

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 14, 2014

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on January 14, 2014 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
Ron Truex
Bob Conley

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 ELECTION OF 2014 OFFICERS:

President Ron Truex called for nominations for 2014 officers.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Nominate Brad Jackson for President for 2014.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0; *1 Abstain*

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Nominate Bob Conley for Vice-President for 2014.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0; *1 Abstain*

MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF VETERAN OF THE MONTH – TOM JACKSON:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, stated the recipient of the Veteran's award for the month of January was Tom Jackson. Maron began by stating Jackson joined the Navy in 1956. Jackson was sent to machine repair school after boot camp in California. Jackson's permanent station was aboard the USS Johnston. Jackson traveled to the Arctic Circle, Mediterranean Sea, Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico. Jackson had several duties aboard the ship which included the following: overlooked the machine shop, air conditioning and refrigeration, and all auxiliary machinery, steering machinery and steam heat. Most of his time aboard the USS Johnston was spent in the waters of the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea. Jackson's ship was stationed there in readiness to defend the Suez Canal during the Suez crisis. Maron stated it was his honor along with the Commissioners to present Jackson with the Veteran's award for the month of January for his service to his community and country.

IN THE MATTER OF 4th QUARTER EMERGENCY MANGEMENT REPORT:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, presented the Commissioners with the 2013 4th quarter Emergency Management report. Rock stated the report is for the Advisory Council which is meeting on Wednesday, January 15th.

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2014 JANUARY ARCTIC BLAST:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, stated Kosciusko County did qualify for a one day snowfall event. The county had a record setting one day snowfall of 14.3 inches of snow. Rock stated that if a Disaster Declaration is achieved by the State of Indiana then Kosciusko County can obtain assistance. Rock submitted a report to the Commissioners that show the amounts of damage reported by the different jurisdictions. Rock stated that Kosciusko County has met the threshold that was set by the state. The Threshold for Kosciusko County is calculated by the county's population (77,358) multiplied by \$3.50. The grand total for our county is \$270,753. The threshold for the State of Indiana is calculated by the population (6,483,802) multiplied by \$1.39 for a grand total of \$9,012,485. Rock stated there have been thirty-two (32) counties that have qualified as record or near record one day snowfall. Rock feels that once all thirty-two (32) counties complete their reports and get them filed the state should be close to meeting their threshold of \$9.1M and a Disaster Declaration will be filed. Rock stated that once this Disaster Declaration is declared then Kosciusko County will then receive FEMA assistance. Rock did advise the Commissioner's that there are additional reports to be filed to increase the total cost for our county.

IN THE MATTER EXTENTION FOR LONG VACATION HEARING:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated the Long Vacation that was originally scheduled for February 18, 2014 will be moved to February 25, 2014 @ 9:15 a.m. Miner will confirm with the other attorney's involved if a notice of continuation needs to be filed with the press.

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTANCE FOR COUNTY MAINTENANCE:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented an invoice from USI Consultants in the amount of \$24,000. The invoice is for the 100 E project.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the submission of the invoice
in the amount of \$24,000 from the Trupointe
bond.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHSPEED RAIL PROJECT:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, requested permission to send \$10,000 to the City of Fort Wayne for the high speed rail project that is to run through Kosciusko County. Joe Thallemer, Mayor, stated he was approached to help raise funds for the Tier 1 environmental study survey. Thallemer stated KEDCO, Grace College and the Town of Warsaw are all on board with the study. Thallemer followed up by stating the Town of Winona Lake, Grace College, Orthoworx and various other entities are under consideration to raise the \$70,000 that has been requested. Thallemer stated that Plymouth, Valparaiso and Gary are all being asked to raise funds. The Town of Fort Wayne has already committed \$200,000 plus \$100,000 from Allen County. The total cost for the project is \$2M which will be shared between the state of Indiana and Ohio. Thallemer stated the Tier 1 study is a very important step in getting this project moving in the right direction. The idea is to use the existing info-structure and upgrade where needed. Thallemer and the Commissioners all feel very confident that the high speed rail project will be a huge benefit to the county and the impact could be overwhelming to our current companies and potential companies coming to our county.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the donation to the Town of
Fort Wayne in the amount of \$10,000 for the
High Speed Rail Project.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

The Commissioners thanked our public service workers for their hard work and dedication during the recent snow storm.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
January 28, 2014**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on January 28, 2014 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
Ron Truex - Absent
Bob Conley

Marsha McSherry – Auditor
Ron Robinson, County Administrator
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 THE ARTIC BLAST:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, stated Kosciusko County had a total of \$453,758 dollars reported in damages. The threshold was \$270,000, which the counties total was well above this threshold.

Rock also stated Kosciusko County is still under a travel watch due to the road conditions and wind chill.

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, presented an Emergency Management Performance Grant that is in addition to the fifty (50) percent funding that is given back to the county. This grant is discretionary funding to be used for promotional materials to educate the public. Total amount of the grant is \$5,179.77.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the additional funding for the
Emergency Management Performance Grant
in the amount of \$5,179.77.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF 2014 BOARD OF FINANCE:

Sue Ann Mitchell, Treasurer, presented the 2014 Board of Finance Organization and Investment Policy. Mitchell stated the first order of business is to select a President and Secretary. The Secretary will be the Treasurer, Sue Ann Mitchell and Ron Truex volunteered to be President. Mitchell presented the Commissioners with the financials showing the amount of interest that was taken in for 2013. Mitchell stated the county received \$75,284.89 in interest and this amount is much less than what she would like to see. Mitchell stated she has the money invested in multiple banks to keep the money diversified so it is not all in one bank. Mitchell advised the Commissioners that she will research other options to invest the monies in which may pay a higher interest rate, such as CD's. Brad Jackson questioned if there were other avenues we could take to invest the money in. Mitchell stated they are held to specific guidelines on what they are allowed to invest the money. Mitchell stated there is a law in the legislation this year that would allow a wider range of investments to be allowed.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the written report of the 2013
investments and investment policy presented
by Treasurer, Sue Ann Mitchell.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING WARRANTS:

