

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 4, 2011

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on January 4, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Ron Truex – President
Brad Jackson
Bob Conley

Marsha McSherry – County Auditor
Ron Robinson - County Administrator
Mike Miner – County Attorney

The meeting was opened with the pledge and a word of prayer. Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

President Ron Truex called for nominations for 2011 Officers.

MOTION: Bob Conley TO: Nominate Brad Jackson as President for 2011.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0; 1 *Abstain*

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Nominate Bob Conley as Vice President for 2011.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0; 1 *Abstain*

MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF MACOG DATA-SHARE AGREEMENT:

Bill Holder, GIS Director, and Laurie Renier, County Assessor, presented a Data-Share Agreement between the County and MACog for the Commissioners' review and signature.

Holder explained the Agreement is to share pictometry, aerial photographs of the County with MACog while MACog will share their change-finder program with the County. Holder stated the change-finder program will benefit the County Assessor's office by enabling them to compare the 2008 aerial to the 2010 aerial and find changes to buildings on a property without leaving the office.

County Assessor, Laurie Renier, added the change-finder program will find changes such as additions, decks and garages that were completed without a building permit.

Holder noted the total cost for the change-finder is \$22,466.00 with MACog paying \$14,466.00.

Holder added the remainder will be paid from the County Assessor's Reassessment Fund.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve Data-Share Agreement as presented.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF SEMI TRUCK TRAFFIC ISSUE:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, presented an Ordinance for "No Thru Trucks – Local Delivery Only" signs on Ferguson Road between State Road 25 and County Road 200S and on Rozella Road between SR 25 and SR 15. Tilden stated the Ordinance was reviewed by County Attorney, Mike Miner and further explained the Ordinance contains the Indiana Code and penalty imposed on a Class B Infraction. Tilden added signs will be posted at both ends of Rozella Road at SR 15 and SR 25 and Ferguson Road at SR 25 and CR 200S.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve Ordinance for No Thru Trucks – Local Delivery Only to be posted on Rozella Road at State Road 15 and State Road 25 and Ferguson Road on State Road 25 and County Road 200S as presented.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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ORDINANCE NO. 2011-01-04-001 No Trucks

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

Being no further business to come before the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 18, 2011

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on January 18, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Brad Jackson - President
Bob Conley
Ron Truex

Mike Miner – County Attorney
Marsha McSherry – Auditor
Ron Robinson, County Administrator

The meeting was opened with the pledge and a word of prayer. Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF BOARD OF FINANCE APPOINTMENT:

County Treasurer, Sue Ann Mitchell, stated a President is needed for the Board of Finance, and this position is traditionally held by one of the Commissioners.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Appoint Ron Truex to serve as the

SECOND: Brad Jackson

President for the Board of Finance for 2011.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF 2010 INVESTMENT REPORT:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Treasurer presented the 2010 Investment Report for the Commissioner's review. Mitchell stated the interest earned from investments was \$173,025.88 which was considerably less than prior years. She went on to say changes have been made in regards to investments. Mitchell noted she was able to find a bank account that would garner a higher interest rate than most CDs were paying and chose to move monies to that bank account as opposed to reinvesting it in CDs. Mitchell also noted that moving the money to that bank account was the best move at this time for the County.

Mitchell then presented the Investment Policy for the Commissioner's approval. Mitchell stated the policy outlines the procedures on how funds are to be invested. She noted the policy does include the option of moving monies to a bank account that would garner increased interest if it is determined that the rate is higher than any CD would garner.

Mitchell also referenced changes in legislature that may affect banking policies. Both Mitchell and Truex noted the impact could be significant for governmental units.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Accept Investment Policy as presented.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF LAKELAND REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT APPOINTMENT:

Commissioner Truex stated with the passing of Lowell Gilmore, it is necessary to appoint someone to serve on the Lakeland Regional Sewer District Board. Both Truex and Conley noted there were a number of qualified individuals who volunteered to serve; however after reviewing all of the information they felt it would be in the best interest of the board to appoint someone who owns lake property and is retired and has time to devote to the board and the work that is needed.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve appointment of Michael R

SECOND: Ron Truex

Dewald to the LRSD Board for a one year term.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REQUEST:

County Administrator Ron Robinson stated the Redevelopment Commission met recently and heard a presentation from the Milford Redevelopment Commission regarding the development of property located near Milford. Robinson noted after hearing the Milford presentation, the Redevelopment Commission made a recommendation that the Commissioners pursue a preliminary study on the feasibility of extending 1300 N west to SR 15.

IN THE MATTER OF REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REQUEST CONTINUED:

Truex stated when the property was rezoned; the Commissioners discussed the possibility of extending access for the property. Truex added he did not see any problem with looking into the matter and obtaining a price for the cost on a true feasibility study. It was the consensus of all three Commissioners to have some preliminary conversations with an engineer on the matter.

IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING A PROMOTIONAL FUND:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator presented an ordinance to establish a promotional fund for the County. Robinson noted the State Board of Accounts recommended an ordinance be established in order for the County to expend the monies collected from the pop vending machines for items of the Commissioner's choosing.

MOTION: Bob Conley TO: Approve ordinance to establish a
SECOND: Ron Truex Promotional Fund as presented.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF WESTERN ROUTE ADDENDUMS:

County Administrator Ron Robinson presented addendums from the Troyer Group for changes to the Old US 30 Corridor Improvement Project and the Western Route Intersection Improvements. Robinson noted due to design changes, there is an additional \$64,169.00 due.

MOTION: Bob Conley TO: Approve addendums as presented for
SECOND: Ron Truex additional payment due.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATES:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent stated there would be a pre-construction meeting today, for Bridge 29. Tilden noted the meeting was a standard meeting to coordinate schedules and utility work, etc. prior to construction beginning.

Tilden reported the highway fleet is holding up as well as can be expected with the weather conditions being what they are. He noted there are days when several trucks are down at a time, but they are managing as well as they can.

IN THE MATTER OF VETERANS AWARD PRESENTATION:

Commissioner Conley stated back in the fall, the Commissioners discussed the possibility of recognizing a veteran in the County that has given of themselves in time and/or service to the military as well as the County. He went on to say the Commissioners contacted Rich Maron, County Service Officer and asked him to look into his files and the veterans that he has contact with and see if there was someone that he felt was deserving of such an award. Conley also noted that to be fair to all of the veterans living in the County, it was the Commissioners idea that the award be presented by district beginning with the northern district.

Rich Maron, County Service Officer thanked the Commissioners for their effort in recognizing the sacrifices military personnel make to serve their country. Maron went on to say the first recipient of the award is Rick Ellis. Maron provided a brief biography of Ellis, noting Ellis not only served his country; he has continued to serve the community through his leadership and love of people.

The Commissioners then presented Ellis with a Certificate of Recognition.

IN THE MATTER OF MACKE VACATION REQUEST – WAYNE TOWNSHIP:

Area Plan Director Dan Richard presented a request from Jacob and Kathleen Macke to vacate a small portion of the public road right-of-way known as Blossom Lane in the Cherry Creek Subdivision. Richard stated the contractor for the Mackes came in back in November to obtain the necessary permits for the single family home. Richard went on to say the contractor came back in later when he realized the foundation footer had been put in too close to the R-O-W and asked what could be done to correct the problem. Area Plan outlined the options available as:

- Move the foundation to meet setback requirements
- Request a variance from the Board of Zoning Appeals
- Request to vacate a portion of public R-O-W in order to meet the setbacks

Richard stated the homeowners chose the third option with a request to vacate a portion of the R-O-W. He added the original plat indicates drainage easements run through the proposed vacated area.

IN THE MATTER OF MACKE VACATION REQUEST – WAYNE TOWNSHIP
CONTINUED:

Richard then stated it was the unanimous recommendation of the Area Plan Commission to deny the vacation in order to maintain the integrity of the plat. He added the APC was requesting the Commissioners possibly postpone a decision on the matter and allow the homeowner to go before the Board of Zoning Appeal to obtain a variance instead. If the variance was obtained the matter would be solved. However, if it were denied the homeowner would still have the option to have the matter heard by the Commissioners. Richard added everyone was in agreement that the homeowner should be accommodated and be allowed to proceed with the building of his home.

Commissioner Jackson questioned if a variance were obtained, would the property be considered non-conforming and the homeowner need to go before the BZA every time they wanted to do something to their property. Richard responded they would not need to as long as the setback requirements were met.

Richard Helm, Attorney representing the Mackes disagreed that a variance would be a better option for the Mackes. Helm stated the criteria for the vacation had been met and he didn't feel the plat would be compromised if the vacation were allowed. He went on to say there were no practical problems with easements; however he could draft a separate easement for utilities that would need to use that area. Further discussion ensued regarding utility easements with it being noted that state law indicates that all utilities in place have a permanent easement. Helm also noted there was no remonstrance at the APC meeting regarding the proposed vacation. Helm added if the homeowners are required to go before the BZA, there would be an additional waiting period even if the variance is granted. This would put the homeowners even further behind in their building process. Helm reiterated that the homeowners would be agreeable to filing a permanent easement document that was acceptable to the County Attorney.

No one else in attendance spoke in favor or opposition to the proposed vacation.

Commissioner Truex stated no one wants to see the homeowners have to move the house. He added as local government officials, the Commissioner's job is to serve the public and he sees no reason to drag the process out causing further delays to the homeowners.

Both Truex and Jackson noted they did not like to make a recommendation that goes against the APC recommendation; however in this case it is in the best interest of the homeowner to move forward and not prolong their building process.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve vacation with the restriction of a permanent easement for whatever is needed.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

MOTION PASSED

IN THE MATTER OF KABS QUARTERLY REPORT:

Matt Boren, KABS Director presented the INDOT Contract-Invoice Voucher for 2010 fourth quarter for the Commissioner's signature.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve 2010 fourth quarter voucher as presented.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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Being no further business to come before the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
February 1, 2011

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on February 1, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Brad Jackson - President

Mike Miner – County Attorney

Bob Conley

Marsha McSherry – Auditor

Ron Truex

Ron Robinson, County Administrator

The meeting was opened with the pledge and a word of prayer. Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF POWERPAY CONTRACT:

County Treasurer, Sue Ann Mitchell, presented a contract between the County and PowerPay. Mitchell explained PowerPay is the company that handles tax payments paid by credit card either on-line or over the telephone. Mitchell noted County Attorney, Mike Miner, previously reviewed the contract. She also noted the Auditor and Recorder's offices as well as her office have been able to accommodate taxpayers wishing to make payments or pay fees using their credit card.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve contract as presented.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE:

Highway Superintendent Scott Tilden reported his department is preparing for the severe weather that has been forecasted, noting the County is currently under a Blizzard Warning. Tilden stated they will do the best they can; however if winds become excessive and there is significant snowfall, he will pull the trucks off the roads for the safety of his men and resume when conditions are safer. It was also noted communication will continue between all of the departments in the County; i.e. Homeland Security, E911 and the Sheriff's Department relating to the weather conditions.

IN THE MATTER OF VETERANS AWARD PRESENTATION:

Commissioner Bob Conley stated the Commissioners would like to continue with the recognition of a veteran in the County that has given of themselves in time and/or service to the military as well as the County. Conley noted the first recipient was in January and the Commissioners would like to continue this recognition process at their first meeting of each month.

Rich Maron, County Service Officer stated there are many veterans who are deserving, that never received any awards or recognition. He then introduced Andy Martinez and presented Martinez with a Certificate of Recognition.

Being no further business to come before the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS February 15, 2011

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on February 15, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN.

Those present were:

Brad Jackson - President

Bob Conley

Ron Truex

Marsha McSherry – County Auditor

Ron Robinson – County Administrator

Mike Miner, County Attorney

The meeting was opened with the pledge and a word of prayer. Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF 911 DISPATCH ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT:

David Rosenberry, Director of Personnel for 911 Dispatch, presented the 2010 Statistical Report for the 911 Dispatch Center. Rosenberry stated the Report details the statistics for 2010, adding 67% of calls were from cell phones. Rosenberry noted the decrease in funding due to the increase in cell phones versus land lines.

Commissioner Ron Truex commended the 911 Dispatch Center for a fine job done under great stress and adversity.

IN THE MATTER OF ENCHANTED HILLS STORM DRAINAGE ISSUE:

Bob Murphy, R.P. Murphy & Associates and County Surveyor, Richard Kemper, addressed the Commissioners regarding the Enchanted Hills Subdivision storm drainage issue in Turkey Creek Township. Murphy stated he previously addressed the Commissioners in a public hearing on the Enchanted Hills Subdivision regarding a grant; however the State now requires a 10% match of the total project cost, not just 10% of the grant amount. Murphy added the State also requested clarification of what entity would own and maintain the retention pond and why the County could not help with the 10% match. Murphy noted of the \$66,700 match required: \$60,000 will come from a loan from Lake City Bank to the Enchanted Hills Neighborhood Association; \$6,000 from the Noble County Drainage Board; leaving the project \$700 short.

Discussion ensued regarding the issue, with Murphy noting the plans propose a retention pond being built that the Turkey Creek Regional Sewer District would donate to the County with the County then owning and maintaining the pond. It was also noted the TCRSD would own the storm drains; however after five (5) years, TCRSD would petition the Joint Drainage Board for the TCRSD to take possession of the drains. Murphy noted the petition states the Joint Drainage Board “shall” take possession at that time.

Further discussion ensued with it being noted that the drain will be a joint drain and cost(s) will be shared by both Kosciusko and Noble County with residents from both counties that utilize the drain being charged an assessment to help pay for the project.

Commissioner Jackson requested clarification on ownership of the retention pond and drainage tiles as well as what Murphy wanted from the County.

- ❖ Drainage tiles would be owned and maintained by the Turkey Creek Regional Sewer District for the first five (5) years at which time TCRSD would petition the Joint Drainage Board for the Board to assume ownership/maintenance.
- ❖ Retention pond would be owned by Kosciusko County with the Joint Drainage Board maintaining said pond.
- ❖ The County will provide \$700.00 as part of the matching funds needed for the \$600,000 grant.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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TO: Approve \$700.00 of County funds to be used as a portion of the matching funds needed for the grant as well as County accepting ownership of retention pond with the understanding that County Surveyor be involved throughout the entire project.

IN THE MATTER OF MALINOWSKI CONSULTING PRESENTATION:

Charles Malinowski of Malinowski Consulting provided a brief overview of the company with Malinowski stating their specialty is revenue optimization through Title IV-D, child support enforcement. Malinowski proposed working with the County Clerk on a monthly basis to capture the costs of child support enforcement to receive the reimbursement from the Federal Government.

It was noted the Clerk currently has a contract with another vendor for the same services. The Commissioners questioned Malinowski further on the service he was proposing.

After further discussion, President Brad Jackson requested Malinowski meet with County Clerk, Jason McSherry, regarding the existing contract in place and return to the Commissioners at that time.

IN THE MATTER OF WIGHTMAN PETRIE PRESENTATION:

Ken Jones of Wightman Petrie provided a brief overview of the company stating Wightman Petrie is an engineering firm located in Elkhart County. Jones added the firm employs road/highway engineers and performs traffic analysis as well as utility master planning. Jones noted the firm works extensively with MaCog and recently added an architectural department. Jones thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to make the presentation and potentially work on projects within Kosciusko County.

Commissioner Ron Truex acknowledged that Jones had provided him with a great deal of information and understanding in regards to the Lakeland Regional Sewer District.

IN THE MATTER OF MAINTENANCE PROPOSALS:

County Administrator, Ron Robinson, presented proposals for work to be performed in the Justice Building stating the costs exceeded Robinson’s threshold for approval. Robinson then presented an estimate from Weed, Inc. for repairs to the sewer system and an estimate from Jack Laurie Commercial Floors for repairs to flooring in the Clerk’s office.

IN THE MATTER OF MAINTENANCE PROPOSALS CONTINUED:

MOTION:	Ron Truex	TO: Approve proposals from Weed, Inc and	
SECOND:	Bob Conley	Jack Laurie Commercial Floors for repairs in	
AYES:	3	NAYS: 0	the Justice Building.
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IN THE MATTER OF ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT:

County Administrator, Ron Robinson, presented an encroachment agreement for the Western Route project as there are billboards in the right-of-way. Robinson explained this agreement merely acknowledges the encroachment in writing but does not hold up the project. County Attorney, Mike Miner, previously reviewed the Agreement.

MOTION:	Bob Conley	TO: Approve encroachment agreement as	
SECOND:	Ron Truex	presented.	
AYES:	3	NAYS: 0	
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IN THE MATTER OF EGOV STRATEGIES LLC AGREEMENT:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented an Agreement between the County and eGov Strategies, LLC for the Commissioners' review and signature. Robinson explained this is to upgrade the existing County website. Robinson noted the GIS department also reviewed the information and felt it was a good choice.

The Commissioners agreed the website needs to be upgraded.

MOTION:	Ron Truex	TO: Approve Agreement with eGov	
SECOND:	Bob Conley	Strategies, LLC to upgrade the County	
AYES:	3	NAYS: 0	website as presented.
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IN THE MATTER OF NO SPRAY ISSUE:

Rebecca Phend, Kosciusko County resident, presented an issue to the Commissioners that she has with the contractor spraying for weeds for the County Highway Department. Phend stated she was told by KCHD to opt out of the spraying for weeds along her property, she must contact the contractor that sprays for weeds. Phend then stated she never received a response to her many calls to the contractor. Phend added when she returned to KCHD, they informed her to put up "no spray" signs on her property. Phend stated she installed "no spray" signs but the contractor continued to spray in those areas, disregarding the signs. Phend added this is a health issue causing an allergic reaction not an environmental issue. Phend requested some protection or accountability of the contractor for ignoring the "no spray" signs.

Commissioner Bob Conley understood the signs were in place and since then, the County has suspended spraying for weeds. Phend expressed concern if the County resumes spraying for weeds and the contractor ignores the "no spray" signs again.

President Brad Jackson suggested calling and writing a letter to the contractor asking them to not spray in "no spray" zones and to use caution in these areas. President Jackson suggested Phend request in writing to KCHD to be placed on the "no spray" list.

Discussion continued regarding policy and/or possible fines imposed on a contractor for disregarding "no spray" signage.

County Attorney, Mike Miner, expressed concern with adding verbiage to the spraying contract penalizing the contractor for spraying in a "no spray" area stating that verbiage may increase the cost of the spraying.

President Jackson requested Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, confirm the contractor receives the no spray zone map.

Conley volunteered to contact the contractor by phone and mail regarding the "no spray" issue.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY TRUCK PURCHASE:

Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, stated the bid opening for the purchase of four (4) new single axle trucks, previously approved by County Council on February 10, 2011, is slated for April 12, 2011 at 9:15a.m. Tilden noted proper advertising will be complete by then and bids will be opened on that date.

IN THE MATTER OF WEATHER RESOLUTION:

President Brad Jackson addressed Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, and Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director regarding the recent blizzard warning.

IN THE MATTER OF WEATHER RESOLUTION CONTINUED:

President Jackson noted the proper procedure was followed, i.e. closing County offices, recommending to residents to stay off the roads however no classification was given to the public regarding the weather and the state of the roads by the Department of Homeland Security. Commissioner Ron Truex reiterated the proper steps were taken in the weather emergency but the Department of Homeland Security was not notified therefore, Kosciusko County's status did not show up on any map or to the media. It was also noted communication will continue between all of the departments in the County; i.e. Homeland Security, E911 and the Sheriff's Department relating to the weather conditions. The Commissioners then approved a Resolution allowing Emergency Management Director to update the County travel status map as needed in severe weather conditions.

IN THE MATTER OF 2009 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, presented a 2009 Homeland Security Grant to cover the expenses of conducting exercises and training in the amount of \$80,000. Rock noted this amount covers the seven (7) counties within District II.

Commissioner Ron Truex questioned the number of trainees. Rock responded the training is open to all responders in the seven (7) counties within District II. Rock added this Grant does not require any matching funds from the County with the only responsibility being the County Auditor to pay claims as presented.

Truex requested Rock keep the Commissioners informed of any training available to elected officials through this Grant.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve Homeland Security Grant as presented.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF SHANK VACATION – SEWARD TOWNSHIP:

President Brad Jackson stated Area Plan requested a continuance of this vacation due to the cancelled February APC hearing.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve continuation as requested.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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Being no further business to come before the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 1, 2011

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on March 1, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Brad Jackson - President

Marsha McSherry – County Auditor

Bob Conley

Ron Robinson – County Administrator

Ron Truex

Mike Miner - County Attorney

The meeting was opened with the pledge and a word of prayer. Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF 2010 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT:

Emergency Management Director, Ed Rock, presented the 2010 Emergency Management Grant in the amount of \$400,000.00. Rock explained the grant funds are for the purchase of equipment, such as generators and light towers, to be used for the seven (7) counties within District II. Rock further explained these items may be used locally or in the event of an emergency used within the affected area(s). Rock added the grant does not require any matching funds from the County.

IN THE MATTER OF 2010 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT CONTINUED:

County Auditor, Marsha McSherry, concurred the Auditor's office will be serve as the administrator of the grant.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve grant application as presented.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF KABS ARRA QUARTERLY REPORT:

KABS Director, Matt Boren, presented the ARRA Quarterly Capital Financial Status Report for signature. Boren noted the funds from the grant were used to purchase a generator, oil dispenser and jack. Boren added this is the balance of the stimulus monies.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve ARRA Quarterly Report and

SECOND: Bob Conley

voucher for reimbursement as presented.

AYES: 3 NAYES: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF VETERANS AWARD PRESENTATION:

Commissioner Bob Conley stated the Commissioners would like to continue with the recognition of a veteran in the County who has given of themselves in time and/or service to the military as well as the County. Conley noted the first recipient was in January and the Commissioners would like to continue this recognition process at their first meeting of each month.

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer stated there are many veterans who are deserving, who never received any awards or recognition. Maron then introduced Robert "Bob" Stout, who gave a brief description of his naval service during WWII. Maron then presented Stout with a Certificate of Recognition and expressed his gratitude for Stout's years of service to the Country.

IN THE MATTER OF ENCHANTED HILLS STORM DRAINAGE ISSUE:

Bob Murphy, R.P. Murphy & Associates and County Surveyor, Richard Kemper, addressed the Commissioners regarding the Enchanted Hills Subdivision storm drainage issue in Turkey Creek Township. Murphy stated his intent was to clarify some issues from the Commissioners' meeting on February 15, 2011. Murphy stated the \$6,000 partial local match will come from the Noble County Drainage Board. Murphy noted at the February 15th meeting the drainage tiles would be owned and maintained by the Turkey Creek Regional Sewer District for the first five (5) years at which time TCRSD would petition the Joint Drainage Board for the Drainage Board to assume ownership/maintenance. Murphy also clarified the retention pond would be owned by Kosciusko County with the Joint Drainage Board maintaining said pond.

Murphy then stated after meeting with the TCRSD on February 21, 2010, it was determined the TCRSD could not own or maintain any storm sewers. Murphy then asked if the County would agree to accept ownership and maintenance of the new storm drain lines. Murphy added once the lines are installed, the County can petition the Joint Drainage Board, based on their Ordinance, to take over ownership and maintenance of said lines as long as the lines are constructed to the specifications of County Surveyor, Richard Kemper, and Scott Zeigler, Noble County Surveyor.

The Commissioners questioned whether additional assessment fees would be charged for the new drainage lines. Kemper stated any residents using the drainage lines are charged an assessment fee which will be used for any maintenance. Kemper added if the drainage lines go into the County right-of-way, KCHD may need to be involved. Kemper also added there is question whether KCHD or the County will maintain the line within the ROW.

Murphy requested the County agree to accept ownership and maintenance of the new storm drain lines. Commissioner Bob Conley clarified the construction will be monitored by, and built to the specifications of, the County Surveyors of both Kosciusko and Noble Counties.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: County accepting ownership and

SECOND: Ron Truex

maintenance of new drainage lines with the

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

understanding that lines will be built to the

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specifications of the Kosciusko and Noble

County Surveyors with those surveyors

involved throughout the entire project.

Murphy added he will return at the next Commissioners' meeting to present a Resolution for the Commissioners' signatures.

IN THE MATTER OF PARKING PERMIT APPLICATION:

Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, presented a permit application from the Backwater Retriever Club for parking on County Road 1000E between CR750N and CR1000N. Tilden added the application is for April 8 – 10, 2010 for their annual event. President Brad Jackson signed the permit application.

IN THE MATTER OF STATE ROAD 15 AND COUNTY ROAD 700S DESIGN CHANGE:

Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, introduced Jeff Larison from United, the consultant hired by INDOT to design the overhead road project at State Road 15 and County Road 700S. Tilden stated INDOT requested a level I design change on the west side of CR 700S. Tilden recommended allowing the design change regarding the shoulder area.

MOTION: Ron Truex TO: Allow concurrence on CR 700S per
SECOND: Bob Conley INDOT's request as presented.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ON COUNTY ROAD 700S – CLAY TOWNSHIP:

Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, presented a request from INDOT to post the speed limit on County Road 700S to the west of State Road 15 as 40mph changing to 30mph approaching SR 15.

Commissioner Ron Truex questioned if the speed limit could be posted at County standards of 45mph and 35mph. After further discussion, Truex conceded posting the change from 40mph to 30mph as requested as those same speed limits are already posted on CR 700S on the east side of SR 15. Tilden stated he will bring an Ordinance to the next meeting regarding speed limit postings.

IN THE MATTER OF NO SPRAY ISSUE:

Rebecca Phend, Kosciusko County resident, stated at the last Commissioners' meeting, it was stated Commissioner Conley would send a letter to the contractor regarding adhering to the "no spray" zones throughout the County. Phend then stated she received a letter from Mr. Dalton, the contractor hired by the County regarding this issue. She then questioned who determines the "no spray" areas and who determines compliance. Phend felt there should be a standardized policy drafted by KCHD in place mapping "no spray zones" throughout the County. Phend also felt compliance should be determined by KCHD and not the contractor.

County Attorney, Mike Miner, stated the County has a responsibility to residents to maintain the ROW for the safety of all who travel the roadways. Miner then stated a property owner may request their property not be sprayed for weeds and choose to maintain it themselves. Miner added the County has an obligation to maintain the property if the owner does not.

Conley stated he has paperwork certifying the contractor is in compliance with State guidelines for spraying chemicals. Conley added the proper procedure is in place and should be followed by the contractor.

Phend questioned if a master "no spray" list is in place, is it necessary to post "no spray" signs. Commissioner Ron Truex agreed posting the "no spray" signs would be beneficial in addition to the master "no spray" map through KCHD. Truex expressed confidence that Phend's property would not be sprayed for weeds due to the preventative measures taken by KCHD.

IN THE MATTER OF INSURANCE QUOTES:

Jerry Clevenger of Clevenger Insurance Company questioned whether the County would be taking quotes for insurance. Clevenger stated he was told the County took quotes for insurance every three (3) years. The Commissioners stated they did not realize it had been three (3) years and the County will be accepting quotes for future insurance policies.

Being no further business to come before the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 15, 2011

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on March 15, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN.

Those present were:

Brad Jackson - President
Bob Conley
Ron Truex

Marsha McSherry – County Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Mike Miner - County Attorney

The meeting was opened with the pledge and a word of prayer. Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF 2010 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT:

Emergency Management Director, Ed Rock, presented the 2010 Homeland Security Grant Application in the amount of \$89,200.00. Rock explained the grant funds are for training and exercises to be used to train emergency personnel in the seven (7) counties within District II. Rock further explained some of the items covered under the grant are backfill/overtime and transportation.

County Auditor, Marsha McSherry, concurred the Auditor's office will be serve as the administrator of the grant.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve grant application as presented.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, stated Governor Mitch Daniels has declared March 13 – 19, 2011 as Severe Weather Preparedness Week. Rock stated the County will participate in a statewide tornado test on March 16, 2011. Rock noted the test will occur once between 10:15 and 10:30am and then again between 7:30 and 7:45pm. Rock encouraged everyone to use one of those times to run through their tornado procedures.

IN THE MATTER OF ORTHOPHOTOGRAPHY/AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY:

Bill Holder, GIS Director and County Surveyor, Richard Kemper addressed the Commissioners regarding orthophotography/aerial photography for 2011 stating the County used these photographs in 2002, 2005 and 2008 for GIS. Holder then stated the County has the opportunity to participate in a statewide orthophotography project in 2011 for \$53,692.00. Holder added the aerial photography in 2008 cost \$102,000.00 noting a savings for participating in the statewide project. Holder noted funding exists in the Surveyor and GIS budgets as well as MaCog and then added they will continue to pursue funding from additional sources. Holder requested permission from the Commissioners to proceed with the orthophotography/aerial photography.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Allow Holder and Kemper to pursue

SECOND: Bob Conley

orthophotography/aerial photography project

AYES: 3 NAYES: 0

and continue to look for funding from

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additional sources.

IN THE MATTER OF RADIO SERVICE UPGRADE:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated the Sheriff has been upgrading the radio service throughout the County and has secured the lease of a tower to aid in that upgrade. Robinson stated the cost is \$27,000.00 adding the last upgrade was done in 1982. Robinson noted the upgrade will also benefit emergency responders.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve upgrade to radio service as

SECOND: Bob Conley

requested.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS:

County Auditor, Marsha McSherry presented Conflict of Interest Statements for Angela Stillson and Gavin Miller. McSherry explained Stillson and Miller are Nappanee Public Library Board members. McSherry also stated Stillson owns Stillson Studio and is contracted by the Nappanee Public Library for graphic art services and Miller is employed by Lake City Bank which is one of the library's banks.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve conflict of interest statements for Angela Stillson and Gavin Miller as presented.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF ENCHANTED HILLS STORM DRAINAGE ISSUE:

Bob Murphy of R.P. Murphy & Associates addressed the Commissioners regarding the Enchanted Hills Subdivision storm drainage issue in Turkey Creek Township. Murphy presented a Resolution authorizing the submittal of the grant application. Murphy reiterated Enchanted Hills Community Association will provide \$60,000.00; \$6,000 from the Noble County Drainage Board; and \$700 from Kosciusko County CCD Fund.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve Resolution as presented to allow President Brad Jackson to sign grant application.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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Resolution recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ON COUNTY ROAD 700S – CLAY TOWNSHIP:

Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, presented an Ordinance regarding the request from INDOT to post the speed limit on County Road 700S to the west of State Road 15 as discussed at the Commissioner's meeting on March 1, 2011. Tilden stated the speed limit will be 30mph on CR 700S heading west for 800 feet and change to 40 mph on CR 700S heading west for an additional 1,570 feet.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve Ordinance as presented.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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ORDINANCE NO. 11-03-15-003Speed

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF SALSBERY, KUFFEL & BANTER VACATION – SEWARD TOWNSHIP:

Matt Sandy, Area Plan Assistant Director, presented a vacation request from Petitioners, Benny & Catherine Salsberry, Philip Kuffel and Robert Banter, to vacate a portion of a platted roadway in the Roy Hohman Subdivision on Yellow Creek Lake in Seward Township. Sandy added other portions of the platted roadway were previously vacated. Sandy stated it was the unanimous recommendation of APC to approve the vacation with a stipulation to rededicate the existing roadway.

Rick Helm, Petitioners' Attorney, reiterated information provided by Sandy. Helm suggested contacting the remaining property owners to sign a Deed of Dedication for the existing roadway. No one else appeared in favor of the vacation.

No one appeared in opposition to the vacation.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Accept the recommendation of APC to approve the vacation of a portion of a platted roadway in the Roy Hohman Subdivision on Yellow Creek Lake in Seward Township as presented.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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ORDINANCE NO. 11-03-15-002V

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF SHANK VACATION – SEWARD TOWNSHIP:

Matt Sandy, Area Plan Assistant Director, presented a vacation request from Gerald Shank to vacate a portion of a platted roadway in the Roy Hohman Subdivision on Yellow Creek Lake in Seward Township. Sandy stated this portion is on the north side of County Road 850S between two (2) tracts of land owned by Shank. Sandy stated it was the unanimous recommendation of APC to approve the vacation.

Stephen Harris, Petitioner’s Attorney, reiterated information provided by Sandy. Harris added no other property owners are affected by the vacated portion except Shank.

No one else appeared in favor of the vacation.

No one appeared in opposition to the vacation.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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TO: Accept the recommendation of APC to approve the vacation of a portion of a platted roadway in the Roy Hohman Subdivision on Yellow Creek Lake in Seward Township as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-03-15-001V

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

Being no further business to come before the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
March 29, 2011

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on March 29, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Brad Jackson - President
Bob Conley
Ron Truex

Marsha McSherry – County Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Mike Miner - County Attorney

The meeting was opened with the pledge and a word of prayer. Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF 2010 HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT:

Bob Weaver, Health Department Director, presented the 2010 Health Department Annual Report for the Commissioners’ review. Weaver stated the annual report is required by the State Department of Health.

IN THE MATTER OF COPY MACHINE QUOTE/PURCHASE:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated quotes were obtained for the purchase of seven (7) new copy machines to replace outdated and malfunctioning machines needing additional maintenance. Robinson recommended accepting the lowest quote of \$54,523.00 for seven (7) copy machines.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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TO: Accept quote for \$54,523.00 as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION BREAKFAST:

County Administrator, Ron Robinson, stated the County employee appreciation breakfast will be held on Friday, April 29, 2011 at 7:00a.m. in the Justice Building. Robinson noted the breakfast is held in conjunction with National Government Month.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATES:

Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, provided the following updates:

- ❖ Annual operational report will be provided to the Commissioners on April 12, 2011.
- ❖ Bid opening for new trucks will be at the Commissioners' meeting on April 12, 2011.
- ❖ Inclement weather damaged county roads and crews are working on patching pot holes.

Being no further business to come before the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
April 12, 2011

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on April 12, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN.

Those present were:

Brad Jackson - President
Bob Conley
Ron Truex

Marsha McSherry – County Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Mike Miner - County Attorney

The meeting was opened with the pledge and a word of prayer. Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF VETERANS AWARD PRESENTATION:

Commissioner Bob Conley stated the Commissioners would like to continue at the first meeting of every month the practice of recognizing a veteran in the County who has given of themselves in time and/or service to the military as well as the County.

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer stated there are many veterans who deserve recognition, who never receive the gratitude of their fellow citizens. Maron then introduced Louie Davis and his wife, Ruby, acknowledging her sacrifice as the spouse of military personnel. Maron added Davis experienced some health problems recently and the community rallied to show support. Maron then presented Davis with a Certificate of Recognition and expressed his gratitude for Davis' years of service to the Country. Davis then thanked the community for the support and prayers.

IN THE MATTER OF KABS ARRA QUARTERLY REPORT:

KABS Director, Matt Boren, presented the ARRA Quarterly Capital Financial Status Report for signature. Boren noted the funds from the grant were used to purchase a diagnostic machine for the buses.

MOTION:	Ron Truex	TO: Approve ARRA Quarterly Report and
SECOND:	Bob Conley	voucher for reimbursement as presented.
AYES: 3	NAYES: 0	
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IN THE MATTER OF KABS 2011 QUARTERLY REPORT:

KABS Director, Matt Boren, presented the Quarterly Operating Financial Statement and the Indiana Department of Transportation Contract Invoice-Voucher for 2011 first quarter for signature.

MOTION:	Ron Truex	TO: Approve Quarterly Operating Financial
SECOND:	Bob Conley	Statement and the Indiana Department of
AYES: 3	NAYES: 0	Transportation Contract Invoice-Voucher for
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IN THE MATTER OF STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AMENDMENTS:

Bob Weaver, Health Department Director, noted on January 1, 2011 State Health Department enacted changes to the sewage code regarding residential on-site disposal systems. Weaver stated the amendments should be incorporated into the County's Ordinances then adopted by the Commissioners.

MOTION:	Ron Truex	TO: Approve State Health Department
SECOND:	Bob Conley	mandated amendments regarding residential
AYES: 3	NAYES: 0	sewage code.
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IN THE MATTER OF WATER HEATER PURCHASE AND RAISE EXPENDITURE LIMIT FOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated the water heater at the Work Release Center failed and the replacement cost was \$6,000.00. Truex suggested increasing Robinson's expenditure limit without Commissioner approval to \$7,500.00. Truex clarified this expenditure limit is for emergency repairs only, new purchases will remain at \$5,000.00 as previously approved.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve expenditure of \$6,000.00 for

SECOND: Bob Conley

water heater and also increase Robinson's

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

expenditure limit to \$7,500.00 for emergency repairs only.

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IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY UPDATES:

County Administrator, Ron Robinson, provided the following updates:

- ❖ HVAC system repairs in Justice Building are complete.
- ❖ iPhone purchased for maintenance to reduce overtime hours as the phone can be used to monitor the HVAC system.
- ❖ Sewer repair project in Justice Building is complete.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 2010 YEAR-END REPORT:

Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, referenced the Highway Department 2010 year-end report previously delivered to the Commissioners for their approval.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve 2010 Year-End Report for the

SECOND: Ron Truex

County Highway Department as presented.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY BID OPENING FOR TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT:

Mike Miner, County Attorney, opened all sealed bids received for new trucks and equipment for County Highway Department. The bids were as follows:

- ❖ Hill Truck Sales - \$514,760.00 trucks;
- ❖ Lower Great Lakes - \$509,704.00 trucks;
- ❖ Lower Great Lakes - \$513,832.00 trucks;
- ❖ Fort Wayne Truck Center - \$523,268.00 trucks;
- ❖ Wiers International - \$463,715.88 trucks;
- ❖ Selking International - \$483,792.00 trucks;
- ❖ Southeastern Equipment Co - \$172,800.00 chip spreader; and
- ❖ Southeastern Equipment Co - \$161,500.00 asphalt distributor.

Miner noted some companies have bid bonds and the bids also contain a trade allowance.

Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, added he will review the bids and present a recommendation to the Commissioners at their April 26, 2011 meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF 2010 SHERIFF-JAIL REPORTS:

Sheriff Rocky Goshert presented the following reports for the Commissioners' review:

- ❖ Sheriff's Department 2010 Activity/Statistics Sheet;
- ❖ Indiana Department of Corrections 2011 Jail Inspection Report; and
- ❖ 2010 Jail Report provided to the Courts/Judges.

Being no further business to come before the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned.

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
April 26, 2011**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on April 26, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Brad Jackson - President
Bob Conley
Ron Truex

Marsha McSherry – County Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Mike Miner - County Attorney

The meeting was opened with the pledge and a word of prayer. Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF KABS 2010 DEOBLIGATION OF GRANT FUNDS:

KABS Director, Matt Boren, presented the Notification of Deobligation of Transit Grant Funds for the 2010 Operating Grant in the amount of \$17,454.00. Boren noted when the grant funds are not used by the County, they return to the State and Federal Government.

MOTION: Bob Conley TO: Approve letter of Deobligation of Grant
SECOND: Ron Truex Funds.
AYES: 3 NAYES: 0
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IN THE MATTER OF KABS ARRA QUARTERLY REPORT:

KABS Director, Matt Boren, presented the ARRA Quarterly Capital Financial Status Report for signature. Boren noted the funds from the grant were used to purchase special lighting for the bus service area and this purchase completes the Federal stimulus package received.

MOTION: Ron Truex TO: Approve ARRA Quarterly Report and
SECOND: Bob Conley voucher for reimbursement as presented.
AYES: 3 NAYES: 0
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IN THE MATTER OF ABATE PROCLAMATION:

Ty Marshall, representative of Kosciusko County ABATE, requested the Commissioners sign a Proclamation declaring May 2011 as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. Marshall introduced Cheyenne Stewart, Safety Instructor for ABATE. Stewart thanked the Commissioners for the help provided by this proclamation. Stewart stated the number of motorcycle fatalities saw a significant decrease in 2010 due to motorcycle awareness and safety classes. Stewart requested all drivers be aware of motorcycles on the road. Commissioner Ron Truex questioned how to sign up for an ABATE safety class. Stewart responded riders can either contact him directly or through the ABATE website, www.abateofindiana.org.

MOTION: Ron Truex TO: Approve Proclamation to declare May as
SECOND: Bob Conley Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month.
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
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IN THE MATTER OF FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION FOR ROADS IN COUNTY:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated MaCog has completed the functional classification for the roads in Kosciusko County. Robinson added the classification is done by the State and had not been recently updated.

MOTION: Bob Conley TO: Approve functional classification for
SECOND: Ron Truex roads in the County.
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
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IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated one (1) quote was received for the employee health insurance and to keep the employee cost increase nominal, the specific deductible will need to increase from \$50,000 to \$60,000. Commissioner Ron Truex stated an announcement will be made to the employees once the final figures are complete.

MOTION: Ron Truex TO: Accept health insurance quote as
SECOND: Bob Conley received.
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
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IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY LIABILITY INSURANCE:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated one (1) quote was received for County liability insurance with an increase of approximately \$59,000.

MOTION: Ron Truex TO: Accept liability insurance quote as
SECOND: Bob Conley received.
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
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IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY BID ACCEPTANCE FOR TRUCKS AND EQUIPMENT:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, recommended accepting the bid for asphalt distributor and chip spreader from Southeastern Equipment Co. Tilden noted the bid amount is \$334,300.00 and includes a trade-in allowance.

Tilden then recommended accepting the bid from Hill Truck Sales, Inc. for four (4) 2012 114SD cab chassis with equipment by W.A. Jones with trades for a total of \$514,760.00.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Accept bid recommendations from

SECOND: Bob Conley

Tilden as presented.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF TIME FRAME PROPERTIES, LLC/TREXLER VACATION – TURKEY CREEK TOWNSHIP:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, presented a vacation request from Time Frame Properties, LLC/Trexler to vacate a portion of a platted public way in Indian Hills Subdivision on Syracuse Lake, Turkey Creek Township. Richard noted this 25' platted public way runs from Northshore Drive south to Syracuse Lake. Richard stated this platted public way is the last access open as the other public ways were previously vacated. Richard added parties appeared before Area Plan Commission stating they use this access to the lake. Richard then stated it was the recommendation of APC to not approve the vacation, leaving the public access open.

Steve Snyder, Petitioner's Attorney, appeared in favor of the vacation stating the Department of Natural Resources' regulations state to place a pier the person must own the property or have written permission from the property owner. Snyder added per Indiana Code, there is no question the Petitioner owns the land under the platted public way. Snyder also stated the Town of Syracuse maintains public access areas providing a public beach, pier and swim area. Snyder added the DNR also provides public access sites to launch watercraft.

Snyder referenced the definition of the APC zoning ordinance with regard to lake access and non-lake access properties. Snyder stated the main purpose for a platted public way is for vehicular traffic and the elevation on this access does not allow for vehicular traffic. Snyder expressed concern regarding privacy, security and liability of the property owner (Petitioner). Snyder added the platted public way is not currently taxed and by vacating, it would be added to the tax rolls.

Commissioner Ron Truex asked County Attorney Mike Miner for clarification on public access usage. Miner stated a person would have the right to walk to and from the water and would not have the right to place a pier without either being the landowner or having written permission from the landowner (Petitioner).

Resident Belmont Pinney spoke in favor of the vacation stating he and his wife own the property to the east of the platted public way. Pinney added the property should be added to the tax rolls since the County does not receive tax from this as platted public way. Malinda Pinney then added she believed there is an open easement down the street that is heavily used by the public. Richard responded there are no open easements in that subdivision per APC research.

No one else appeared in favor of the vacation.

Resident Jack Ayotte spoke in opposition to the vacation stating he had permission to place a pier at that public access from the previous owner. Ayotte added he would like to see the public access stay open.

Resident Don Stewart spoke in opposition to the vacation stating he would like to use the public access to watch fireworks but did not know the access existed until he received the letter regarding the APC hearing.

Jason Mickley spoke in opposition to the vacation stating he and his wife purchased a vacant lot across Northshore Drive from the access upon knowledge from their realtor there was an open public access to the lake.

No one else appeared in opposition to the vacation.

Richard agreed with Snyder stating pier rights on this parcel fall under the jurisdiction of the DNR that states one can only place a pier if you are the property owner or have written permission from the property owner. Richard added APC has attempted to stay consistent representing the rights of the public to have access through public ways.

**IN THE MATTER OF TIME FRAME PROPERTIES, LLC/TREXLER VACATION –
TURKEY CREEK TOWNSHIP CONTINUED:**

President Brad Jackson clarified both Snyder and Richard concur that according to DNR regulations a pier will not be allowed without written permission from the property owner. Snyder expressed concern with allowing the public access to the lake stating this would allow a large number of the public to access the lake through this area. Snyder stated there are parks and public areas designed for the public to access the lake. Snyder added Mickley’s realtor should not have stated his property has lake access without proper research. Snyder reiterated vacation of this area does not interfere with the public’s access since public parks and access still exist and is supported by the Town of Syracuse.

Mickley requested clarification on the DNR pier regulations. Snyder responded the DNR states if five (5) or more people want to place a pier, then a group pier permit must be obtained through the DNR while adhering to the set-back regulations for a pier.

Ayotte added he purchased his home under the assumption he could obtain access to the lake through this area.

Snyder rebutted stating it is the obligation of the purchaser to research a parcel whether it has lake access in writing. Snyder also reiterated per President Jackson’s request that DNR regulations state a pier can only be placed by the property owner or with written permission from the property owner.

Commissioner Ron Truex suggested tabling the vacation for two (2) weeks.

MOTION: Ron Truex TO: Table vacation of platted roadway in
SECOND: Bob Conley Indian Hills Subdivision for two (2) weeks.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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Being no further business to come before the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned.

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
May 10, 2011**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on May 10, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Brad Jackson - President	Marsha McSherry – County Auditor
Bob Conley	Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Ron Truex - <i>Absent</i>	Mike Miner - County Attorney

The meeting was opened with the pledge and a word of prayer. Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF MICROVOTE CONTRACT:

County Clerk, Jason McSherry, presented a software license agreement between the County and MicroVote for the Commissioners’ signature. McSherry explained MicroVote is the company that handles the voting machine software and license agreements.

MOTION: Bob Conley TO: Approve contract between County and
SECOND: Brad Jackson MicroVote as presented.

AYES: 2 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF KABS 2009 DEOBLIGATION OF GRANT FUNDS:

KABS Director, Matt Boren, presented the Notification of Deobligation of Transit Grant Funds for the 2009 Capital Grant in the amount of \$37,347.13. Boren noted unexpended grant funds are returned to the State and Federal Governments.

MOTION: Bob Conley TO: Approve letter of Deobligation of Grant
SECOND: Brad Jackson Funds.

AYES: 2 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE ORDINANCE:

County Administrator, Ron Robinson, noted the State is increasing the mileage rate from 40 cents to 44 cents per mile as of May 1, 2011. Robinson added this Ordinance will mirror the State's mileage rate, per County policy.

MOTION:	Bob Conley	TO: Approve Ordinance changing the
SECOND:	Brad Jackson	mileage rate from 40 cents to 44 cents
AYES:	2	NAYS: 0
effective May 1, 2011.		
MOTION CARRIED		

ORDINANCE 11-05-01-001 Mileage Reimbursement Rate
As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF MaCOG AND STATE OF INDIANA FUNDING FOR WESTERN ROUTE PROJECT:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented agreements between the County and MaCog and the County and the State of Indiana. Robinson explained MaCog is contributing \$10,000.00 toward the aerial photography project as previously approved by the Commissioners. Robinson added County Attorney, Mike Miner, previously reviewed the agreements.

MOTION:	Bob Conley	TO: Approve agreements between County and
SECOND:	Brad Jackson	MaCog and the County and the State of
AYES:	2	NAYES: 0
Indiana as presented.		
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF RW ARMSTRONG & ASSOCIATES, INC CONTRACT AMENDMENT:

County Administrator, Ron Robinson, presented a contract amendment between the County and RW Armstrong & Associates, Inc. Robinson explained RW Armstrong & Associates, Inc is the engineering firm working on Phase 4 of the Western Route project. Robinson noted the amendment reduces the amount of the engineering costs by \$17,795.00.

MOTION:	Bob Conley	TO: Approve contract amendment between
SECOND:	Brad Jackson	County and RW Armstrong & Associates, Inc.
AYES:	2	NAYES: 0
as presented.		
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF LAKELAND REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT APPEALS BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated Lakeland Regional Sewer District must form an Appeals Board containing two (2) Commissioners with Commissioner Truex excluded since he is on the LRSD Board. Robinson added a representative will also be needed from the County Council excluding Council Member Bob Sanders also an LRSD board member.

MOTION:	Bob Conley	TO: Appoint Brad Jackson and Bob Conley
SECOND:	Brad Jackson	to serve on the Appeals Board of the LRSD.
AYES:	2	NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF SCHOOL FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT:

County Auditor, Marsha McSherry, presented the Annual Report of the Board of Commissioners of Kosciusko County to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. McSherry noted the report states \$195.44 in interest was collected from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011.

MOTION:	Bob Conley	TO: Accept the School Funds Annual Report
SECOND:	Brad Jackson	as presented.
AYES:	2	NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATES:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, presented the following updates to the Commissioners:

- ❖ At the next Commissioners' meeting Tilden will present two (2) speed limit ordinances: one (1) on County Road 225E and one (1) on CR 475E.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATES CONTINUED:

- ❖ Working on a five (5) year bridge program since there are several bridges in need of repair throughout the County. There are 107 bridges that are over a 20' span and over 400 (four hundred) with a span of 3' to 20'. Tilden stressed the importance of keeping the bridges safe throughout the County.
- ❖ Bridge 29 on Old Road 15, south of Milford should be completed by the end of May, 2011.
- ❖ KCHD will begin the paving and chip/seal program to cover approximately 15 miles of paving and 100 miles of chip/seal on county roads this spring/summer.

IN THE MATTER OF VETERANS AWARD PRESENTATION:

Commissioner Bob Conley stated the Commissioners would like to continue at the first meeting of every month to recognize a veteran in the County who has given of themselves in time and/or service to the military as well as the County.

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer introduced John H Anglin, Jr. stating he served in the Army National Guard from 1966-1972. Maron presented Anglin with a Certificate of Recognition and expressed gratitude for Anglin's years of service to the Country. Anglin thanked the Commissioners for the recognition.

IN THE MATTER OF TIME FRAME PROPERTIES, LLC/TREXLER VACATION – TURKEY CREEK TOWNSHIP:

County Surveyor, Richard Kemper, Area Plan Commission member, urged the Commissioners to support the 5-2 decision of APC to not vacate a portion of a platted public way in Indian Hills Subdivision on Syracuse Lake, Turkey Creek Township.

Steve Snyder, Petitioner's Attorney, appeared in favor of the vacation stating on April 26, 2011, the Commissioners requested the Petitioner and neighbors negotiate a solution to the public way access concerns. Snyder stated he and County Attorney, Mike Miner, agree pier rights on this parcel fall under the jurisdiction of the DNR that states a pier can only be placed if you are the property owner or have written permission from the property owner. Snyder added the land under the platted public way is owned by Petitioner who also has the riparian rights (the right to swim, fish, or place a pier) that extend into the water. Snyder stated negotiations halted when Petitioner did not give permission to place a pier off the platted public way.

Commissioner Bob Conley concurred with Snyder regarding Petitioner's riparian rights. Snyder added those riparian rights extend into the water and any public access ends at the water's edge not allowing the public to access Syracuse Lake from this platted public way.

No one else appeared in favor of the vacation.

Jack Birch, Attorney for Jason and Melanie Mickley, spoke in opposition to the vacation stating his clients would like to keep the platted public way open for access to sit and watch the fireworks or the sunrise/sunset. Birch agreed that his clients do not have riparian rights to place a pier on the property but believe his clients would have the right to sit on the platted public way and would like to access the water from the platted public way. Birch added the value of the surrounding properties increases with this platted public way.

President Brad Jackson clarified with Birch that he agreed with Snyder regarding the riparian rights and his client does not have a right to place a pier off of this platted public way.

Resident Jason Mickley spoke in opposition to the vacation stating the platted public way should not be vacated so he and his family can fish and swim from the platted public way.

Resident Jack Ayotte spoke in opposition to the vacation stating he did not buy his house believing it had access to the lake through the platted public way but would like the platted public way kept open to walk down to the water. Ayotte added he does not see a reason to vacate the platted public way.

Resident Ken Jones spoke in opposition to the vacation stating he spoke with four (4) to five (5) neighbors and they are all opposed to the vacation.

Kemper concurred with Birch adding Petitioner has riparian rights through the lot adjacent to the platted public way. Kemper then added the platted public way should remain open as public access to keep the integrity of the original plat and for the public trust.

No one else appeared in opposition to the vacation.

**IN THE MATTER OF TIME FRAME PROPERTIES, LLC/TREXLER VACATION –
TURKEY CREEK TOWNSHIP CONTINUED:**

Snyder rebutted stating the remonstrators wish to use the platted public way like a public park. Snyder added the purpose of a platted public way is to drive on and since the platted public way cannot be driven on, the remonstrators want to use it as a public area however a county road cannot be used as a public park. Snyder noted the Town of Syracuse maintains two (2) public parks where the public can access the lake. Snyder expressed concern regarding the unlimited number of people who could use the platted public way as a park to watch the fireworks or lake. Resident Don Stewart questioned why Petitioner would want to pay tax on the land when they use the land already and do not pay tax.

A recess was taken to allow all parties involved an opportunity to negotiate a compromise. Conley stated the parties have negotiated a solution to vacate the west 15’ (fifteen feet) of the 25’ (twenty-five foot) platted public way leaving a 10’ (ten foot) wide strip on the east side of the platted public way from Northshore Drive to the water’s edge.

MOTION:	Bob Conley	TO: Accept negotiated terms to vacate the		
SECOND:	Brad Jackson	west 15’ (fifteen feet) of the 25’ (twenty-five		
AYES:	2	NAYS:	0	foot) platted public way leaving a 10’ (ten
MOTION CARRIED		foot) wide strip on the east side of the platted		
		public way from Northshore Drive to the		
		water’s edge.		

Being no further business to come before the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned.

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
May 24, 2011**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on May 24, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Brad Jackson - President	Marsha McSherry – County Auditor
Bob Conley	Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Ron Truex	Mike Miner - County Attorney

The meeting was opened with the pledge and a word of prayer. Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF PERSONNEL POLICY AMENDMENT:

County Administrator, Ron Robinson, presented an amendment to the personnel policy handbook allowing firearms in employees’ vehicles. Robinson explained as of July 1, 2011 the State’s new changes will go into effect so the County must comply.

MOTION:	Ron Truex	TO: Approve personnel policy amendment as	
SECOND:	Bob Conley	presented.	
AYES:	3	NAYES:	0
UNANIMOUS			

IN THE MATTER OF JOHNSON CONTROLS PROPOSAL:

County Administrator, Ron Robinson, presented a proposal from Johnson Controls for a compressor unit for the Justice Building with a cost of \$36,778.00. Robinson noted the compressor is one (1) of two (2) units to cool the Justice Building and County Jail.

MOTION:	Ron Truex	TO: Approve proposal for compressor unit		
SECOND:	Bob Conley	from Johnson Controls for the Justice Building		
AYES:	3	NAYES:	0	as presented.
UNANIMOUS				

IN THE MATTER OF COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE:

County Administrator, Ron Robinson, presented a quote of \$9,315.00 from R & M Concrete to replace the east steps of the Courthouse. Robinson added the quote includes repairing the handicap entrance on the west side of the Courthouse.

President Brad Jackson suggested Robinson request R & M Concrete adjust their labor rate to defer the cost.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve proposal for steps and handicap entrance for Courthouse as presented.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF JOINT COMMISSIONER/COUNCIL MEETING:

County Administrator, Ron Robinson, stated Council would like to have a joint meeting with the Commissioners on Thursday, June 9, 2011 at 6:00p.m.

IN THE MATTER OF SPEED LIMIT POSTING ON COUNTY ROAD 475E – TIPPECANOE TOWNSHIP:

Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, presented an Ordinance to post the speed limit on County Road 475E south 1,670 feet from Armstrong Road. Tilden added the 30 mph speed limit was previously posted but there was not an Ordinance on file.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve Ordinance as presented.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 11-05-24-004

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF SPEED LIMIT POSTING ON COUNTY ROAD 225E – WAYNE TOWNSHIP:

Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, presented an Ordinance to post the speed limit on County Road 225E north from Pontiac Drive to CR 100N. Tilden explained the City of Warsaw regulates CR 225E from Pontiac Drive south to Old Road 30. Tilden added the 40 mph speed limit was previously posted but there was not an Ordinance on file.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve Ordinance as presented.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 11-05-24-003

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES:

Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, stated KCHD is reorganizing the administrative duties. Tilden suggested combining the duties of the drainage supervisor and road supervisor then changing the title to assistant superintendent. Tilden added one (1) position will be eliminated during the reorganization.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve administrative changes for KCHD as presented.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYES: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN COMMISSION AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE:

Matt Sandy, Area Plan Assistant Director, presented an Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance explaining this is a clarification of accessory structures within the Ordinance. Sandy explained the setback is clarified as “no closer than 25 feet” and also the definition of “building materials”. President Jackson questioned whether this amendment includes tents. Sandy explained the reference to tents and temporary structures still exists in another section of the Ordinance. Commissioner Ron Truex questioned the definition of front yard as stated in the amendment. Sandy responded “front yard” is defined by the Ordinance.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN COMMISSION AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE CONTINUED:

There was some discussion regarding the definition of front and back yard of a lake property. Truex requested a clarification from APC of the definition of the front and back yard of a lake property.

MOTION:	Ron Truex	TO: Accept Area Plan Commission	
SECOND:	Bob Conley	recommendations on Zoning Ordinance	
AYES:	3	NAYS: 0	amendments as presented with future
UNANIMOUS			clarification of the definition of front and back
			yard of a lake property.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN COMMISSION AMENDMENT ON JUNE 1, 2011:

Area Plan Assistant Director, Matt Sandy, stated on June 1, 2011 APC will hear an advertised ordinance amendment regarding height regulations within so many feet of an airport. Sandy expressed concern regarding cell towers and wind turbines placed near an airport and its runway(s). Sandy added the Ordinance will also address the three (3) lakes within the County that are registered landing areas for seaplanes.

IN THE MATTER OF DEED OF DEDICATION – FLAGSTONE TERRACE – WAYNE TOWNSHIP:

Bruce Woodward, County resident, stated a 5’ by 339’ parcel exists in Flagstone Terrace owned by Woodward Realty LP adding Area Plan previously vacated that parcel from the plat of Flagstone Terrace. Woodward presented a Deed of Dedication for that parcel to Kosciusko County to use in conjunction with the right-of-way Pink Magnolia Drive.

Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, stated KCHD concurs with the Deed of Dedication. Area Plan Assistant Director, Matt Sandy, added this parcel would aid in making the right-of-way closer to the County’s standard 50’ right-of-way.

Commissioner Ron Truex questioned combining this parcel with another parcel owned by Woodward Realty LP to the north. Woodward responded since this parcel is in Wayne Township and the parcel to the north is Winona Lake, the Town of Winona Lake does not approve.

MOTION:	Ron Truex	TO: Accept parcel through Deed of
SECOND:	Bob Conley	Dedication as presented.
AYES:	3	NAYS: 0
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Being no further business to come before the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
June 7, 2011

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on June 7, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Brad Jackson - President	Marsha McSherry – County Auditor
Bob Conley	Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Ron Truex	Mike Miner - County Attorney

The meeting was opened with the pledge and a word of prayer. Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Administrative Sergeant Chad Hill on behalf of Sheriff Rocky Goshert, informed Commissioners that the Sheriff’s Department purchased thirteen (13) bullet-proof vests. Sergeant Hill added one-half (½) of that cost was reimbursed by the State.

IN THE MATTER OF 2010 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT:

Emergency Management Director, Ed Rock, presented the 2010 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$44,665.60. Rock explained through the Grant, the State will reimburse one-half (½) of Rock's 2010 wages as well as Cathy Reed's 2010 wages.

MOTION: Ron Truex TO: Approve grant agreement in the amount
SECOND: Bob Conley of \$44,665.60 for 2010 wage reimbursement.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF VETERANS AWARD PRESENTATION:

Commissioner Bob Conley stated the Commissioners would like to continue at the first meeting of every month to recognize a veteran in the County who has given of themselves in time and/or service to the military as well as the County.

Conley then introduced Kerry Slater stating he served in the Army in Vietnam from 1971-1973. Conley presented Slater with a Certificate of Recognition and expressed gratitude for Slater's years of service to the Country. Slater thanked the Commissioners for the recognition.

IN THE MATTER OF NORTHERN INDIANA LAKES FESTIVAL PLANNING COMMITTEE PROCLAMATION:

Nathan Bosch, Kosciusko Lakes & Streams Director introduced Program Manager, Anna Burke, stating they are working on the Northern Indiana Lakes Festival. Bosch requested the Commissioners proclaim June 25 through July 4, 2011 as Lakes Appreciation Week with the Northern Indiana Lakes Festival kicking off the week on June 25, 2011.

MOTION: Ron Truex TO: Approve Proclamation to declare June 25
SECOND: Bob Conley through July 4, 2011 as Lakes Appreciation
AYES: 3 NAYES: 0 Week.

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF NON PROFIT 2012 BUDGET REQUESTS:

The following not-for-profit organizations appeared before the Commissioners to request funding for the 2012 budget year.

- ❖ 4-H Council – Tammy Wise introduced Angela Truitt-Petre on behalf of the 4-H Council requesting \$46,888 for 2012. Truitt-Petre explained while a majority of the funds are used for County Fair expenses, they are working to expand the 4-H program. Commissioner Ron Truex commended 4-H on their program and hard work. Wise and Truitt-Petre thanked the Commissioners for their continued support.
- ❖ Arrowhead RC & D – Darci Zolman on behalf of Stan Moore requested \$500 for 2012. Zolman noted Arrowhead provides programs to raise public environmental awareness within the County.
- ❖ Kosciusko Economic Development Corporation – George Robertson, Economic Director from Kosciusko Economic Development Corporation (KEDCo) thanked the County for its past support and County Administrator, Ron Robinson, for his help with their new office. Robertson stated his goal is to create the best economic development organization for the County. Robertson added one of their focuses is to meet with existing companies and help with any of their issues. Robertson then stated KEDCo is adding entrepreneurial and small business programs to assist new companies. Robertson noted two (2) important factors in attracting new companies: real estate (land or buildings) and workforce (providing skilled workers to new and existing companies). Commissioner Ron Truex expressed the importance of keeping the public informed of KEDCo's progress.
- ❖ Cardinal Services – Jane Wear, Cardinal Services, thanked the County for its past contributions to Cardinal Services and stated its request of \$103,704 for 2012. Wear asked for financial support for three (3) programs offered at Cardinal Services: Head Start (services children through age 5); Community Living Program (services adults with developmental and physical disabilities) and KABS (bus services provided throughout the County). Wear provided details into the Community Living Program and the obstacles it faces with decreased State funding.

IN THE MATTER OF NON PROFIT 2012 BUDGET REQUESTS CONTINUED:

- ❖ Home Health Care – Rick Paczkowski, Executive Director, thanked the County for its past support and requested \$42,750 for 2012. Paczkowski stated the requested funds are used to allow individuals to remain in their homes rather than be institutionalized. Paczkowski further stated there were 3,000 visits to clients with health care employees driving 40,000 miles to those visits. Paczkowski added his staff goes above and beyond to help their patients even with rising costs and decreased funding from the State.
- ❖ Historical Society – Jack Elam, Museum Director, introduced June Thomas, Treasurer, and requested \$24,000 for 2012. Thomas added the Historical Society has taken over the old County records containing old marriage licenses, divorces, etc. Thomas then stated they are working on the cemetery identification project. Thomas added the voicefilm project is costly and will be completed as funds become available. Elam noted the museum is seeing increased tours of children which are also vital to keeping the County’s history alive.
- ❖ Beaman Home – Tracie Hodson, Executive Director, thanked the County for its past support stating they are the emergency shelter for victims experiencing domestic violence. Hodson stated the staff are evaluating and reorganizing programs and marketing its outreach program (DOVE - Domestic Violence Education). Hodson then stated the shelter also started a Basic Needs Center as a donation drop-off center on US 30 east. Hodson noted the shelter is updating its services to include life skills training, self-defense classes, cooking, nutrition and self-sufficiency skills. Hodson added the shelter is open 24/7 however the Basic Needs Center is not so call first.
- ❖ Council for Aging – April Baxter, a representative for the Kosciusko Community Senior Activity Center, began by thanking the County for its past support and requested \$35,000 for 2012. Baxter stated the Council serves the County’s senior citizens with Mobile Meals, transportation to medical visits allowing them to remain at home and not be placed in a medical or health care facility, homemaker services and the Senior Activity Center.
- ❖ Animal Welfare League – Darla McCammon, AWL Executive Director, introduced Board President, Chris Harrison. McCammon stated the County provides approximately twenty percent (20%) of the shelter’s budget. McCammon requested \$64,775 for 2012 adding the AWL is always fundraising and raising awareness throughout the community. McCammon noted there has been an increase in animals in the shelter due to the economy; therefore, they have had to look for more innovative ways to get the animals adopted. Harrison added the AWL has been reorganized to include committees such as marketing, financial, adoption and fundraising. McCammon then added the AWL also helps people by working with the Beaman Home, YMCA and Boy/Girl Scout Troops.
- ❖ Bowen Center – Jay Baumgartner, Bowen Center CFO, requested \$515,690 the amount mandated by the State. Baumgartner explained the Center serves lower income families with 73% of clients served earning \$30,000 or less. Baumgartner noted one (1) of every fifteen (15) Kosciusko County residents receive services through Bowen Center with 81% funded by the government.

IN THE MATTER OF SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR REQUEST:

County Administrator, Ron Robinson, stated the IT Department budgeted for the updating and replacement of the computers and server in the Probation department in the amount of \$20,000 as part of the five year rotation plan and was requesting authorization to proceed with the upgrades.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve replacement of computers and server in the Probation department as requested.

IN THE MATTER OF NIPSCO CONTRACT:

County Administrator, Ron Robinson, presented a contract between the County and Nipsco explaining the Contract locks in the gas rate of \$4.25 per therm.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYES: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve contract between County and Nipsco as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY UPDATES:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, provided the Commissioners with the following updates:

- ❖ Beginning road program by paving County Road 175 E to CR 225 E
- ❖ Chip/seal program will begin in July through September
- ❖ Conclude paving from September through October
- ❖ Calcium Chloride application to gravel roads at intersections and by homes for safety purposes
- ❖ Working on MVH and Cum Bridge budgets
- ❖ Working on training program for new chip/seal equipment and asphalt spreader

Being no further business to come before the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 21, 2011

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on June 21, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN.

Those present were:

Brad Jackson - President
Bob Conley
Ron Truex

Marsha McSherry – County Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Mike Miner - County Attorney

The meeting was opened with the pledge and a word of prayer. Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF JUSTICE BUILDING PURCHASE:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, recommended purchasing and installing steel stairs allowing maintenance workers to access the roof of the Justice Building in a safe manner. Robinson added a quote was obtained from Warsaw Engineering and Fabricating, Inc. for a set of ninety-four (94) steel stairs in the amount of \$9,460.00. Robinson explained competitive bids were not obtained as this is a specialty item.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve purchase of steel stairs in the amount of \$9,460.00 as presented.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF 2012 COMMISSIONERS BUDGET:

County Administrator, Ron Robinson, presented the 2012 Commissioners budget stating there are no changes from the 2011 budget.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve 2012 Commissioners budget as presented.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF 2012 HOLIDAY AND MEETING SCHEDULE:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented the 2012 County calendar for the Commissioners approval, noting the calendar includes the same number of paid holidays as 2011. McSherry noted the only change is the first meeting date, January 1, 2013 falls on a holiday and an alternate day must be chosen.

Commissioner Ron Truex noted, due to the Commissioners' schedule conflicts, the January 1, 2013 meeting must be held on January 2, 2013 with payroll and claims approved at the previous meeting on December 18, 2012.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve 2012 calendar as presented.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY UPDATES:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, provided the Commissioners with the following updates:

- ❖ Began road program by paving Julian Dr. south of County Road 200 S, CR 75 N from CR 175 E to CR 225 E, CR 175 N – north of KCHD garage, Lozier Farm Road and CR 400 N between State Road 13 and CR 925E
- ❖ Chip/seal program will begin in July through September
- ❖ Awaiting delivery of new chip/seal equipment and asphalt distributor
- ❖ Initial mowing is almost complete, some areas have been mowed a second time due to excessive rain

IN THE MATTER OF BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY PROJECT:

Fred Helfrich, Kosciusko County Velo (KCV) Cycling Club member, provided background information and mission statement for KCV. Helfrich then highlighted its recent bicycle-friendly community seminar. Helfrich requested the Commissioners support KCV’s pursuit to obtain “Bicycle Friendly Status” for the City of Warsaw and Town of Winona Lake. Commissioner Ron Truex stated the Commissioners previously supported city projects however; no funding has been granted.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN COMMISSION AMENDMENT ON JUNE 1, 2011:

Area Plan Assistant Director, Matt Sandy, stated on June 1, 2011 the APC heard an advertised ordinance amendment regarding height regulations within so many feet of an airport. Sandy expressed concern regarding cell towers and wind turbines placed near an airport and its runway(s). Sandy noted the Ordinance also addresses the lakes within the County that are registered landing areas for seaplanes. Sandy added it was the unanimous recommendation of APC to approve the Ordinance amendment.

County Attorney, Mike Miner, expressed concern regarding the approach, transitional, horizontal and conical surfaces as defined in the amendment. Sandy responded the FAA defines the approach and landing areas/surfaces for both land and water and the County must adhere to those guidelines.

MOTION:	Ron Truex	TO: Accept the recommendation of APC
SECOND:	Bob Conley	approving the Ordinance amendment as
AYES:	3	NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS		

IN THE MATTER OF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING COUNTY SURVEYOR PURCHASE:

Commissioner Ron Truex proposed to the Commissioners’ a recommendation to County Council allowing County Surveyor Richard Kemper for an additional appropriation of \$25,000.00 from the Perpetuation Fund to the Vehicle Maintenance Fund. Truex explained Kemper’s vehicle is aged with many miles and needs replaced.

MOTION:	Ron Truex	TO: Recommend approval of an additional
SECOND:	Bob Conley	appropriation in the amount of \$25,000.00 to
AYES:	3	NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS		

Being no further business to come before the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
July 5, 2011

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on July 5, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Brad Jackson - President	Marsha McSherry – County Auditor
Bob Conley	Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Ron Truex	Mike Miner - County Attorney

The meeting was opened with the pledge and a word of prayer. Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF KABS UPDATE:

Matt Boren, KABS Director, provided an update to the Commissioners noting the State of Indiana discontinued funding the Public Mass Transportation Fund causing local transportation authorities to cover that deficit. Boren requested the Commissioners review and sign a Resolution supporting the enactment of legislation to authorize dedicated funding for mass transportation.

IN THE MATTER OF NORTHERN INDIANA LAKES FESTIVAL UPDATE:

Nathan Bosch, Kosciusko Lakes & Streams Director, provided an update to the Commissioners stating the third annual Northern Indiana Lakes Festival was well attended and supported by many local organizations and companies. Bosch noted the 2012 Festival will be June 9th in order to promote continued growth and not coincide with other local festivities.

IN THE MATTER OF CENTURYLINK CONTRACT:

County Administrator, Ron Robinson, stated Sergeant Chad Hill, Kosciusko County Sheriff's Department negotiated a contract between CenturyLink and the County for the use of their cell tower in Boggs Industrial Park. Robinson added the use of this tower should alleviate past issues for the Sheriff's department.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve contract between County and CenturyLink as presented.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF MUNSON FAMILY PURCHASE AGREEMENT:

County Administrator, Ron Robinson, presented a contract between the County and Munson Family to purchase three (3) properties. Robinson added the contract was approved by County Attorney, Mike Miner.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve contract between County and Munson Family as presented.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYES: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR REQUEST:

County Administrator, Ron Robinson, stated the IT Department budgeted to update and replace computers in the Courts in the amount of \$13,000.00, Sheriff's department and Dispatch in the amount of \$55,000.00 and a back-up system in the amount of \$31,000.00. Robinson added these upgrades are part of a five (5) year rotation plan and requested authorization to proceed with the upgrades.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve replacement of computers in the Courts, Sheriff's department and Dispatch and back-up system as requested.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF MAINTENANCE PROPOSAL:

County Administrator, Ron Robinson, presented a proposal in the amount of \$13,032.00 from Johnson Controls, Inc. for the installation of a water treatment system in the Justice Building to prevent corrosion. Robinson noted once installed, the maintenance department will be able to maintain the system without added cost.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve proposal from Johnson Controls, Inc. for water treatment system in the Justice Building as presented.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF USI CONSULTANTS, INC. ENGINEERING AGREEMENT:

Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, presented an Agreement for Engineering Services between the County and USI Consultants, Inc. for bridge repairs on bridges 616, 101 and 102. Tilden explained the 2010 bridge inspection showed low efficiency ratings for those bridges necessitating the repairs.

**IN THE MATTER OF USI CONSULTANTS, INC. ENGINEERING AGREEMENT
CONTINUED:**

Commissioner Bob Conley questioned whether the funds were in the Cum Bridge Fund. Tilden noted the funds exist in that Fund for the engineering on all three (3) bridges.

County Attorney, Mike Miner, approved the engineering agreement.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve Agreement between the County

SECOND: Ron Truex

and USI Consultants, Inc. for engineering on

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

bridges 616, 101 and 102 as presented.

UNANIMOUS

Being no further business to come before the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned.

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
July 19, 2011**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on July 19, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN.

Those present were:

Brad Jackson - President

Marsha McSherry – County Auditor

Bob Conley

Ron Robinson – County Administrator

Ron Truex

Mike Miner - County Attorney

The meeting was opened with the pledge and a word of prayer. Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF FEDERAL TRAFFIC GRANTS:

Sheriff Rocky Goshert presented three (3) Federal Traffic Grants for the Commissioners' signatures. Sheriff Goshert explained the Grants cover the overtime for the Fatal Alcohol Crash Team as well as extra patrols on US 30.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve Federal Grants as presented.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION PRESENTATION:

Sheriff Rocky Goshert stated on July 13, 2011 a vehicle-motorcycle accident occurred at the intersection of State Road 14 and County Farm Road in Silver Lake where both motorcyclists' legs were severed in the accident. Sheriff Goshert then stated Stephen Wilson witnessed the accident and applied tourniquets on both women's legs, saving them from bleeding to death. Sheriff Goshert presented Wilson with a Certificate of Appreciation from the County and the Sheriff's Department for his quick thinking and life-saving acts.

IN THE MATTER OF ERROR ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR COUNTY CLERK:

County Clerk, Jason McSherry, presented a Notice from the Indiana Election Division regarding a redistricting error in the County. McSherry added the Commissioners' signatures are needed to acknowledge the error in the election precincts and then the error must be corrected no later than January 1, 2012.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Acknowledge Notice of Error from

SECOND: Ron Truex

Indiana Election Division as presented.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF DRAINAGE BOARD ORDINANCE:

Commissioner Ron Truex stated the County Drainage Board voted to adopt an Ordinance to cover fees to assist with storm water nuisance complaints throughout the County.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Accept the recommendation of the

SECOND: Ron Truex

Drainage Board and adopt the Ordinance as

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

presented.

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF 2012 KABS OPERATING GRANT:

Matt Boren, KABS Director, presented the 2012 Operating Grant for the Commissioners' review and signature. Boren stated the ARRA Grants are no longer available adding the amounts requested are \$321,086 in Federal funds and \$94,502 in State funds.

MOTION: Ron Truex TO: Approve 2012 Operating Grant as
SECOND: Bob Conley presented.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF WARSAW COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE:

Kathy Stutzman, Community Relations Assistant, stated September is Library Card Sign-up Month and WCPL provides teaching resources, free access to DVDs, music, eBooks, internet and other services to promote reading. Stutzman requested the support of the Commissioners for residents obtaining a library card and using the WCPL.

The Commissioners provided their support of WCPL in their Library Card Sign-up campaign.

IN THE MATTER OF SUNGARD PUBLIC SECTOR, INC. CONTRACT:

County Administrator, Ron Robinson, presented a contract between the County and SunGard Public Sector, Inc. for updated computer software used by the Sheriff, Warsaw Police Department, and outlying Town Marshalls. Robinson noted with the addition of the new software, all calls will go through Dispatch. Robinson requested a transfer of \$410,000 from Inmates & Institutions to Contractual Services.

MOTION: Bob Conley TO: Approve transfer of \$410,000 from
SECOND: Ron Truex Inmates & Institutions to Contractual Services
AYES: 3 NAYES: 0 as presented.

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF WESTERN ROUTE UPDATE:

County Administrator, Ron Robinson, stated Phend & Brown was awarded the contract for Phase II of the Western Route from Fox Farm Road to Walnut Creek Bridge. Robinson added their estimate was lower than the engineering estimate.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY UPDATE:

Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, presented an update to the Commissioners stating the chip/seal program is progressing. Tilden added the new equipment is in service and allows the KCHD to chip/seal faster and more efficiently.

IN THE MATTER OF GRACE COLLEGE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT:

Jon Yeh representing Grace College stated a grant opportunity exists from the Federal Department of Transportation stating the grant is for buses and a bus maintenance facility for Grace College. Yeh added the purpose of the grant is to serve the transportation needs of Grace College and required the County to act as the pass-through agency for the grant funds.

President Brad Jackson questioned whether those buses would be available for use by Emergency Management. Yeh responded those transportation needs will be met if the need arises.

MOTION: Ron Truex TO: Approve the County to act as the pass-
SECOND: Bob Conley through for the Federal Department of
AYES: 3 NAYES: 0 Transportation grant as presented.

UNANIMOUS

Being no further business to come before the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 2, 2011

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on August 2, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN.

Those present were:

Brad Jackson - President
Bob Conley
Ron Truex

Marsha McSherry – County Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Mike Miner - County Attorney

The meeting was opened with the pledge and a word of prayer. Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF DISTRICT II FIRE GRANT:

John Grolich, District II Chair and Coordinator, presented the Regional Public Safety Grant for the Commissioners' signatures. Grolich explained the County Auditor acts as the fiscal agent for the Grant with no cost to the County. Grolich added the term of the Contract is now two (2) years.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve County Auditor to act as fiscal agent for the Regional Public Safety Grant as presented.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF AT&T ACQUISITION LETTER:

County Administrator, Ron Robinson, stated AT&T contacted him requesting a letter supporting AT&T's acquisition of T-Mobile. Robinson presented a letter for the Commissioners' signatures stating there are no negative effects in supporting the acquisition.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Sign support letter as presented.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYES: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF IFN AGREEMENT:

County Administrator, Ron Robinson, presented an Agreement between the County and Indiana Fiber Network (IFN) for the Commissioners' review and signature. Robinson explained the Agreement is for a new internet connection and will save the County \$400 per month.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve Agreement with IFN as presented.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF GOVPRO AGREEMENT:

County Administrator, Ron Robinson, presented an Agreement between the County and GovPro for the Commissioners' review and signature. Robinson explained GovPro is a group of cities, towns and school corporations throughout Indiana that have joined together to increase their buying power.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Join GovPro Association as presented.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY UPDATE:

Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, presented an update to the Commissioners stating the chip/seal program is progressing. Tilden noted the new equipment is in service and allows the KCHD to chip/seal faster and more efficiently. Tilden added KCHD is also currently fixing a drainage issue in Atwood.

Being no further business to come before the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 16, 2011

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on August 16, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Brad Jackson - President
Bob Conley
Ron Truex

Marsha McSherry – County Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Mike Miner - County Attorney

The meeting was opened with the pledge and a word of prayer. Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF KABS 2011 QUARTERLY REPORT:

KABS Director, Matt Boren, presented the Quarterly Operating Financial Statement and the Indiana Department of Transportation Contract Invoice-Voucher for 2011 second quarter for signature. Boren explained KABS is accumulating Federal and State funds to maintain services when expenses increase and Federal and State funding decrease. Boren expressed concern with eliminating services and routes if funding continues to decrease.

The Commissioners commended Boren for the foresight to conserve funding.

MOTION:	Ron Truex	TO: Approve Quarterly Operating Financial
SECOND:	Bob Conley	Statement and the Indiana Department of
AYES: 3	NAYES: 0	Transportation Contract Invoice-Voucher for
UNANIMOUS		2011 second quarter as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ON OLD STATE ROAD 15 and ARMSTRONG ROAD – PLAIN TOWNSHIP:

Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, presented a request to reduce and post the speed limit to 30 mph on Old State Road 15, starting at the Leesburg Corporate limits to a point 1,200 feet south of Armstrong Road and also on Armstrong Road, starting at Old State Road 15 going east 1,300 feet. Tilden explained this reduction in speed limit is due to the creation of a school speed limit zone around Leesburg Elementary School.

MOTION:	Bob Conley	TO: Accept recommendation of KCHD to
SECOND:	Ron Truex	reduce the speed limit to 30 mph on the
AYES: 3	NAYS: 0	portion of Old State Road 15 and Armstrong
UNANIMOUS		Road as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-08-16-002 Speed Limit

As recorded in of the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ON COUNTY ROAD 200W – CLAY TOWNSHIP:

Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, presented a request to reduce and post the speed limit to 25 mph on County Road 200W, starting at CR 700S going north 900 feet. Tilden explained this reduction in speed limit is due to the creation of a school speed limit zone around Claypool Elementary School. Tilden added due to the close proximity of the sidewalk on CR 200W, he recommends the 25 mph speed limit.

MOTION:	Bob Conley	TO: Accept recommendation of KCHD to
SECOND:	Ron Truex	reduce the speed limit to 25 mph on the
AYES: 3	NAYS: 0	portion of County Road 200W as presented.
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ORDINANCE NO. 11-08-16-001 Speed Limit

As recorded in of the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY UPDATE:

Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, presented an update to the Commissioners stating the chip/seal program is progressing. Tilden noted the new equipment is in service and allows the KCHD to chip/seal faster and more efficiently. Tilden added paving will continue through October.

Being no further business to come before the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 30, 2011

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on August 30, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN.

Those present were:

Brad Jackson - President
Bob Conley
Ron Truex

Marsha McSherry – County Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Mike Miner - County Attorney

The meeting was opened with the pledge and a word of prayer. Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INTERN INTRODUCTION:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, introduced Rebecca Keyes as an Emergency Management intern. Rock explained Keyes is a criminal justice major at Grace College who is interested in emergency management. The Commissioners welcomed Keyes.

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERPRISE RENTAL AND CREATIVE BENEFITS SOLUTIONS BUILDING LEASES:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented a lease between the County and Enterprise Rental and a lease between the County and Creative Benefits Solutions. Robinson explained the leases are for 215 N Lake Street, Warsaw and the north half of 205 N Lake Street, Warsaw, respectively.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve lease with Enterprise Rental

SECOND: Bob Conley

and lease with Creative Benefits Solutions as

AYES: 2 NAYS: 1

presented.

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF SPENDING ALLOTMENT APPROVAL:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, requested permission to spend up to \$25,000 to renovate a building. Robinson explained the majority of the renovations will be completed by the maintenance staff to reduce costs.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Allow Robinson to spend up to \$25,000

SECOND: Bob Conley

on the renovations of a building.

AYES: 2 NAYS: 1

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF WESTERN ROUTE UPDATE:

County Administrator, Ron Robinson, stated on September 6, 2011, bridge 94 on Old Road 30, west of the roundabout project, will be closed for thirty (30) days. Robinson noted an additional lane will be installed to allow access to the residences and businesses between the bridge and the roundabout project.

Robinson expressed concern regarding motorists who are driving on private property and around barricades to avoid the closed portions of Fox Farm Road and Old Road 30. Robinson added the County Sheriff will patrol the area to prevent any further incidents.

Joe Fragomeni from American Structurepoint, Inc. echoed Robinson's concern for the workers as well as property owners within the roundabout worksite. Fragomeni suggested using the media to ensure the public is aware of the detour(s) and subsequent road closings.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY UPDATE:

Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, presented an update to the Commissioners stating the chip/seal program is almost complete. Tilden added the new asphalt distributor is in service and allows the KCHD to apply asphalt faster and more efficiently.

IN THE MATTER OF BONTRAGER VACATION – TURKEY CREEK TOWNSHIP:

Matt Sandy, Area Plan Assistant Director, presented a vacation request from Brandon Bontrager to vacate a platted cul-de-sac at the end of EMS D18A1 Lane on the south side of Dewart Lake, Blueberry Island Fourth Addition, Turkey Creek Township. Sandy stated a platted cul-de-sac exists at the end of EMS D18A1 Lane but was never improved and used as a public road. Sandy added EMS D18A1 Lane is not County maintained nor is the platted cul-de-sac. Sandy stated it was the unanimous recommendation of APC to approve the vacation.

**IN THE MATTER OF BONTRAGER VACATION – TURKEY CREEK TOWNSHIP
CONTINUED:**

Steve Snyder, Petitioner's Attorney, added Petitioner will petition the Department of Natural Resources to widen the ditch to create a channel to Dewart Lake. Snyder further stated the ditch is completely on Petitioner's property thereby any widening would not impede another property. No one else appeared in favor of the vacation.

No one appeared in opposition to the vacation.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Accept the recommendation of APC to approve the vacation of platted cul-de-sac at the end of EMS D18A1 Lane as presented.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 11-08-30-001V

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

Being no further business to come before the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned.

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
September 13, 2011**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on September 13, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Brad Jackson - President
Bob Conley
Ron Truex

Marsha McSherry – County Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Mike Miner - County Attorney

The meeting was opened with the pledge and a word of prayer. Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT II FIRE GRANT:

County Auditor, Marsha McSherry, presented an amendment to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Public Safety Grant. McSherry explained the amendment updates the website reference for the IDHS comprehensive training and exercise guidance.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve amendment to IDHS grant as presented.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER'S DEED:

Mike Miner, County Attorney, presented a Commissioner's Deed regarding the Menard's property in the City of Warsaw. Miner added he reviewed the Deed and recommends its approval.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve signing Commissioner's Deed as presented.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

**IN THE MATTER OF MUNICIPAL CAPITAL CORPORATION PURCHASE
AGREEMENTS:**

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, presented two (2) purchase agreements between the County and Municipal Capital Corporation for the Commissioners' signatures. Tilden explained the agreements are to finance the remaining cost of the asphalt spreader and truck not covered in the 2011 budget. Tilden added the amounts in the agreements have been added to the KCHD 2012 budget.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve Purchase Agreements as presented.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY ANNUAL BIDS:

Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, informed the Commissioners a date was needed for the opening of the annual bids for the highway materials for 2012. Tilden recommended November 7, 2011 at 9:15a.m. for the bid opening.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Set 2012 bid opening date for November 7, 2011 at 9:15a.m. for County Highway materials.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY UPDATE:

Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, presented an update to the Commissioners stating the chip/seal program is almost complete. Tilden added when paving is completed, their goal of 100 miles will be met.

Commissioner Ron Truex gave accolades to Tilden and his staff for their hard work on the road improvement program this spring and summer.

Being no further business to come before the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS September 27, 2011

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on September 27, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN.

Those present were:

Brad Jackson - President

Bob Conley

Ron Truex

Marsha McSherry – County Auditor

Ron Robinson – County Administrator

Mike Miner - County Attorney

The meeting was opened with the pledge and a word of prayer. Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING VOTING PRECINCTS:

County Clerk, Jason McSherry, presented an Ordinance Establishing Precincts stating the Indiana Election Division ordered the County to split certain voting precincts, creating new ones based on population growth.

Commissioner Ron Truex expressed concern whether this would mandate additional polling locations. McSherry responded additional research will be conducted to discover whether the existing polling locations will be adequate.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve Ordinance Establishing Precincts as presented.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 2011090908 Misc

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IN THE MATTER OF ORTHOWORX MEMBERSHIP REQUEST:

David Floyd from OrthoWorx came before the Commissioners to request the County become a member of OrthoWorx, placing a Commissioner on the Board and also paying membership dues of \$10,000.00. Floyd expressed OrthoWorx' mission is for Warsaw and Kosciusko County to remain and grow as the Orthopedic Capital of the World. Floyd added 43% of the employed in the County work in the orthopedic industry. Floyd explained OrthoWorx is set-up like a not-for-profit chamber of commerce where some initiatives they may pursue may not be funded by the grant from the Lilly Endowment. Floyd added membership dues are collected from members to provide working capital for applications not allowed by the laws governing not-for-profit agencies like OrthoWorx, such as economic development and appealing the medical device tax. Floyd stated six (6) initiatives followed by OrthoWorx are: K-12 education, talent and workforce development, innovation and entrepreneurship, branding and awareness, community enhancement and transportation and logistics.

