MINUTES OF MEETING OF
WASHINGTON COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
Held February 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers—City Hall Building

This public meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President, David Hoar. Adam Dufour led those present in the pledge of allegiance and Jeff Souder opened with a prayer. David Hoar opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in the audience. Attorney Thomas E. Scifres took roll call of the membership with the following members present: David Hoar, Jim Day, Scott Maudlin, Shawna Humphrey, Jeff Souder, Adam DuFour and John Mishler. Absent were Lane Freiberger and Brad Shelton who resigned from the Purdue Extension Office leaving a vacancy. The minutes were read and approved by a vote of 7-0.

The next item of business was the following committee reports:

1. **Subdivision Committee:** John Mishler suggested working on the Subdivision Ordinance along with the Zoning Ordinance. He also pointed out that Harrison County's ordinance is only thirty-eight (38) pages long. David Hoar pointed out that Washington and Harrison counties are similar and that point was well taken.
2. **Land Use:** David Hoar suggested that this be discussed later in the meeting, as part of the Citizens Advisory Committee discussion with Kari Keller-Steele.

Next, David Hoar recognized consultant Kari Keller-Steele, who was present to begin work on the zoning ordinance. At this time John Mishler made the motion to suspend the meeting and have the separate Citizen Advisory Committee meet. Scott Maudlin seconded that motion and said motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Max Greene questioned if the 7:00 p.m. meeting time had been revised with the newspaper. Travis Elliott confirmed that the correct meeting times had been delivered to the newspaper. The meeting was suspended.

The meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee began at 7:18 p.m.

Kari Keller-Steele read an article from the local paper in her county addressing problems they had with a CFO Ordinance. The general legal language to be used at the beginning of the

zoning code was discussed and it was approved that Ms. Steele was to work directly with attorney Scifres. Ms. Steele gave a general overview of sections of Code from "maps" to "special uses". Clarification on committees was also reviewed. There would be a proofing committee, and agriculture committee of no more than 10-12 people that will need to meet again in approximately two (2) weeks, and the committee that ties everything together at the end which would also include special use and mobile homes. A time for this meeting of the Agriculture Committee was set for Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Government Center, subject to room availability. Eric Rusby volunteered the use of his projector for this meeting. Mr. Dufour also reviewed the Open Door Law rules regarding notice of special meetings.

Ms. Steele handed out index cards and asked the member to write why they are interested in doing zoning and what three (3) things they want to accomplish with agriculture code. Ms. Steele went on to explain there were two (2) general approaches to zoning which were set-backs and a point system. She then collected the index cards that had been filled out.

Jeff Souder made the motion to reconvene the Washington County Plan Commission meeting, with Adam Dufour seconding. This motion passed 7-0.

The Washington County Plan Commission meeting reconvened. David Hoar discussed the February 21, 2012 Agriculture Zoning meeting to held at the Government Center at 6:30 p.m. Adam Dufour made the motion to accept this meeting date and time, with Shawna Humphrey seconding. The motion passed 7-0.

Attorney Thomas E. Scifres advised the commission of a 2011 Indiana Zoning Laws Annotated publication he had received and offered to place order for any of the commission if they would like to have one. Attorney Scifres then discussed IC § 36-7-4-213 which addresses the reciprocal advisory member requirement for the city and county Plan Commission meetings. Jeff Souder made the motion that John Mishler serve March, April, and May as the City's Advisory Member from the County. Adam Dufour seconded that motion and it passed with a vote of 7-0. Adam Kelly advised that the City Plan Commission meets the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. After some discussion, Jeff Souder made the motion that Adam Dufour would attend February 27, 2012 meeting of the City Plan Commission as the Advisory Member from the County, as others all had conflicts. John Mishler seconded this motion, which was passed with a vote of 7-0.

There being no further business before the Washington County Plan Commission, John Mishler moved that the meeting be adjourned, and it was seconded by Jeff Souder. The motion passed 7-0. Meeting adjourned.

David Hoar, President

Scott Maudlin

Lane Freiberger

Adam DuFour

John Mishler

Jeff Souder

Jim Day

Shawna Humphrey

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