IS WRAPPING UP. UTILITY INSTALLATION WILL BE WRAPPING UP THIS WEEK. TRUSSES HAVE BEEN DELIVERED FOR THE ROOF OF MIXED SALT BINS. ALL WORK IS ON SCHEDULE AND SHOULD BE DONE BY THE COMPLETION DATE AT THE END OF OCTOBER.

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

Todd M. Ewen

COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST:

AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON