COMMISSIONER MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 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. 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 PASTOR ROBERT PATENAUDE .

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

DAVID KOLLE

MR KOLLE LIVES ON ROLL STREET IN HARDINSBURG AND DURING THE RECENT SNOWSTORM THE COUNTY DID NOT PLOW THE STREET. HE WAS TOLD BY CARDWELL TO BRING IN A RECEIPT TO THE AUDITORS OFFICE TO BE REIMBURSED. THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE INFORMED HIM THE REIMBURSEMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROVED IN A MEETING. HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT RICK VOYLES EXPLAINED THAT SINCE THE COUNTY IS IN A LAWSUIT WITH HARDINSBURG PAC THAT THOSE ROADS ARE NOT ON THE COUNTY ROAD INVENTORY. SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES HAS BEEN OUT TO LOOK AT THE STREET AND IT IS NOT WIDE ENOUGH TO GET THE SNOWPLOW THROUGH AND ELECTRIC LINES ARE TO LOW AS WELL. THE COUNTY ONLY RECEIVES APPROXIMATELY $1,300.00 IN FUNDS FROM THE STATE TO MAINTAIN HARDINSBURG STREETS. IF THE COUNTY WERE TO ADD THESE STREETS TO THE INVENTORY IT WOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR TO GET IT ADOPTED. COMMISSIONER EWEN TABLED THE DISCUSSION UNTIL FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE DISCUSSED.

READI 2.0 GRANT AWARD

THE COUNTY SUBMITTED A PROJECT FOR THE READI 2.0 GRANT. THE PROJECT SUBMITTED WAS FOR A NEW 4H BUILDING/EXTENSION OFFICE. THE RDA AWARDED WASHINGTON COUNTY $1.2 MILLION LAST YEAR TO USE TOWARD THIS PROJECT. ANGIE BUCHANAN WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC GROWTH HAS BEEN WORKING ON COMPLETING THE REPORTS NEEDED TO SUBMIT TO THE RDA. THE REPORTS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 6, 2025. SHE WILL BE WORKING ON A TIMELINE FOR THE PROJECT WITH HOPES TO START THE PROJECT IN AUGUST OF 2025. CARDWELL ASKED MS BUCHANAN TO EXPLAIN HOW THE GRANTS WORK FOR HIS AND THE AUDIENCES UNDERSTANDING.

INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT TO SHARE RIVERBOAT REVENUE

HARRISON COUNTY PROVIDED AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR RIVERBOAT SHARES FOR THE COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL. THE COUNTY WILL RECEIVE 2% OF THE REVENUE FROM THE CASINO. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

RHONDA GREENE – ZONING BOARD AND NEW ZONING ORDINANCE COMPLAINT

RHONDA GREENE VOICED HER OPPOSITION OF THE NEW ZONING ORDINANCE THAT WAS DRAFTED FOR THE PLAN COMMISSION. SHE ALSO VOICED HER THOUGHTS ON HOW THE PLAN COMMISSION IS SET. SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE PLAN COMMISSION DISSOLVED. SHE CLAIMS THE BOARD IS AN ILLEGAL BOARD. CARDWELL ALSO CHIMED IN WITH MS GREENE AND MADE A MOTION TO DISSOLVE THE PLAN COMMISSION. WITH THERE BEING NO SECOND, THE MOTION DIES.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION HAS ONE APPOINTMENT THAT MUST COME FROM THE SALEM SCHOOL BOARD. THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION HAS RECOMMENDED BECKY WHITE TO SIT ON THE BOARD. CARDWELL ASKED COMMISSIONER EWEN TO EDUCATE HIMSELF AND THE PUBLIC ON WHAT THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION DOES. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE BECKY WHITE TO THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

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