IN THE MATTER OF ORTHOWORX MEMBERSHIP REQUEST CONTINUED:

Commissioner Ron Truex questioned how OrthoWorx compliments or works with the Kosciusko Economic Development Corporation (KEDCo). Floyd responded OrthoWorx can be used as a resource for KEDCo when faced with economic development specific to the orthopedic industry.

Commissioner Bob Conley then questioned using taxpayer dollars to pay membership dues when OrthoWorx was given a grant by the Lilly Endowment. Floyd responded the laws governing not-for-profits limit the use of the grant funds but those same limits do not apply to membership dues. Truex added the membership dues are an investment to support 43% of the County working in the orthopedic industry. Floyd then added membership dues will aid in advancing the taxpayers' interest by increasing community support thereby increasing the opportunity for OrthoWorx and the County to obtain additional grant funds.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Review where to obtain the funds for membership dues and bring the additional appropriation before Council for their approval.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY WEBSITE UPDATE:

County Auditor, Marsha McSherry, stated the County website is updated and available. McSherry invited the Commissioners and the public to review the changes that have been in the works for the past nine (9) months.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY UPDATE:

Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, presented an update to the Commissioners stating the chip/seal program is complete. Tilden added paving will be complete when the weather permits. Commissioner Ron Truex commended Tilden and his staff for their quick response time when an issue is presented to the Commissioners.

IN THE MATTER OF MATCHETT VACATION – TIPPECANOE TOWNSHIP:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, presented a vacation request from Jay and Mary Ann Matchett to vacate a portion of a platted public way in Russell's Park on Shelter Bay on Lake Tippecanoe, Tippecanoe Township. Richard noted the 25' platted public way runs along the south end of lot 5 to the water's edge. Richard stated no remonstrance was received at the Area Plan hearing. Richard stated a compromise was reached at the APC hearing however since then the Commissioners received a remonstrance and Richard recommended bringing the matter back to APC for further discussion.

Steve Snyder, Petitioner's Attorney, appeared in favor of the vacation stating every lot within Russell's Park, Russell's Park First and Second Addition have a designated area to moor a boat providing lake access. Snyder stated Petitioners' intent is to combine their three (3) lots to be usable according to current zoning standards also allowing adequate space for a septic system. Snyder then stated another purpose in combining the lots is to reduce the density of the area down to one (1) lot and one (1) house instead of the potential for three (3) houses on the three (3) lots. Snyder added since owning these three (3) parcels, Petitioners cleared the brush and maintained the 25' platted public way also improving it with a seawall. Snyder then added a park area exists across the channel for the benefit of all lot owners within the three (3) subdivisions.

Petitioner Jay Matchett spoke in favor of the vacation stating according to his knowledge, no one uses the 25' platted public way in question, although he is not a year-round resident. Commissioner Bob Conley questioned Petitioner whether anyone uses the easement to the east of his property to fish or has ever asked permission to fish from that area. Matchett responded people walk in front of the lots along the channel however no one specifically asked for permission for any activity in that area.

No one else appeared in favor of the vacation.

Resident Jack Keller spoke in opposition to the vacation stating all common areas and access areas should remain open. Keller stated as a year-round resident he has seen the area used by ice fishermen.

Resident Jerry Eisaman spoke in opposition to the vacation reiterating all common areas and access areas should remain open. Eisaman stated he fishes and parks within the platted public way and has also seen ice fishermen use the area to reach the ice on the channel.

Snyder added per Indiana Code, there is no question the Petitioner owns the land under the platted public way. Snyder reiterated Petitioners' intent is to increase the size of the lot to meet zoning requirements and adhere to setbacks in order to build a house and install septic.

**IN THE MATTER OF MATCHETT VACATION – TIPPECANOE TOWNSHIP
CONTINUED:**

Discussion ensued between all parties regarding options on the width of a platted public way versus an easement.

No one else appeared in opposition to the vacation.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept compromise to vacate the existing platted public way and relocate the platted public way to the north 15' (fifteen feet) of lot 5 also making the platted public way 10' (ten feet) along the channel

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Snyder added he will draft a new Ordinance and Deed of Dedication to accomplish the above motion.

**IN THE MATTER OF KINGFISHER PROPERTIES, LLP REZONING REQUEST –
TURKEY CREEK TOWNSHIP:**

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, presented a rezoning request from Kingfisher Properties, LLP to rezone 2.18 acres from Residential to Agricultural in Turkey Creek Township. Richard explained the property is on the east side of Pine Road at the end of Smith Drive with surrounding properties zoned residential. Richard then stated it was the unanimous recommendation of APC to approve the rezoning from residential to agricultural with the stipulation if the property is not developed with storage condominiums then it will revert back to residential.

Steve Snyder, Petitioner's Attorney, appeared in favor of the rezoning request concurring with Richard.

No one else appeared in favor of the rezoning.

No one appeared in opposition to the rezoning.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the recommendation of APC to allow the rezoning request of the 2.18 acre tract from residential to agricultural in Turkey Creek Township as presented with the stipulation if the property is not developed with storage condominiums then it will revert back to residential.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-09-27-001 Kingfisher Rezoning

As recorded in of the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

Being no further business to come before the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned.

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
October 11, 2011**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on October 11, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Brad Jackson - President

Bob Conley

Ron Truex

Marsha McSherry – County Auditor

Ron Robinson – County Administrator

Mike Miner - County Attorney

The meeting was opened with the pledge and a word of prayer. Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF VETERANS AWARD PRESENTATION:

Commissioner Bob Conley stated the Commissioners would like to continue at the first meeting of every month the practice of recognizing a veteran in the County who has given of themselves in time and/or service to the military as well as the County.

IN THE MATTER OF VETERANS AWARD PRESENTATION CONTINUED:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer stated there are many veterans who deserve recognition, who never receive the gratitude of their fellow citizens. Maron introduced William Hasse stating he received many service awards from the military for his service in the Army. Maron then presented Hasse with a Certificate of Recognition and expressed his gratitude for Hasse's years of service to the Country. Hasse thanked the community for the support and recognition.

IN THE MATTER OF AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT RESOLUTIONS:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented two (2) Resolutions with the first adopting the Americans with Disabilities Act Guidelines for the County and the second Resolution appointing the County Administrator as the ADA coordinator to abide by the ADA procedures.

MOTION: Ron Truex TO: Approve Resolutions as presented.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION NOS. 11-10-11-003 and 11-10-11-004

Resolution recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF NOT-FOR-PROFIT AGREEMENTS:

County Auditor, Marsha McSherry, presented the not-for-profit agreements stating the Commissioners' acceptance and signatures are needed.

MOTION: Bob Conley TO: Accept Not-For-Profit Agreements as presented.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF STOP SIGN POSTING AT COUNTRY HAVEN DRIVE AND SANDPOINT DRIVE – TURKEY CREEK TOWNSHIP:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, presented an Ordinance to post a stop sign on the northeast corner of Country Haven Drive and Sandpoint Drive in Turkey Creek Township. Tilden added the stop sign was previously in place but an Ordinance was not on file.

MOTION: Ron Truex TO: Approve Ordinance as presented.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 11-10-11-002 Stop Sign

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IN THE MATTER OF NO PARKING SIGN POSTING AT BRIDGE #106 ON COUNTY ROAD 125N – ETNA TOWNSHIP:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, presented an Ordinance to post a no parking sign on County Road 125N, west of CR 875W, 300' in each direction from bridge #106 in Etna Township. Tilden added there have been some issues with parking on the road and safety has become an issue.

MOTION: Ron Truex TO: Approve Ordinance as presented.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 11-10-11-001 No Parking

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IN THE MATTER OF ACCOLADES:

Commissioner Bob Conley gave accolades to Tilden stating he received calls from residents approving of the striping of the county roads in the southern portion of the County.

IN THE MATTER OF MATCHETT VACATION – TIPPECANOE TOWNSHIP:

County Auditor, Marsha McSherry, presented the Ordinance previously approved by the Commissioners at their September 27, 2011 meeting, for the Commissioners' signatures.

MOTION: Bob Conley TO: Approve Ordinance as presented.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 11-09-27-001 Matchett Vacation

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

Being no further business to come before the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS October 25, 2011

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on October 25, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN.

Those present were:

Brad Jackson - President

Bob Conley

Ron Truex

Marsha McSherry – County Auditor

Ron Robinson – County Administrator

Mike Miner - County Attorney

The meeting was opened with the pledge and a word of prayer. Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF KABS UPDATE:

Matt Boren, KABS Director stated KABS completed a compliance review by INDOT. Boren added the results were favorable and there were no major issues.

IN THE MATTER OF KABS QUARTERLY REPORT:

Matt Boren, KABS Director presented the INDOT Contract-Invoice Voucher for 2011 third quarter for the Commissioners' signatures. Boren stated the amounts to be requested and approved are \$91,181 in Federal funds and \$19,800 in State funds.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve 2011 third quarter voucher as presented.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF 2012 KABS OPERATING GRANT:

Matt Boren, KABS Director, presented the 2012 Operating Grant for the Commissioners' review and signatures.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve 2012 Operating Grant as presented.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF GIS DATA EXCHANGE AGREEMENT:

County Administrator, Ron Robinson for GIS Director Bill Holder, presented the GIS Data Exchange Agreement between Kosciusko and Wabash County for the Commissioners' signatures. Robinson added a similar agreement is also in effect with Noble County to share GIS data.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve GIS Data Exchange Agreement as presented.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYES: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENT TO SRI AGREEMENT:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented the First Amendment to SRI Services Master Agreement for the Commissioners' signatures. McSherry explained the Amendment maintains legislative compliance with regard to the E-Verify program.

MOTION: Bob Conley TO: Approve First Amendment to SRI
SECOND: Ron Truex Services Master Agreement as presented.
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ON COUNTY ROAD 200E – VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP:

Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, presented an Ordinance to reduce and post the speed limit as 35 mph on County Road 200E, starting at CR 900N going north 1500 feet. Tilden explained this reduction in speed limit is due to the installation of a crosswalk across CR 200E. Tilden further explained the crosswalk and speed reduction became imperative for the safety of the Maple Leaf Farms employees crossing CR 200E.

MOTION: Ron Truex TO: Accept recommendation of KCHD to
SECOND: Bob Conley reduce the speed limit to 35 mph on the
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 portion of County Road 200E as presented.
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ORDINANCE NO. 11-10-25-001 Speed
As recorded in of the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

Being no further business to come before the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
November 7, 2011

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on November 7, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Brad Jackson - President
Bob Conley
Ron Truex

Marsha McSherry – County Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator

The meeting was opened with the pledge and a word of prayer. Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF TAX CERTIFICATE SALE RESOLUTION:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented a Resolution establishing the intent of the Commissioners to conduct a tax certificate sale. McSherry explained the sale will be conducted on-line for all properties that were delinquent in property taxes and not sold at tax sale.

MOTION: Bob Conley TO: Approve Resolution as presented.
SECOND: Ron Truex
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION NO. 11-11-07-001
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IN THE MATTER OF SRI TAX SALE CONTRACT ADDENDUM:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented an Addendum to the Contract from SRI Services stating this allows for the tax certificate sale to be conducted on-line for the delinquent properties not sold at tax sale.

MOTION: Bob Conley TO: Approve SRI Contract Addendum as
SECOND: Ron Truex presented.
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF EXTENSION CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT:

Joan Younce, County Extension Director, presented the annual Extension Contractual Services Agreement to the Commissioners for signature.

MOTION: Ron Truex TO: Approve Extension Contractual Services
SECOND: Bob Conley Agreement as presented.
AYES: 3 NAYES: 0
UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF REPLACEMENT VEHICLE REQUEST FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, stated the 2011 Highway budget includes \$45,000 to replace existing vehicles. Tilden then stated the existing vehicles are in disrepair making any repairs costly to the County. Tilden obtained bids from four (4) local dealers and recommended accepting the following bids:

- ❖ Warsaw GMC – 2012 ¾ ton 4 wheel drive pick-up with trade for \$24,109
- ❖ Kerlin Ford – 2011 ¾ ton 2 wheel drive pick-up with trade for \$19,595

MOTION: Bob Conley TO: Accept recommendation of KCHD to
SECOND: Ron Truex replace vehicles as requested.
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY UPDATE:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, stated KCHD contracted with the State of Indiana for a cheaper bulk rate for the salt in the salt/sand mix applied to roads in the winter.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY ANNUAL BIDS:

Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, opened the annual bids for the Highway Department for 2012. Bids were received from the following vendors:

- ❖ Robert McCullough - Gravel
- ❖ Jerry Bailey Trucking - Limestone
- ❖ Dalton – Weed Spray
- ❖ North Central Co-op – Diesel Fuel
- ❖ Asphalt Materials – Liquid Bituminous Materials
- ❖ R.L. McCoy – Bridge Packages
- ❖ G&G Excavating – Limestone & Gravel
- ❖ Great Lakes Chloride – Dust Control
- ❖ Pierceton Trucking – Liquid Bituminous Materials
- ❖ West Plains Mining - Limestone
- ❖ Brooks Construction - Asphalt
- ❖ Elkhart County Gravel - Gravel
- ❖ IMI - Limestone
- ❖ James A Drew Corporation – Guard rails
- ❖ Ro-Cal Inc – Signs & Posts
- ❖ Niblock - Asphalt
- ❖ Niblock – Plant Rental
- ❖ Niblock – Asphalt delivered
- ❖ Bellman Oil – Diesel Fuel
- ❖ Rock Industries - Limestone
- ❖ Zimmerman-Newcomer Gravel Co. - Gravel
- ❖ St. Regis – Culverts/pipe
- ❖ Hanson Aggregate - Limestone
- ❖ Phend & Brown – Sand & Gravel
- ❖ Phend & Brown – Asphalt
- ❖ Phend & Brown – Plant Rental
- ❖ Phend & Brown – Asphalt delivered
- ❖ Speedway Sand & Gravel - Gravel
- ❖ PrimeCo – Bridge decks
- ❖ Debco – Culverts/pipe
- ❖ American Timber Bridge – Treat timber bridge
- ❖ Petroleum Traders – Diesel Fuel
- ❖ Metal Culverts Inc – Culvert pipe

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY ANNUAL BIDS CONTINUED:

It was noted these bids are open ended for the year and the County can choose to use any, all or none of the bids and they will be available for inspection at the Highway Department. Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, will make a recommendation to the Commissioners at their meeting on November 22, 2011.

Being no further business to come before the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned.

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
November 22, 2011**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on November 22, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Brad Jackson - President
Bob Conley
Ron Truex

Marsha McSherry – County Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator

The meeting was opened with the pledge and a word of prayer. Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT UNSAFE BUILDING ORDINANCE:

Bruce Hammer, Environmental Scientist and County Attorney, Mike Miner, presented an Ordinance adopting the Unsafe Building Law from the Indiana Code. Miner added the Ordinance allows the County Health Department to recover the cost of repairing or removing indigent buildings as part of its function in protecting the public health and safety.

