MINUTES OF MEETING OF
WASHINGTON COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
Held August 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers—City Hall Building

This public meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President, David Hoar. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eric Rusby and Scott Maudlin led the group in prayer. Thomas E. Scifres took attendance of the Commission. In attendance were members John Mishler, David Hoar, Eric Rusby, Adam DuFour, Scott Maudlin, Brad Shelton, Jeff Souder, Lane Freiberger, Jim Day, and attorney Thomas E. Scifres. No members were absent. Opening remarks were made by David Hoar.

The first order of business was the approval of minutes from previous meetings. Jim Day made the motion for the minutes to be approved and Scott Maudlin seconded. The motion passed 9-0.

Lane Freiberger then made the motion that a recess in the public meeting be called at this time, so that the Plan Commission could move into its scheduled public hearing. Adam Dufour seconded, and the motion passed 9-0. The members then moved into the public hearing. Separate minutes of the public hearing have been prepared.

After the public hearing was adjourned, Jeff Souder made the motion to reconvene the Plan Commission meeting. Eric Rusby seconded, and the motion was passed by a 9-0 vote.

Lane Freiberger made a motion for a favorable recommendation of the Subdivision Control Ordinance to be presented to the Washington County Commissioners. Adam Dufour seconded that motion. A vote by roll call was taken and said motion passed 9-0. David Hoar signed the Certification for the Subdivision Control Ordinance. Eric Rusby agreed to appear and present the Subdivision Control Ordinance to the Washington County Board of Commissioners along with John Mishler and Thomas E. Scifres.

David Hoar then discussed further work on a more comprehensive Subdivision Control Ordinance. Scott Maudlin reported that no meeting of the Water Source sub-committee had been

held and that he would be contacting Drew Wright and Russell Brown. Lane Freiberger stated he had no report as he had not been able to meet with the Highway Department or Desi Alexander with 911.

President Hoar then advised that the next issues for the Commission to take up are Land Use Planning/Zoning and CFO's/CAFO's. He reported on a discussion with Brad Shelton and that tools are available to help with Land Use Planning. He also discussed the need to meet with an expert to help utilize those tools that are available. The name, Robert McCormick, was discussed. He is a retired professor from Purdue and had developed a program called "Planning with Power" for use at the local level. Brad Shelton is attempting to contact him and will continue to do so. Adam Dufour stated that the Plan Commission is capable of drafting much of a Land Use Plan on their own. Lane Freiberger offered to contact Indiana Farm Bureau as well. The members not currently on a committee are Brad Shelton, John Mishler, Jim Day, and Adam Dufour. President Hoar expressed his desire that the Land Use committee have a representative mix of professional expertise and interests. He suggested that he be on the committee along with John Mishler, Adam Dufour, Jim Day, and Brad Shelton.

The next discussion was the use of the Public Advisory Committee. Adam Dufour has received input from people to address zoning on a township by township basis. He suggested using Township Trustee's on a Public Advisory Committee and meeting could be held in townships. Attorney Scifres suggested that meeting with a consultant to discuss proposals before such a community meeting was held may help to prevent general dissention on zoning. Eric Rusby suggested coming up with a meeting format. A chair for the group was discussed and John Mishler volunteered.

The next meeting scheduled for September 5, 2011 will not work due to a conflict with Labor Day and scheduling for the meeting room. The possibility of meeting September 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. was discussed and David Hoar will call City Hall to see if the meeting room is available.

At this time Ron King, a member of the public, stated his closing thoughts regarding constitutionable interpretation that minimizes regulatory scheme and maximizes individual rights.

At this time, Eric Rusby made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Jeff Souder seconding. With a 9-0 vote the meeting was adjourned.

David Hoar

Eric Rusby

Lane Freiberger

Scott Maudlin

John Mishler

Adam DuFour

Jim Day

Jeff Souder

Brad Shelton

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Thomas E. Scifres