BE IT REMEMBERED THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in the Henry County Courthouse Circuit Courtroom, on Wednesday October 26, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. with the ARP Committee with the following members present: Ed Tarantino, Bobbi Plummer, Steve Dellinger, Bill Upchurch, Henry County Treasurer, Kyle Allen and Kenon Gray, Henry County Council.

Jeff Plasterer was present to educate the committee on the benefits of the county becoming a member of the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission.

Bobbi Plummer states that while she agrees, Henry County joining EIRPC would be beneficial, it has never been a matter of whether we should join or not it is a matter of how will this be funded. The membership would cost roughly $11,000.00.

Ed Tarantino states that he is in favor of using ARP monies to fund the membership. Mr. Tarantino believes that there will be ample money available through Biden's infrastructure plan and he believes that using ARP is the quickest and easiest way to spend a relatively small amount of money.

Bill Upchurch states that he is torn due to a lack of results or benefits from the membership for the past three to four years.

Kenon Gray agreed with Ed Tarantino and shared a study that was done as a result of EIRPC.

Betsy Mills was present and announced that the county is 93% more likely to receive extra funding if they were to be a member of the EIRPC.

Steve Dellinger asks if the City of New Castle were to pay half of the cost it would take to join, would we be on board?

Bobbi Plummer states that the city paying half is never guaranteed.

Ed Tarantino made a motion to fund Henry County joining EIRPC using ARP monies. Motion was seconded by Kenon Gray and carried 4-2 with Bill Upchurch and Bobbi Plummer voting nay.

A motion was made by Bill Upchurch to adjourn.

Bobbi Plummer President

Steve Dellinger, Vice President

Ed Tarantino, Member

ATTEST:

Debra G. Walker, Auditor