COMMISSIONER MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 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 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERES WAS HELD AT 9:00 A.M. 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 MARSHALL ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER EWEN REQUESTED THE 2026 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA FOR APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE 2026 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE ADDED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- THERE WAS NO ONE SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 4, 2025**
  COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025 MEETING. CARDWELL COMPLAINED THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION FROM THE END OF THE LAST MEETING. ATTORNEY GELTMAKER AGAIN REITERATED THERE ARE NO REQUIREMENTS ON HOW THE MINUTES HAVE TO BE DONE AND IF SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE CHANGED, A RESPONSE BACK TO THE AUDITOR NEEDS TO BE DONE. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL ASKED CARDWELL WHAT HE WANTED ADDED AND HE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH CARDWELL OPPOSING.

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

- **OPIOID APPLICATION – MYRA ALBERTSON AND JOE KELTNER**
  THE JRAC BOARD ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS TO ALLOW RELEASING FUNDS FOR PROJECT LIFE SAVER. THEY RECEIVED A REQUEST FOR $2,000.00 TO PURCHASE BRACELETS FOR INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED, ELDERLY, OR OTHER INDIVIDUALS THAT MIGHT NEED TO BE MONITORED FOR THEIR WHEREABOUTS. THESE BRACELETS HAVE A TRACKING DEVICE IN THEM AND ALLOWS THEM TO BE LOCATED SHOULD THEY GO MISSING. PROJECT LIVE SAVER CURRENTLY HAS 7 BRACELETS AND THEY WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE MORE. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW THE RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR THE REQUEST FROM PROJECT LIFE SAVER. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

- **HEALTH BOARD APPOINTMENT**
  MAGGIE ENGLAND NOTIFIED THE COMMISSIONER'S THAT DR HEDRICK WILL BE STEPPING OFF OF THE HEALTH BOARD. SHE HAS SPOKEN WITH DR JARED KEARSCHNER AND HE IS INTERESTED IN FILLING THE VACANCY. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT JARED KEARSCHNER TO THE HEALTH BOARD. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

- **2026 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**
  AUDITOR STEPHENSON READ ALOUD THE PROPOSED 2026 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE. THE SCHEDULE HAS THIRTEEN HOLIDAYS. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE AS READ ALOUD. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

~~AUDITOR STEPHENSON ALSO READ ALOUD THE 2026 COMMISSIONER MEETING DATES. THE~~ MEETING DATE OF MAY 5, 2026 NEEDED TO BE CHANGED TO MAY 6, 2026 DUE TO THE FIFTH BEING A HOLIDAY. AUDITOR STEPHENSON WILL MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES.

REPORTS

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE**
  THE OFFICE IS GETTING THE FINAL TOUCH UPS ON PAINT. THE WOOD AND VINYL TRIM IS ALSO FINISHING UP. THE PLUMBING CONTRACTOR IS WORKING ON FINISHING UP ON ALL BUILDINGS. MIXED SALT SHED IS DONE AND THE SALT DETERENT HAS BEEN PUT ON THE WALLS. MECHANICS GARAGE HAS ALL THE WALLS UP AND THE DOORS ON AND ARE WORKING ON GETTING THE ELECTRICAL PANELS BEING SET. SIGHT CONCRETE IS 99% DONE. GAS LINE INSTALLATION IS APPROXIMATELY 70% COMPLETED. PAUL WILL PROVIDE A BREAKDOWN OF ALL THE FUNDS IN THE COMING DAYS FOR SOME THAT ARE QUESTIONING IT.

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**
  PAPERWORK HAS BEEN SUBMITTED FOR THE 2025 CLOSEOUT OF THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS.

  HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WILL BE ACCEPTING BIDS FOR BRIDGE 61 ON BATA ROAD. BIDS WILL BE OPENED AT THE DECEMBER 16, 2025 MEETING.

  SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE 2026 COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT PAPERWORK.

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