COMMISSIONER MEETING
MARCH 4, 2025
WASHINGTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING
806 MARTINSBURG RD
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 CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER EWEN.

CARDWELL LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. PRESTON SHELL GAVE THE PRAYER.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

RHONDA GREENE – DISSOLVE COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING BOARDS

ONCE AGAIN RHONDA GREENE WANTED TO DISCUSS DISSOLVING THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARDS. SHE ALSO WANTED TO ARGUE THAT THE INFORMATION SHE PROVIDED AT THE FEBRUARY 4, 2025 MEETING WAS CORRECT AND CLAIMS SHE FOUND THIS INFORMATION ON THE FARM BUREAU WEBSITE. AFTER RESEARCH SHE DID IN FACT FIND OUT HER INFORMATION WAS OUT OF DATE.

MAX GREENE – STATE CODE COMPLIANCE

MAX GREENE AGAIN WANTED TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PLANNING ZONING BOARDS. HE QUESTIONS WHETHER THE BOARD MEMBERS LIVE IN THE CORRECT DISTRICTS TO BE ON THE BOARD AND IF THEY OWN PROPERTY.

ADAM DUFOUR – PLAN COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

MR DUFOUR WAIVED HIS TIME TO SPEAK.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINTUES FROM THE FEBRUARY 18, 2025 MEETING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL

CARDWELL MADE A MOTIONT O APPROVE THE CLAIMS AND PAYROLL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

GIBSON TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT

THE GIBSON TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD HAS A VACANCY DUE TO THE PASSING OF DOROTHY FLEENOR. HER SON DAMON FLEENOR IS INTERESTED IN FILLING THE VACANCY. CARDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT DAMON FLEENOR TO THE GIBSON TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD.
MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EWEN. MOTION PASSED.

COUNTYWIDE BRIDGE INSPECTION & INVENTORY BIDS

ATTORNEY APRIL GELTMAKER OPEN THE SEALED BIDS FOR THE COUNTYWIDE BRIDGE INSPECTION AND INVENTORY BIDS. THOSE SUBMITTING BIDS WERE:

EGIS – BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA
JANSSEN & SPAANS – COLUMBUS, INDIANA
AMERICAN STRUCTUREPOINT – INDIANAPOLIS, IN.
HMB – NEW ALBANY, INDIANA

COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL BIDS SUBMITTED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS

HIGHWAY PROJECT – PAUL ECKART

PAUL ECKART WITH TEMPLE AND TEMPLE GAVE AN UPDATE OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT. ELECTRIC AND I.T. WORK ARE BEING DONE ON THE OFFICE.

THE SIGN SHED HAS ENCLOSED AND THEY WILL BE SPRAYING ON THE FOAM INSULLATION AND STARTING THE ELECTRIC AND PLUMBING. TRUCK LEAN-TO HAS THE METAL WORK DONE AND IS READY FOR ELECTRIC. THE FUEL SHED IS ENCLOSED. THE MECHANICS GARAGE IS WAITING TO BE APPROVED BY THE STATE. THERE WAS A VERTICAL CODE THAT INVOLVED AN ISSUE WITH THE FIRE WALL. THEY ARE WORKING WITH THE STATE TO GET IT APPROVED. THE MIXED SALT BUILDING WILL BE NEXT TO BE CONSTRUCTED. THEY WILL BE GETTING THE REBAR THIS WEEK FOR THE FOUNDATION. ONCE THE STATE ISSUES THE PERMIT FOR THIS THEY WILL START CONSTRUCTION. THE STATE HAS CLEARED THE BRUSH ALONG THE BYPASS. JACKSON COUNTY REMC HAS STARTED THEIR WORK ON GETTING FIBER TO THE LOCATION. THE TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT IS FALL 2025.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES DID NOT HAVE ANY UPDATES AT THIS TIME.

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

Todd M. Ewen

COMMISSIONER TODD EWEN

COMMISSIONER TONY CARDWELL

ATTEST: Kyra Stephenson

AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON