COMMISSIONER MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 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 TODD EWEN, COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL, ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER, AND AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL WAS ABSENT. 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 EWEN. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONER EWEN, COMMISSIONER CARDWELL, ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER, AUDITOR KYRA STEPHENSON. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL WAS ABSENT.

MARK ABBOTT LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. PRESTON SHELL GAVE THE PRAYER. COMMISSIONER EWEN ASKED EVERYONE TO KEEP JAN MARSHALL IN THEIR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS AS SHE HAS BEEN DEALING WITH SOME HEALTH ISSUES.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**
  CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 COMMISSIONER MEETING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

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

- **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – WASHINGTON COUNTY FARMERS & MERCHANTS AND WASHINGTON COUNTY**
  DISCUSSION OF THE MEMORANDUM WAS TABLED IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE FAIR BOARD TO READ OF THE DOCUMENT.

- **MAINSTREAM FIBER EASEMENT**
  MAINSTREAM FIBER IS ASKING FOR AN EASEMENT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL AT THE FAIRGOUNDS. THEY ARE WANTING TO INSTALL A 15 X 15 FIBER OPTIC CABINET AT THIS LOCATION. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW MAINSTREAM AN EASEMENT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

- **BRIDGE 39 BID OPENING – FRANKLIN BOTTOMS**
  THREE BIDS WERE SUBMITTED TO THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE FOR BRIDGE 39.
  TEMPLE AND TEMPLE - $718,225.00
  R L VUCKSON - $898,000.00
  KLB EXCAVATING - $869,850.00
  SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES RECOMMENDED ACCEPTING ALL BIDS FOR REVIEW. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BIDS FOR REVIEW. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE**
  THE CEILING GRID IS BEING INSTALLED IN THE OFFICE. THEY WILL THEN INSTALL THE DUCT WORK AND LIGHTS. THE FLOORING WILL ALSO BEGIN. MIXED SALT BUILDING ROOF IF ON. SEPTIC FIELD IS DONE AND WILL BE FINALIZED AND INSPECTED BY CHRIS BOLING. ALL UNDERGROUND UTILITIES ARE DONE. THEY WILL BE WORKING WITH SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES ON PUTTING BINDER DOWN.

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES PRESENTED A COMMITMENT LETTER FOR THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS PAVING 2026. THE LETTER IS DONE EVERY YEAR COMMITTING THE COUNTY FOR THE MATCH FOR COMMUNITY CROSSINGS.

ALL THREE TANDUM TRUCKS THAT WAS ORDERED A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO HAS BEEN DELIVERED.

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