MOTION: Ron Truex TO: Approve Ordinance as presented and to
SECOND: Bob Conley work with Council to acquire the funding for
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 2012.
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ORDINANCE NO. 11-11-22-001

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF RESTITUTION CASE:

County Attorney, Mike Miner, stated restitution was paid out on a court case and due to an error, compensation was paid to the first plaintiff and none to the second plaintiff. Miner added, in the past, the County paid the restitution although they are not legally obligated to do so. Commissioner Bob Conley approved of the County paying the restitution as the morally right thing to do.

MOTION: Bob Conley TO: Approve paying restitution to second
SECOND: Ron Truex plaintiff as presented.
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
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IN THE MATTER OF AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT RESOLUTION:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented a Resolution appointing the County Administrator as the ADA coordinator to abide by the ADA procedures. Robinson explained the first Resolution filed was returned as it needed the name, address and telephone number of the County Administrator.

MOTION: Ron Truex TO: Approve Resolution as presented.
SECOND: Bob Conley
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
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RESOLUTION NOS. 11-10-11-003

Resolution recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF HVAC CONTRACT:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented the HVAC contract for annual maintenance between the County and Johnson Controls in the amount of \$39,956.00.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve HVAC Contract with Johnson Controls as presented.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF BODKIN ABSTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENT:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented a Service Agreement between the County and Bodkin Abstract for the Commissioners' signatures. Robinson explained Bodkin allows County employees to park in their parking lot in exchange for the County providing snow removal. The Commissioners agreed safety is an issue since snow cannot pile up on the corner blocking a driver's view.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve Service Agreement with Bodkin Abstract as presented.

SECOND: Bob Coley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY 2012 ANNUAL BID

RECOMMENDATION:

Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, presented the 2012 annual bid recommendation for bids opened at the November 7, 2011 meeting. Tilden recommended accepting all bids.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Accept Highway Department bid recommendations for 2012 as presented.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY GRANT FROM INDOT:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, stated the Highway Department received a grant in the amount of \$29,384.88 from INDOT. Tilden explained the funds are from the railroad crossing fund and are to be used to improve and maintain safety throughout the County. Tilden requested County Attorney, Mike Miner, review the grant and make his recommendation.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY UPDATE:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, stated KCHD received the new pick-up trucks previously approved by the Commissioners.

IN THE MATTER OF DUTCHTOWN RESTORATION, LLC VACATION – SEWARD TOWNSHIP:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, presented a vacation request from Petitioner, Dutchtown Restoration, LLC to vacate a portion of a platted roadway in the Roy Hohman Subdivision on Yellow Creek Lake in Seward Township. Richard added other portions of the platted roadway were previously vacated. Richard stated it was the unanimous recommendation of APC to approve the vacation with a stipulation to rededicate the existing roadway.

Rick Helm, Petitioner's Attorney, reiterated information provided by Richard stating a Deed of Dedication will follow.

Commissioner Ron Truex suggested contacting the remaining property owners to sign a Deed of Dedication for the remainder of the platted roadway. Richard and Helm agreed with Truex stating the owners have been contacted however they cannot force the property owners to comply.

No one else appeared in favor of the vacation.

No one appeared in opposition to the vacation.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Accept the recommendation of APC to approve the vacation of a portion of a platted roadway in the Roy Hohman Subdivision on Yellow Creek Lake in Seward Township as presented.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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ORDINANCE NO. 11-11-22-002 Dutchtown Vacation

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF WESTERN ROUTE UPDATE:

Commissioner Ron Truex stated the Old Road 30 and Fox Farm Road roundabout is open and to please support the local businesses effected during construction.

Being no further business to come before the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned.

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
December 6, 2011**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on December 6, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W Center St, Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Brad Jackson - President
Bob Conley
Ron Truex

Marsha McSherry – County Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Mike Miner – County Attorney

The meeting was opened with the pledge and a word of prayer. Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT LEASE AMENDMENT:

Bob Weaver, Health Department Director, presented a Lease Amendment between the Health Department and the Kosciusko Health Services Pavilion, Inc. (K21). Weaver explained the Amendment extends the term for an additional five (5) years in exchange, K21 will subsidize an additional three (3) years of rent. Weaver noted the Amendment was reviewed and approved by County Attorney, Mike Miner, adding he recommends accepting the offer as it will be a cost savings to the County.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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TO: Accept recommendation of the Health Department Director to extend the lease with Kosciusko Health Services Pavilion, Inc. for five (5) years with an additional three (3) years subsidized by K21.

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, requested County residents keep their house number clearly marked at the road. Rock added this allows emergency response agencies to locate your home in the case of an emergency.

Rock then requested the media remind the public that with the recent snow and rain, flooding issues exist and sand bags are available at the North Webster Community Center and the County Highway Garage.

IN THE MATTER OF 2011 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT:

Emergency Management Director, Ed Rock, presented the 2011 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$3,623.18. Rock explained the funds are obtained through a score card based on the County's preparedness during an emergency.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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TO: Approve grant agreement in the amount of \$3,623.18 as presented.

Commissioner Ron Truex commended Rock, County Sheriff's Department and County Highway Department on their ability to keep County residents informed and safe during the recent inclement weather.

IN THE MATTER OF INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WARSAW:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented an Inter-Local Agreement between the County and the City of Warsaw allowing the City to keep monies received from parking tickets in exchange for patrolling the Old Jail & Munson Building parking lots.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Continue to allow the City of Warsaw to

SECOND: Bob Conley

keep money from parking tickets issued in

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

Old Jail and Munson building parking lots, in

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exchange for patrolling county lots.

IN THE MATTER OF TERMINAL SERVICES DATA INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENTS:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented Inter-local Agreements between the County and Warsaw, Claypool, Mentone, Milford, North Webster, Pierceton, Silver Lake, Syracuse and Winona Lake for the Commissioners' signatures. McSherry explained these Agreements allow other law enforcement municipalities to access the County and State data with mobile air cards.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve Inter-local Agreements as

SECOND: Ron Truex

presented.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF 2012 INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH SOLID WASTE DISTRICT:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented an Inter-local Agreement between the County and Solid Waste District. McSherry explained the Agreement allows the County Auditor to serve as Controller of the Solid Waste District for 2012.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the Inter-local Agreement

SECOND: Bob Conley

between the County and Solid Waste District

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

for County Auditor to serve as Controller as

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presented.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY ACCOLADES:

Commissioner Ron Truex gave accolades to the Highway Department for their hard work and dedication during the recent inclement weather.

Commissioner Bob Conley shared a letter he received from a County resident praising the Highway Department for their hard work with snow removal in their area.

IN THE MATTER OF SPEED LIMIT POSTINGS ON CESSNA ROAD, BELL DRIVE, BOEING ROAD and RAINBOW DRIVE – PLAIN TOWNSHIP:

Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, presented an Ordinance to post the speed limit on the following roads:

❖ Cessna Road – from County Road 200N to Bell Drive shall be 35 mph.

❖ Bell Drive – from Cessna Road to Rainbow Drive shall be 35 mph.

❖ Boeing Road – from CR 200N to CR 250N shall be 35 mph.

❖ Rainbow Drive from CR 250N to Bell Drive shall be 35 mph.

Tilden stated KCHD Engineering Department performed a traffic speed study and found that 35 mph is an appropriate and safe speed for those roads. Tilden added the speed limit was not previously posted so State guidelines would be in effect making those areas 30 mph however the traffic study proved 35 mph was appropriate.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve Ordinance as presented.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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ORDINANCE NO. 11-12-06-002 Speed

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IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY GRANT FROM INDOT:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, stated the Highway Department received a grant in the amount of \$29,384.88 from INDOT. Tilden explained the funds are from the railroad crossing fund and are to be used to improve and maintain safety at railroad crossings throughout the County. Tilden added County Attorney, Mike Miner, reviewed the grant and found everything in order.

MOTION:	Ron Truex	TO: Approve Grant from INDOT as
SECOND:	Bob Conley	presented.
AYES:	3	NAYS: 0
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IN THE MATTER OF KEDCo INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated the Kosciusko Economic Development Corporation received a grant from the State for infrastructure for a business in the northern portion of the County. Robinson added KEDCo is requesting the County Auditor serve as the pass-through agency for the funds.

MOTION:	Bob Conley	TO: Approve County Auditor to serve as
SECOND:	Ron Truex	pass-through agency for grant funds for
AYES:	2	NAYS: 0; 1 <i>Abstain</i>
KEDCo as presented.		
MOTION CARRIED		

Being no further business to come before the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
December 20, 2011

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on December 20, 2011 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Brad Jackson - President	Mike Miner – County Attorney
Bob Conley	Marsha McSherry – Auditor
Ron Truex	Ron Robinson, County Administrator

The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer. Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS:

The Commissioners considered the following appointments:

Alcohol Beverage Commission	Gordon Vanator
Area Plan Director	Dan Richard
Area Plan Board	Bob Conley
Area Plan Board	Kevin McSherry
Board of Health – Med. Director	Dr. William Remington
Board of Zoning Appeals	Lee Harman
	Charlie Haffner
County Administrator	Ron Robinson
County Attorney	Mike Miner
County Highway Superintendent	Scott Tilden
CVB Commission	Katelyn Blanchard (2 years)
Drainage Board	Ron Truex
	James Scott
Economic Development (Feb)	Wes Stouder
GIS	Bill Holder
Homeland Security/LEP	Ed Rock
KEDCo	Ron Truex

IN THE MATTER OF ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS CONTINUED:

Lakeland Regional Sewer District	Ron Truex
	Bob Weaver (3 yr – 4/18/12)

Library – Mentone (Bell)	Michael DeWald (1 yr – 4/18/12)
	Dick Webb
	Cal Jackson
OrthoWorx	Brad Jackson
PTABOA	Phil Beer
	Gerald “Jake” Bitner
	Gary Salyer
Public Defenders Board	John Hall
	Alan Alderfer
	Steve Harris
Redevelopment Commission	Max Courtney
	Bruce Woodward
	Henry DeJulia
	Dan Robinson (School Board)
St. Joe River Basin	John Roberts
System Administrator	Bob Momeyer
Veteran Officer	Rich Maron
Wage Committee	Brad Jackson
Weights & Measures	Larry Marnier
WCDC	Bob Conley

MOTION: Ron Truex
SECOND: Bob Conley
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
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TO: Approve all appointments presented for up to one (1) year unless otherwise stated.

IN THE MATTER OF MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated he obtained quotes for a skid loader for heavy lifting and to plow snow in an amount just under \$34,000.00. Robinson added he was unable to find a used skid loader however the company brought one for the maintenance department to demo before purchasing.

MOTION: Ron Truex
SECOND: Bob Conley
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
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TO: Allow Robinson to purchase skid loader as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF 2011 INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH KCCRVC:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented an Inter-local Agreement between the County and KCCRVC. McSherry explained the Agreement allows the County Auditor to serve as Controller of the KCCRVC for 2012. McSherry added Council approved the Agreement at their December 8, 2011 meeting.

MOTION: Bob Conley
SECOND: Ron Truex
AYES: 3 NAYES: 0
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TO: Approve the Inter-local Agreement between the County and KCCRVC for County Auditor to serve as Controller as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF 2012 COUNTY ATTORNEY CONTRACT:

County Auditor, Marsha McSherry, presented the 2012 County Attorney Contract to the Commissioners for signature. McSherry noted the Contract is identical to the 2011 Contract except for a 2% increase making the total salary \$23,990.00.

MOTION: Ron Truex
SECOND: Bob Conley
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
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TO: Approve 2012 County Attorney Contract as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF TOWN OF SYRACUSE ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, presented a two (2) year Road Maintenance Agreement between the County and the Town of Syracuse for the Commissioners approval. Tilden added the Agreement is identical to the previous Agreement and extends the Agreement through December 20, 2014.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve Road Maintenance Agreement

SECOND: Ron Truex

as presented.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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AGREEMENT NO. 2011121221

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ON OLD ROAD 30 WEST – WAYNE AND HARRISON TOWNSHIPS:

Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden, presented an Ordinance to repeal the 40 mph speed limit on Old Road 30 west from the Warsaw city limits to 1,000 feet west of Meadow Lane. Tilden added the Ordinance will also reduce the speed limit to 35 mph on Old Road 30 west from the Warsaw city limits to Leiter Drive. Tilden then added the speed limit is being reduced due to the design of the roundabout.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve Ordinance as presented.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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ORDINANCE NO. 11-12-20-002Speed

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IN THE MATTER OF YIELD SIGN POSTING AT ROUNDABOUT AT WEST LAKE STREET AND FOX FARM ROAD – WAYNE TOWNSHIP:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, presented an Ordinance to repeal the stop sign at West Lake Street (Old Road 30 West) and Fox Farm Road and place yield signs on the north, east and west entrances of the roundabout.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve Ordinance as presented.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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ORDINANCE NO. 11-12-20-001-Yield

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF USI CONSULTANTS, INC. SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, presented a Supplemental Agreement between the County and USI Consultants, Inc. for the Commissioners' review and signature. Tilden explained the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) now requires an asbestos survey for each structure or bridge before construction. Tilden added this Agreement adds the asbestos survey to the original Agreement in the amount of \$900 per structure/bridge. The Commissioners questioned the reasoning for the asbestos survey on the structures/bridges. The engineers from USI Consultants responded due to the age of the structures, there is no way to know whether asbestos is present. The engineers added the survey protects the County from liability if asbestos is found. The engineer clarified additional costs beyond the \$900 per structure will only be charged if asbestos is found and proper disposal methods are required. Tilden added the surveys are mandated by the State to obtain the permit to repair the structures/bridges.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the Supplemental Agreement

SECOND: Bob Conley

between the County and USI Consultants, Inc.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

as presented.

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IN THE MATTER OF STATE ROAD 15 CLAYPOOL OVERPASS DETOUR:

Commissioner Bob Conley stated in February, 2012, INDOT will close the State Road 15 overpass in Claypool for approximately six (6) months for renovations. Conley added INDOT will place signage for the official detour through state highways.

**IN THE MATTER OF STATE ROAD 15 CLAYPOOL OVERPASS DETOUR
CONTINUED:**

Commissioner Ron Truex questioned whether detours will be posted on county roads. Highway Superintendent Scott Tilden responded KCHD will research the unofficial detours on county roads and present those to the Commissioners for their approval.

Truex then inquired whether INDOT provides funding to repair county roads used for unofficial detours while the state highway is closed. Conley responded photographs of county roads can be taken before and after construction, and then presented to INDOT for consideration.

Sheriff Rocky Goshert expressed concern regarding semi trucks carrying oversize loads attempting to maneuver the unofficial detours on the county roads. Tilden responded extra signage will be placed on the county roads to warn trucks of raised railroad crossings and narrow roads in the unofficial detour.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPDATE:

Commissioner Ron Truex questioned the number of closed roads due to flooding from the recent rain and snow. Highway Superintendent Scott Tilden responded five (5) county roads are closed however KCHD is working to open those roads as soon as possible.

Being no further business to come before the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned.