COMMISSIONER MEETING
APRIL 1, 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 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)(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 MARSHALL.

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

COMMISSIONER EWEN REQUESTED THE AGENDA BE ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH HWC FOR THE 4-H PROJECT. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO ADJUST THE AGENDA AS REQUESTED AND APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **WILLIAM SALYEN – STOP WORK ORDER**
  MR SALYEN IS BUIDLING A STRUCTURE ON HOWELL RD. HE WENT TO THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER OFFICE TO GET A PERMIT. THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER MAILED HIM A STOP WORK ORDER BUT IT WAS SENT TO AN ADDRESS ON MOTSINGER ROAD AND HE DID NOT RECEIVE THE NOTICE. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL ASKED MR SALYEN TO MEET HIM AFTER THE MEETING TO TRY AND GET THIS RESOLVED.

- **GREGORY LETZEISEN – PERMISSION TO PUT PORTA-POT AT THE FARMER'S MARKET**
  MR LETZEISEN ASKED PERMISSION ON BEHALF OF THE FARMER'S MARKET TO HAVE A PORTA-POT AT THE FARMER'S MARKET. THE FARMER'S MARKET IS HELD OUT AT THE PARKING LOT OF THE JUSTICE CENTER NEXT TO FARM BUREAU. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL INFORMED THEM THEY COULD USE THE BATHROOM FACILITIES AT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUT MR LETZEISEN SAYS THAT IS A LONG WAY TO WALK FOR SOME OF THE VENDORS. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL SAID HE WOULD NEED TO CHECK WITH FARM BUREAU SEE IF THEY WOULD HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH A PORTA-POT BEING SET OUT DURING THE SPRING AND SUMMER MONTHS. SHERIFF MILLER STATED HE WOULD RATHER NOT HAVE A PORTA-POT SET OUT THERE FOR FEAR OF IT BEING VANDALIZED. COMMISSIONER MARSHALL AND SHERIFF MILLER WILL WORK TO COME UP WITH A SOLUTION.

- **AIDEN MINTON – PLANNING COMMISSION**
  MR MINTON IS THE DEMOCRATIC CHAIRPERSON AND WANTED TO ADDRESS CONCERNS ON FINDING SOMEONE FROM THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO SERVE ON THE PLAN COMMISSION. HE INFORMED THE COMMISSIONERS THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO DECLARE A PARTY AFFILIATION AND THOSE ARE BY HOW A PERSON VOTED IN THE LAST TWO ELECTIONS, AND TO BE CERTIFIED BY THE PARTY. COMMISSIONER EWEN ASKED MR MINTON TO GET THE PLAN COMMISSION SOME RECOMMENDATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE PLAN COMMISSION.

- **LUCY BRENTON – COUNTY ISSUES**
  MS BRENTON CAME AGAIN TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE PLAN COMMISSION.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 18, 2025**
  COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 18, 2025 COMMISSIONER MEETING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

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

- **HEALTH DEPARTMENT - DISCUSSION OF OFFICE SPACE**
  THERE WAS NO ONE PRESENT FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

- **PROPOSED RESOLUTION – PLAN COMMISSION**
  CARDWELL PROVIDED A RESOLUTION AT THE LAST COMMISSIONER MEETING PERTAINING TO THE PLAN COMMISSION. IT WAS TABLED AT THE LAST MEETING COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE RESOLUTION UNTIL THE ATTORNEY'S HAVE A CHANCE TO RESEARCH IT FURTHER. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARSHALL. CARDWELL OPPOSED. MOTION PASSED 2-1.

- **HWC SERVICE AGREEMENT – 4-H PROJECT**
  HWC PROVIDED A SERVICE AGREEMENT ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS TO GUIDE THE COUNTY THROUGH THE LEGAL ASPECT OF THE 4-H PROJECT. THE AMOUNT IS NOT TO EXCEED $10,000.00. COMMISSIONER EWEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH HWC. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CARDWELL. MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE**
  PAUL ECKART WITH TEMPLE AND TEMPLE GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT. THE SEPTIC PERMIT HAS BEEN SENT TO THE STATE FOR APPROVAL BY MAY 2ND. MECHANICS AND SALT BUILDING ARE BEING SUBMITTED THIS WEEK AT THE STATE FOR APPROVAL. THE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR WILL BE OUT WEDNESDAY TO WORK ON THE SIGN SHED AND THE TRUCK LEAN-TO. PLUMBING WILL START APRIL 7, 2025 ON THE SIGN SHED AND MECHANICS GARAGE. SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES HAS WORKED WITH KEN TEMPLE ON MAKING SOME MINOR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE SALT BUILDING.

- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**
  SUPERINTENDENT VOYLES REPORTED THEY HAVE INSTALLED THE ELECTRONIC SPEED SIGNS ON VOYLES ROAD. HE HAS RECEIVED A LOT OF POSITIVE FEEDBACK AND RESIDENTS THINK IT HAS HELPED TO SLOW MOTORISTS DOWN.
  THE 2025-1 COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT HAS BEEN ADVERTISED FOR BIDS. THE BID OPENING WILL BE ON THE NEXT COMMISSIONER MEETING, APRIL 15, 2025.

BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

- COMMISSIONER EWEN GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE 4-H PROJECT STATING THERE WOULD BE A SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE 4-H PROJECT. THERE WILL BE 2 MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL: TODD ARMSTRONG, AND ANDREW DAVISSON, 1 COMMISSIONER: TODD EWEN, THE PROJECT LEAD: ANGIE BUCHANAN, AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM HWC. THIS WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE NEXT COMMISSIONER MEETING.

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: Kyra Stephenson
AUDITOR, KYRA STEPHENSON