Sue Ann Mitchell, Treasurer, presented a list of all warrants drawn upon public funds that are outstanding and unpaid for a period of two (2) or more years as of the last day of December each year. The total of all checks is \$20,490.80. Mitchell stated the outstanding checks will be voided by the Auditor's office and the Treasurer's office would then take them out as outstanding checks. The total amount is for all the outstanding checks from 2009 to 2011.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the Auditor's office and
Treasurer's to clear the outstanding checks
from 2009-2011 in the amount of \$20,490.80
from the system.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COLLECTION OF TAXES:

Sue Ann Mitchell, Treasurer, presented to the Commissioner's a spreadsheet showing the collections of taxes from 2007 pay 2008 through 2012 pay 2013. Mitchell stated they collected seventy-eight (78) percent of what was billed, but there was still approximately \$7M of taxes left uncollected for the year. Mitchell stated they have taken several steps to collect these taxes, such as sending out courtesy letters, mobile home letters and demand letters in an effort to collect the money owed. Mitchell stated the major issue is with collecting taxes on mobile homes. The money collected from a single mobile home is not high, but there are so many of them that the collection process takes longer and requires a great deal of time and effort.

IN THE MATTER OF ANNUAL HOME SHOW:

Sue Ann Mitchell, Treasurer, requested permission from the Commissioner's to attend the annual home show on March 7, 8 & 9. The cost is \$150 per booth space. The Treasurer's office has participated in this event for the past several years and would like to continue.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the request for a booth at the
Annual Home Show.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX:

Sue Ann Mitchell, Treasurer, stated she is the North East Vice President for the Association of Indiana Counties (AIC). Mitchell stated there would be over \$10M dollars in lost revenue if the business personal property tax is eliminated. Mitchell went on to say that approximately \$7M could be recouped through personal property tax and some additional revenue through the income tax. The AIC is asking that each county consider signing a resolution that would indicate they would prefer the state replace and not erase those property taxes. Mitchell also stated the county would have no incentives to offer businesses who are interested in locating to the county. Brad Jackson stated he would like to reword the letter, but did agree with the motion a letter should be sent.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approval to send a letter to the State Representatives and State Senators in reference to the opposition of eliminating the business personal property tax.

IN THE MATTER OF KABS 4TH QUARTER CLAIM:

Kevin Planck, General Manager, presented the KABS 4th Quarter claim voucher for approval. Planck stated they did 48,000 rides for year and of those rides 13,000 were county rides and 1,000 were medical related rides. Planck stated they were down for one day due to the weather, but has been up and running throughout the arctic blast.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the 4th Quarter claim voucher for KABS.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR REZONING – PETITIONERS EDWARD & DEBORAH BOYTS:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, presented a recommendation from Area Plan with a unanimous decision to allow the rezoning for the petitioners Edward and Deborah Boyts from Agricultural to Agricultural 2 District. The real estate location is 029-105-001.D on South side 8 Square Road, 1200 feet east 175 E in the Chapman Lake area.

Scott Reust, Attorney, stated the Boyts would like to build a barn like storage building on the property being discussed. Reust stated the Boyts have no intention of ever putting a residence on this property and they will be attaching this lot with their current lake lot in order to combine the lots. The combining of these lots will not allow the lots to be sold separately.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Rezoning for Petitioners Edward & Deborah Boyts from Agricultural to Agricultural 2 District.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-01-28-001 Rezoning (2014010875)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF ARTIC BLAST – KUDOS:

Bob Conley, Commissioner, read an email he received from the Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation thanking the crew of the county highway for the wonderful job they have done in keeping the roads cleared during the arctic blast storm we recently encountered.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
February 11, 2014**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on February 11, 2014 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
Ron Truex
Bob Conley

Marsha McSherry – Auditor
Ron Robinson, County Administrator
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 FEBRUARY VETERAN OF THE MONTH:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, stated the recipient of the Veteran's award for the month of February is James Marshall. Maron began by thanking Marshall for his term served and what an honor it is to recognize him as this month's Veteran. Marshall served in the US Army from 1994 to 2007 and is one of the youngest Veteran's that has received this recognition. Marshall was promoted to Sargent and his battalion was called to active duty to begin preparation for overseas deployment. The battalion was deployed to Kuwait for a possible military attack in Iraq. Marshall and his division were sent into Iraq for operation Iraqi Freedom. Maron stated that Marshall was deployed various other places within the states during the final three years of his service. Maron presented Marshall with a plaque in honor of his service and dedication to his country. Marshall thanked Maron and the Commissioners for the recognition and kind words. Marshall also gave thanks to the county for making it a priority to recognize not only him, but fellow Veterans.

IN THE MATTER OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, presented a continuation of a grant that already exists. The grant is for an additional \$50,000 for an administrative assistant for the district. Rock stated there is currently a grant in place that pays this position and this additional funding allows the grant to continue.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the continuation of the

Homeland Security Grant for the additional
funding of \$50,000 for the administrative
assistant position.

IN THE MATTER OF TIPPECANOE RIVER PROJECT:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, stated he does not have an update on the Tippecanoe River project. Rock stated he doesn't feel much has been done due to the weather condition we have been facing. Rock will follow up on this and possibly have an update at the next Commissioners meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF ARCTIC BLAST STORM:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, stated FEMA is meeting in Indianapolis to look at the cost of the Arctic Blast and confirm the total costs submitted. Rock stated he is hopeful we will start seeing funding to reimburse jurisdictions that were hit by the storm.

IN THE MATTER OF MACOG APPOINTMENT FOR THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented a letter from MACOG appointing Max Courtney and Mark Dobson to the Regional Economic Development Board. Robinson stated that both of these individuals have been contacted and are willing to serve on the board again.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the letter from MACOG

appointing Max Courtney and Mark Dobson
to the Regional Economic Development
Board.

IN THE MATTER OF TRACTOR QUOTES:

Ron Truex suggested that he and Ron Robinson review the bids together and make a collaborative decision on the purchase of tractors. Bob Conley made a motion to accept the suggestion by Truex.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

TO: Approve the decision to allow Ron Truex
and Ron Robinson the ability to review and

UNANIMOUS

purchase the tractors they feel is the best fit for the county.

IN THE MATTER OF ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN KOSCIUSKO COUNTY HIGHWAY AND CITY OF WARSAW:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, presented a Road Maintenance Agreement between the Kosciusko County Highway and the City of Warsaw. Tilden stated this agreement is up for a three year renewal. Tilden reviewed it and states there are no changes to the existing agreement. Tilden's recommendation is to accept the agreement as presented.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Road Maintenance Agreement between the Kosciusko County Highway and the City of Warsaw as presented.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
February 25, 2014**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on February 25, 2014 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
Ron Truex
Bob Conley

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 FARM BUREAU – BOB BISHOP:

Bob Bishop, President, of Kosciusko County Farm Bureau came before the Commissioners to introduce himself and the Farm Bureau. Bishop stressed the importance of the Commissioners and the Farm Bureau working together on any agricultural projects or issues that might arise within the county. Bishop distributed a pocket guide that gave some facts about the American Farmers of today. The Commissioners thanked Bishop for attending the meeting and welcomed the invitation to work together.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPOINTMENT – WES STOUDER:

Brad Jackson, President, requested the Commissioners approve the appointment of Wes Stouder for another term to the Economic Development Commission.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the appointment of Wes Stouder to the Economic Development Commission for another term.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, requested approval to obtain four (4) quotes to purchase three (3) new $\frac{3}{4}$ ton pickup trucks. Tilden stated one truck is twenty (20) years old and the other two are seventeen (17) years old. Tilden stated he will bring the quotes to the March 11th meeting for review. The Commissioners agreed to allow Tilden to obtain the quotes.

IN THE MATTER OF VACATION OF PUBLIC WAY – WILLIAM & BEVERLY LONG:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners with a recommendation on a request to vacate a public ways on a petition filed by William and Beverly Long. The public ways are located in Prairie Township, just off the west side of Hoffman Lake. The parcel of land is located within a Plat of Lakeview Park at Hoffman Lake. The Lots included at Lots 1-8 and Lots 14-21 and the property known as 7638 West 300 North. The Area Plan Commission voted unanimously 5-2-1 to not allow the vacation and keep them as public ways.

Christopher Walter, Attorney, for William and Beverly Long, came before the Commission to speak in favor of the vacation. Walters started by referencing the “stub” street that leads into the Long’s campground. The Longs have been using this piece of land as their driveway and now an entrance for their business for over fifty (50) years. Walters explained how the Longs have made improvements and maintained the land in question during this entire time. The Longs improvements have included landscaping, fencing, concrete and dirt. A concern was raised at the public hearing by a resident that a Warsaw Community School bus uses the public way as a turnaround. Walters stated his clients have listened to those concerns and are proposing that part of the Ordinance, if allowed, have the proper language stating the Warsaw Community School System could always use that as a turnaround or an easement could be recorded for the Warsaw Community School. Walters stated the other area in the vacation is down on the lakeshore. Walters clients have agreed to come in 15 feet off the south line of the lakeshore to the property line, running a line then north of the shoreline about 41 feet leaving a pie shape area along the shoreline available for access. Walters stated the 66 feet of shoreline that is in question will give the public 41 feet of the shoreline and giving his clients approximately 25 feet. Walters then stated this would allow his clients to maintain the Lot and trailer where it is currently located and giving the public access. Walters stated his clients would like to propose the following conditions that they would be willing to do if the vacation is approved. The first proposal from his clients would be to install, at their cost, a chain link fence roughly 5-6 feet tall with a vinyl coated top rail for a cost of approximately \$6,700. Additionally they would agree to meet with the Area Plan Commission and County Highway Department to ensure they are meeting all the required guidelines. His clients would also pay to have an updated survey completed for the current boundaries. They would agree to not allow any permanent access from Lots 1 to the vacated area into their campground off of CR 300 and they would agree to remove all of the obstructions they have placed from the north side of CR 300 by May 30th. They would also agree to meet with the Highway Department to install “no parking” signs along the north edge of CR 300 to alleviate any congestion or safety concerns. They would agree in the south area of the shoreline they would not install any campground related piers so it would stay clear for the public. They have also asked that the County Assessor determine the liability that has existed for non-payment of those taxes from those vacated areas that they thought they owed for the past 40 plus years and would pay that to the County Assessor’s Office if the vacation goes through. Walters stated they understand that this proposal is not perfect for anyone, but they feel it is a reasonable compromise in an attempt to bring some harmony to this particular neighborhood. Walters asked the Commissioners to note that no legal proceedings have ever been placed against the Long’s prior to the one filed in 2013.

Michael Long, son of the owner for Hoffman Lake, came before the Commissioners to give a brief overview of the family history for Hoffman Lake. Long started by stating his great grandfather was the original owner of the property back in 1916. Long stated it is unfortunate that the disagreements between them and the residents could not be resolved. Long is hopeful that the proposed compromise will bring some sort of resolution to this issue.

Richard Helm, Attorney for the residents of the Hoffman subdivision, came before the Commission in opposition of the vacation. Helm stated the Longs own 36 plus acres of land and the campground occupies the southern part of this with a lot of space to the north with lakeshore that is not occupied. Helm stated the problem is the Longs do not own the “turnaround” area that is in question. The Plat is from 1927 and back then lines were the only thing placed on the Plat. Helm stated the Case Law says when you place lines in a Plat and they are all hooked up it means they are to be treated as streets. These streets are dedicated for use by the owners in the sub-division or the public. Helm stated that once there was a dispute on this issue the Longs filed a petition in the courts to declare they owned by Adverse Possession. Helm stated this is not possible as the law states you cannot be granted Adverse Possession to a Public Way. The

Longs filed suit and Helm's clients had to defend it as the Longs refused to dismiss the lawsuit. Helms stated that during the Area Plan Commission meeting the Long's attorney stated they could not win the Adverse Possession petition. Helm and his clients feel that since the Longs could not win the Adverse Possession filing they are now attempting an end-run by asking for a vacation proceeding. Helm stated the original developers/plat proprietors, instead of listing restrictions on the recorded plat, the restrictions were placed in various first deeds of lots from a plat. The restrictions were all different for the lots within a plat. The reasons for a remonstrance is the vacation would hinder the use of a public way by the neighborhood in which it is located, another reason is the vacation would make access difficult or inconvenient and hinder the public's access. Helm states if the vacation is allowed then the owners of Lots 10 & 12 would have issues with their access to something that is rightfully theirs. Helm continued by stating just because the County has not chosen to pave the northeast corner of the Plat as a turnaround does not alter its intended purpose or possible future purpose. Helm stated that his clients do want to come to some sort of compromise and strive for harmony.

Jason Heffner, resident, came before the Commissioners in opposition to the vacation. Heffner stated the Longs have 2,000 feet of lakeshore frontage that does not have any trailers on it. Heffner also stated there has been conflict with the Longs for many years with various individuals. Heffner expressed disappointment that the Longs did not want to do either of the compromises that they brought before them. One compromise was to split the parcel in question which would still allow enough access to drop off a pier or boat.

Michael Chew, resident, came before the Commissioners in opposition to the vacation. Chew stated they are the homeowners that started this whole issue. Chew stated they purchased a home for easy access to the lake. Chew commented on the numerous times his wife was run off the property and the verbal harassment she was exposed to. He stated he doesn't feel there is any form of compromise that will work for any party involved. Chew does not feel the vacation should be approved.

Walters ended by stating his clients feel that the compromise they presented will be best for everyone involved. They understand that the compromise is not perfect, but it is a compromise. The Longs would like to see harmony in the end for all parties.

Bob Conley, Commissioner, stated the Commissioners have come to a recommendation based on the deliberation and the evidence that was presented. Conley stated there are several things that were taken into consideration before making their decision. The motion was made to vacate the public way based on the following recommendations that were presented by the Longs. Conley listed the recommendations as follows: there is to be 7 feet from the trailer to CR 300 North to the water's edge to the North in addition to the other stipulations the Longs have offered. Conley went on to state the stipulations included paying the taxes for the forty-four (44) years, assists the County Highway with the "no parking" signs along CR 300 and to clean that entire area up for better access and safety, updated survey and the installation of the fence. Conley also made a motion to vacate the drive to the north that Mr. Helm suggested would not be a problem to do.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 2 ABSTAIN: 1

UNANIMOUS – Ron Truex Abstained

TO: Approve the vacation for William & Beverly Long with the recommendations that were made by the Longs.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
March 11, 2014

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on March 11, 2014 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	County Attorney
Ron Truex	Marsha McSherry – Auditor
Bob Conley	Ron Robinson, County Administrator

Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF VETERAN OF THE MONTH – RONALD GATES:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, stated the recipient of the Veteran’s award for the month of March is Ronald Gates. Maron stated that Gates took basic training in Ft Campbell Kentucky in October of 1967. In 1968 Gates was sent to Vietnam and was a heavy equipment operator. Maron stated Gates wasn’t in the line of duty, but he was still a dedicated soldier that took time out of his life to serve his country. Maron presented Gates with a plaque to honor him for his sacrifice. Gates thanked the Commissioners for the recognition.

IN THE MATTER OF 2014 HOME AND GARDEN SHOW:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Treasurer, stated the team effort for the 2014 Home and Garden show was wonderful. Mitchell stated the weather radio, which was donated by the Emergency Management department, was a great way to draw individuals into the booth. The radio was a great way to initiate a conversation about the county website and to answer additional questions the public had about other county issues. Mitchell thanked the Commissioners for their support in an effort to get out into the community and for their support.

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAKE CITY BANK SERVICE AGREEMENT:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Treasurer, presented a paper to the Commissioners stating Mitchell has approval to sign the Lake City Bank Service Agreement. Mitchell stated the agreement will cost them a little more in the beginning, but in the long term will net the county more money. Mitchell stated the document has been reviewed by the County Attorney and there were no issues found.

MOTION: Ron Truex	TO: Approve Sue Ann Mitchell, County
SECOND: Bob Conley	Treasurer to sign the Lake City Bank Service
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0	Agreement.
UNANIMOUS	

IN THE MATTER OF TAX FILES:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Treasurer, advised the Commissioners that the file was pulled last night for the tax billing. The files will be sent to our vendor for the tax bills to be printed today. Mitchell stated they are very early for the entire state in sending out the tax bills. Mitchell followed up by stating there are several ways for taxpayers to pay their bills. There is a box located outside the courthouse that is secure and will be checked daily along with a box located outside the Treasurer’s office that will also be checked daily for payments. The taxpayers can also access the internet for the online payment options, bring their payment into the Treasurer’s office directly or mail their payment in via USPS.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF INDIANA COUNTY:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Treasurer, stated the Northeast District Association of Indiana will have their meeting on April 16, 2014. Mitchell invited the Commissioners to attend the meeting in hopes to show good representation for the county.

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

RonTruex made a motion to re-appoint Brad Jackson & Michael Dewald to the Lakeland Regional Sewer District Board.

MOTION: Ron Truex
SECOND: Bob Conley
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the re-appointments of Brad Jackson and Michael Dewald to the Lakeland Regional Sewer District Board

IN THE MATTER OF CONTRACT WITH THE WARSAW SCHOOLS FOR INTERNET SERVICE:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented the Commissioners a contract between the Warsaw Schools and Kosciusko County for the use of their lines for internet service. The county has used these lines for the past six (6) years. Robinson stated there is a huge savings to the county by doing this.

MOTION: Bob Conley
SECOND: Ron Truex
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the contract between the Warsaw Schools and Kosciusko County for the use of the Warsaw Schools lines for internet service.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW SERVER FOR THE COUNTY HIGHWAY:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, requested permission from the Commissioners to replace the server for the county highway. The server is old and has had functioning issues. The cost to replace the server will be \$12,500.00.

MOTION: Bob Conley
SECOND: Ron Truex
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request to replace the server for the county highway.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PURCHASE OF 3 NEW TRUCKS FOR THE COUNTY HIGHWAY:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, requested permission to purchase three (3) 4x4 trucks. The trucks are as follows: one regular cab $\frac{3}{4}$ ton 4x4 with Kerlin Motors, which will replace a 1997 truck. The trade in price is \$25,043.45. Two crew cabs $\frac{3}{4}$ ton 4x4's will be purchased through Warsaw Dodge dealership. The trade in prices on the 1994 & 1997 trucks will be \$27,593.00 and \$27,893.00.

MOTION: Bob Conley
SECOND: Ron Truex
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request to purchase one regular cab $\frac{3}{4}$ ton 4x4 with Kerlin Motors in the amount of \$25,043.45 and two crew cab $\frac{3}{4}$ ton 4x4 with Warsaw Dodge in the amounts of \$27,593.00 and \$27,893.00.

IN THE MATTER OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE LONG VACATION:

Bob Conley, County Commissioner, made an amendment to the Long vacation from the February 25, 2014 meeting. Conley stated that during the last meeting he made a motion for the Longs to pay the property taxes on the property for the past 40 plus years. Conley stated that is not doable per the state guidelines. Conley's amended motion will be for the Longs to make a voluntary contribution for the specified time on the vacated property. Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, stated the reason the motion had to be amended was because the state law does not allow the county to go back on taxes for property that does not exist in the system.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 25, 2014

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on March 25, 2014 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
Ron Truex
Bob Conley

County Attorney
Marsha McSherry – Auditor - *Absent*
Ron Robinson, County Administrator

President Brad Jackson called the meeting to order and thanked Bob Sanders, County Council President, for taking the time to attend. Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF WAWASEE TRAILS COMMITTEE INDOT TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) GRANT & MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:

Marsha Carey, Grant writer for the Syracuse-Wawasee Trail Committee, came before the Commissioners and presented a Memorandum of Understanding. Carey explained the Syracuse-Wawasee Trails Committee would like to complete the trail section on SR 13 from Harkless Drive to Waco Drive. Carey stated this type of grant request is considered an INDOT Transportation Alternative Programs Grant (TAP), which requires the County be the applicant on the grant request due to the roads are located in the jurisdiction of Kosciusko County. If awarded, the TAP grant project preliminary engineering and related work will commence in 2014, and construction would begin in FY2018. Bob Conley, Commissioner, questioned what the trail would look like. Mike Buhrt, Trail Committee Chairperson, stated they have certain guidelines they will have to follow, but they are still working on the layout. Jackson questioned the cost of this project and Phil Beer stated the cost would be roughly \$1-1.2 million. Carey stated the Memorandum of Understanding was written to establish an agreement between the Syracuse-Wawasee Park Foundation, Inc., The Syracuse-Wawasee Trail Committee and Kosciusko County Commissioners with regard to the long-term maintenance of the trail section, once complete; the twenty (20) % cash match for the grant project; and the grant management and submission. County Attorney, Chad Miner, reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding and stated all the forms were clear with the understanding that the Syracuse-Wawasee Trails Committee would be responsible for raising the required twenty (20) % match and to maintain the trail section along SR 13 after the trail project is complete. Miner was in agreement with the Commissioners approving and signing the Memorandum of Understanding. Buhrt does not feel raising the twenty (20) % match will be a problem as they have a lot of community support for the trails.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the Memorandum of

SECOND: Ron Truex

Understanding for the Syracuse-Wawasee Trails.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE – SUNLIFE THROUGH CREATIVE BENEFITS:

Ron Robison, County Administrator, presented an agreement with Sunlife through Creative Benefits for the County Health Insurance benefits. Robinson stated a three (3) % increase was negotiated and locked in. The original increase was presented at a thirteen (13) % increase, but was then negotiated down. They compared pricing with four (4) other companies, but Sunlife had the best pricing.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the Agreement with Sunlife

SECOND: Bob Conley

through Creative Benefits for the County

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

Health Insurance benefits.

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF CLAYPOOL LOUIS DREYFUS TIF FUND:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, came before the Commissioners to request permission to go before the Redevelopment Commission to request \$150k from the Louis Dreyfus TIF Fund. Robinson stated the funds will be used to rebuild the roads within the TIF District.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the request to go before the

SECOND: Ron Truex

Redevelopment Commission to request \$150k

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

from the Louis Dreyfus TIF Fund.

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGE #18 BID OPENING:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners to request permission to set a date for a bid opening for Bridge #18 rehab and road widening. The Bridge is located on CR 300 N over Tippecanoe River. Tilden would like to hear the bids at 9:15am on May 20, 2014.

IN THE MATTER OF ANNUAL OPERATIONS REPORT BY COUNTY HIGHWAY:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, advised the Commissioners he will be presenting the Annual Operations Report to the Commissioners at the April 8, 2014 meeting for approval. Tilden stated he will have copies of the report to the Commissioners in the next seven (7) days for them to review prior to the April 8th meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF VACATION OF PUBLIC WAY – PETITIONERS, DENNIS & MARY LOU HIPSKIND:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners to present a unanimous decision to approve the vacation of the public way in Turkey Creek Township in the Lake Wawasee area. The vacation is for a portion of Wood Street in South Park Addition to Lake Wawasee.

Laura Kaufman, Attorney, came before the Commissioners to speak on behalf of Steve Snyder. Kaufman stated Richard explained the vacation of the unapproved road very well and had nothing to add. Kaufman was in agreement with the Area Plan's recommendation. Brad Jackson abstained from voting.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the Vacation for the

SECOND: Bob Conley

unapproved road in Turkey Creek Township

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

for a portion of Wood Street in South Park

UNANIMOUS

Addition to Lake Wawasee.

Brad Jackson – Abstained

ORDINANCE NO. 14-03-25-001 Vac (2014030685)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF CAMPAIGN SIGNS FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTION:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, stated that all political signs are allowed in all districts without obtaining a permit. The political signs cannot be located in the public road right of ways. Richard continued by stating they just want common sense used when placing the signs. The signs should not block or obstruct any views at intersections or driveways. The signs should be removed promptly at the end of the campaign. Richard stated that if a sign does pose a problem it will be removed promptly.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
April 8, 2014

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on April 8, 2014 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	County Attorney
Ron Truex	Marsha McSherry – Auditor
Bob Conley	Ron Robinson, County Administrator

Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF APRIL VETERAN OF THE MONTH – Lawrence Sawyer:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, began by introducing the April Veteran of the month as Lawrence Sawyer. Maron stated that Sawyer was drafted into the 45th Division of the US Army and was sent to Germany during the Battle of the Bulge. Sawyer was shot through the knee while serving in the battle and had to spend a year in rehab in England. Sawyer was discharged from the Army with a bronze star and a purple heart. Maron presented Sawyer with a plaque in recognition for his dedication and time served for our country. Sawyer thanked the Commissioners for the recognition and honor.

IN THE MATTER OF WARSAW AIR SHOW-ALLEN HOOVER:

Allen Hoover came before the Commissioners to thank them for their support on last year’s show and to ask for contributions for this year’s show. Hoover stated the Warsaw air show was the biggest in the area last year and the FFA said it was one of the best first time air shows they have seen. Hoover stated their plan is to have the air show be a two day event this year. The dates of the air show will be August 15th & 16th. The Friday night show will feature a concert and a hot air balloon glow along with a candy drop from a plane flying overhead. The event surpassed the expected attendance of 1,000 by approximately six times that amount. The event cost was roughly \$10K for last year, but is expected to cost \$35-\$40K this year. Hoover stated they are working to make this event even better than last year, but will need help and the continued support from the community. Hoover requested \$10K from the commissioners to help with the Info Structure of the event. Hoover expressed the huge economic impact this event will have on the local businesses in the area. Commissioner, Ron Truex, stated Council President, Bob Sanders, and him will appear before the Kosciusko County Convention Recreation and Visitors Commission (KCCRVC) to request the \$10K. Truex feels the request for funding fits better with the KCCRVC mission and would serve the community very well.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request to go before the Kosciusko County Convention Recreation and Visitors Commission to request the \$10K to help with the info structure for the August air show.

IN THE MATTER OF JONES PETRIE RAFINSKI (JPR) ENGINEERING:

Mr. Jones appeared before the Commissioners to introduce Jones Petrie Rafinski (JPR) Engineering. Jones stated they are a 45 person disciplined consulting firm that has been around for twenty-six years. Jones stated they currently do a lot of business in Kosciusko County and the Commissioners could contact Winona Lake or the Town of Syracuse for references on their quality of work. Jones stated they are versed in a wide range of services such as; GIS, Planning, Surveying, Engineering, Architecture, Environmental and Landscape Architecture. Jones finished by thanking the Commissioners for their time and left their contact information.

**IN THE MATTER OF NAPPANEE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST
FOR ANGELA STILLSON:**

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented a Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement for the Nappanee Public Library for Angela Stillson. McSherry stated Stillson is on the library board and Stillson Studio provides graphic art services for the library.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the Nappanee Public Library

SECOND: Bob Conley

Conflict of Interest for Angela Stillson.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

**IN THE MATTER OF BELL MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY APPOINTMENT FOR
LARRY YEITER:**

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented a Certificate of Appointment for Larry Yeiter for the Bell Memorial Public Library. Commissioner, Ron Truex, stated he is very supportive and proud to recommend Mr. Yeiter to serve on the Bell Memorial library board.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the Bell Memorial Library

SECOND: Bob Conley

Appointment for Larry Yeiter.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated there is an orphan strip of land off of Country Club Rd. Miner stated the Auditor's office will contact SRI so a certificate sale can be completed for this strip of land. Miner stated it appears there was a surveying error from the past. McSherry stated the Commissioners need to approve the Auditor's office to start the process.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the Auditor's office to begin

SECOND: Ron Truex

the process for the certificate sale of the

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

orphaned strip of land off of County Club.

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF ANNUAL COUNTY EMPLOYEE BREAKFAST:

Ron Robison, County Administrator, stated a date needs to be set for the annual county employee breakfast. The date for the breakfast was set for Friday, April 25th from 6-8 am.

IN THE MATTER OF INTERNAL CONTROLS FOR AUDITOR'S OFFICE:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented internal controls to the Commissioners for approval. The controls are for a : Process Map for Mail Correspondence and a Process Map/Controls for Title IV-D. McSherry stated the internal controls were created due to guidance from the State Board of Accounts.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the Internal controls for the

SECOND: Bob Conley

Auditor's office for the following: Process

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

Map for Mail Correspondence and Process

UNANIMOUS

Map/Controls for Title IV-D.

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY ANNUAL OPERATIONAL REPORT FOR
2013:**

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, presented the Annual Operational Report for Local Road and Streets for 2013.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the Annual Operational Report

SECOND: Ron Truex

for Local Road and Streets for 2013.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY – LPA CONSULTING CONTRACT FOR THE TROYER GROUP, INC. :

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, presented an LPA Consulting Contract for The Troyer Group, Inc. for the reconstruction of the Husky Trail Bridge #9 over Deeds Creek. Tilden stated the construction is slated to begin in 2016. The Troyer Group will be the design engineers for this project and the scope of work has twenty-six line items. Tilden stated the lead time is necessary to ensure the project will be ready for construction in 2016.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the LPS Consulting Contract
for The Troyer Group, Inc.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY – QUOTES FOR BOX BEAMS FOR BRIDGE #18:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, requested permission to request bids for box beams for Bridge #18. Tilden stated the quotes need to be read and the bid awarded at the next Commissioners meeting on April 22nd. Tilden stated he will need to award the bid at this meeting in order to stay on schedule for the completion of the project. The Commissioners agreed to allow Tilden's request at the April 22nd meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY – PERMIT APPLICATION FOR PARKING:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, presented a permit application for parking in a right of way at Deans Preserve. Tilden stated the permit is for the Backwater Retrievers Club and has been granted for this same event in the past. The permit will be for April 12th and 13th.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the parking permit application
at Deans Preserve for the Backwater
Retrievers Club on April 12th & 13th.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
April 22, 2014**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on April 22, 2014 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
Ron Truex
Bob Conley

County Attorney
Marsha McSherry – Auditor
Ron Robinson, County Administrator

Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF OPENING BIDS FOR THE BOX BEAMS FOR BRIDGE #18:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners to request bids for Box Beams for Bridge #18 be opened by the County Attorney, Chad Miner. Tilden stated they sent the bid request to three vendors and received two quotes back. Miner opened the following bids.

- Prestress Services Industries, LLC - \$76,041
- Hoosier Precast, LLC - \$69,950

Tilden requested permission from the Commissioners to take five to ten minutes to review the quotes and come back to the Commissioners with a recommendation.

The Commissioners allowed Tilden's request to review the quotes and come back at the end of the meeting to make his recommendation.

IN THE MATTER OF DISASTER DEBRIS MANAGEMENT PLAN:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, came before the Commissioners to present the Kosciusko County Disaster Debris Management Plan. Rock also took this plan to the Emergency Management Advisory Council and they recommended it go before the Commissioners for approval.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the Kosciusko County Disaster Debris Management Plan.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF KABS 1ST QUARTER CLAIM & INDOT GRANT- KEVIN PLANCK:

Kevin Planck, GM for KABS, came before the Commissioners and presented the KABS first quarter claim. Planck stated they did roughly 11,000 rides during the 1st quarter. The claim is for the amount of \$116,760.

Planck then presented a grant in the amount of \$96,834 for two buses that were purchased for the county from INDOT. The grant is a pass through grant for a surplus from the stimulus money.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the 1st Quarter Claim and the grant from INDOT for the purchase of two KAB buses.

SECOND: Ron Trues

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF ABATE – BEN DURHAM:

Ben Durham, Kosciusko County ABATE Representative, came before the Commissioners to request that the month of May be declared Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. Durham read the Proclamation to the court and then asked President Jackson for his approval.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the Proclamation declaring the month of May Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF LINCOLN HIGHWAY:

Jeff Blair, President of the Indiana Lincoln Highway Association, came before the Commissioners to give a brief overview of the Lincoln Highway. Blair will walk across the Indiana Lincoln Highway from the Illinois border at Dyer to east of Fort Wayne to raise awareness of and funds for The Indiana Lincoln Highway Association and The Alzheimer's Association. The walk will be start on Friday April 25 and go till May 5, 2014. Blair will be traveling through the Warsaw area on May 1st. Blair stated the entire trip will take him eleven days to travel the 150 miles. Blair stated they have been able to obtain a grant in the amount of \$65,000, which is administered through the state. Blair stated they were responsible to raise \$13,000 of this money, which is one reason Blair is doing the walk. Blair stated they have hit the goal of \$13,000, which will trigger the \$65,000 in grant funds. Blair stated the grant money will be used to preserve and promote Lincoln Highway. Blair stated a few ways this will be done will be by placing new signage along the highway, printing brochures and advertising.

IN THE MATTER OF CLINIC SERVICE AGREEMENT:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented the Commissioners with the Clinic Service Agreement. Robinson stated the cost did not increase

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the Clinic Service Agreement.

SECOND: Ron Turex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF CREATIVE BENEFITS RENEWAL AGREEMENT:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented the Commissioners with the Creative Benefits renewal Agreement.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the Creative Benefits renewal agreement.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF LIABILITY & WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented the Commissioners with the county liability and workers compensation insurance. Robinson states they were able to save \$16,000, which is roughly three (3) percent.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the Liability and Workers Compensation Insurance for the county.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING BID FOR THE BOX BEAMS FOR BRIDGE #18:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, stated after reviewing the two quotes he would like to make the recommendation to take the lowest quote in the amount of \$69,950. The lowest quote was presented by Hoosier Precast, LLC out of Salem, Indiana.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the bid from Hoosier Precast, LLC in the amount of \$69,950 for the Box Beams for Bridge #18.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF TITLE SHEET FOR BRIDGE #18:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, presented the Title Sheet for Bridge #18 for the Commissioners approval.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the Title Sheet for Bridge #18.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE PERMIT FOR CR 300N:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, presented a temporary road closure permit for CR 300N, between SR 13 and CR 850E. The purpose of the temporary road closure is for the Grand Prix Motorsports event that will be held on Saturday, May 24, 2014 from 8-5. Conley questioned what liability the county would have with the road closure. County Attorney, Chad Miner, stated the county is only closing the road and any liability issues would fall onto the Grand Prix Motorsports.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the temporary road closure permit for CR 300N, between SR 13 and CR 850E for the Grand Prix Motorsports event.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
May 5, 2014**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on May 5, 2014 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
Ron Truex
Bob Conley

County Attorney
Marsha McSherry – Auditor
Ron Robinson, County Administrator

Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF MAY VETERAN OF THE MONTH:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, stated the recipient of the Veteran’s award for the month of May is Dale Burkholder. Maron stated Burkholder was in active military duty from July 1965 to August 1970 as a pilot. Burkholder also has thirty-nine years of active reserve duty. He is a worldwide flyer and reached his childhood dream of becoming a pilot. Burkholder flew various planes throughout his military career and continued to fly as a civilian. He helped his father-in-law manage the Warsaw airport for a period of time. Maron thanked Burkholder for his dedication and service to our country. Bob Conley, Commissioner, added that Burkholder is a well-deserved recipient of the Veteran of the month award. Burkholder thanked the Commissioners for the honor and gave praise to his fellow Vietnam brothers.

IN THE MATTER DISPATCH RECOGNITION:

David Rosenberry, Dispatch Director, came before the Commissioners to recognize three Dispatchers that helped out with a bus accident in the North Webster area. Rosenberry stated a week ago they attended a National Emergency Number Association (NENA) Conference. Rosenberry and Sarah Lancaster nominated Trina Gard, Jessica Scheil and Tina Cook for the teamwork award. Rosenberry stated the three ladies won the award. Rosenberry added the dispatch department also won the Brindle Technology award. The Commissioners congratulated the ladies and the dispatch department on their success.

IN THE MATTER OF KEVIN PLANCK - KABS:

Kevin Planck, KABS Director, came before the Commissioners to request new signatures on the first quarter claims voucher. Planck stated the original indirect allocation state form had an error therefore a new form had to be completed.

IN THE MATTER OF KEVIN PLANCK – LETTER OF INTENT FOR FUNDING:

Kevin Planck, KABS Director, came before the Commissioners to get approval to apply for grant funding. Planck stated there will be pass-through funding available for new buses in 2015. Planck stated they can possibly get two small transit buses that cost \$85k for the amount of \$17k. Planck stated the request today is for the Commissioners to sign the letter of intent, which would allow Planck to apply for the grant. Planck also stated they would need to raise the \$17k in order to purchase the buses if the grant is approved at a later date.

MOTION:	Ron Truex	TO:	Approve the Letter of Intent to apply for
SECOND:	Bob Conley		the grant that would allow the purchase of two
AYES:	3	NAYS:	0
UNANIMOUS			small transit buses in the amount of \$17k if
			awarded the grant.

IN THE MATTER OF WARSAW PUBLIC LIBRARY APPOINTMENT – SHERRI DALRYMPLE:

Brad Jackson, President, presented a Warsaw Public Library Appointment for Sherri Dalrymple. The Commissioners approved the appointment.

MOTION:	Bob Conley	TO:	Approve the Warsaw Public Library
SECOND:	Ron Truex		Appointment for Sherri Dalrymple.
AYES:	3	NAYS:	0
UNANIMOUS			

IN THE MATTER OF ADMINISTRATOR:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated the roof over the jail garage is in bad shape and needs to be roofed. Robinson stated they have done several patch jobs over the past several years, but it is beyond patching. Robinson submitted a quote from Royalty Roofing in the amount of \$13,081.

MOTION:	Ron Truex	TO:	Approve the quote from Royalty
SECOND:	Bob Conley		Roofing in the amount of \$13,081 for the re-
AYES:	3	NAYS:	0
UNANIMOUS			roofing of the jail garage.

IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGE #18 AND POSTPONEMENT :

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, presented Phil Beer from USI Consultants. Beer came before the Commissioners to request the work on bridge 18, which is on 300N between SR 15 and Silveus Crossing, be postponed. Beer stated the Indiana Fish and Wildlife have found an endangered species of muscle. The process that the county will now have to go through can take up to six (6) months to complete. Beer suggested the bidding process that was to happen at the May 20th meeting be postponed to a later date due to the assessment that must take place due to the endangered species that was located. Beer stated all parties involved have been notified and they have been asked to postpone any work they have started. Beer stated that most likely the bidding process and weight scales will need to be completed again once the Fish and Wildlife assessment is completed. The project will most likely be moved back to next year.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the postponement of the

SECOND: Bob Conley

bidding for Bridge #18 due to the Indiana Fish

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

and Wildlife assessment for endangered

UNANIMOUS

species of muscles.

IN THE MATTER OF SUZANNE KENNY :

Suzanne Kenny, resident, came before the Commissioners to make a complaint on the treatment her son, Anthony Wayne Jr., is receiving while incarcerated in the Kosciusko County jail. Kenny made allocations that her son was not receiving his medications for a heart issue and that he was denied his doctor visit to the Parkview Medical Center in Columbia City on May 2, 2014. Commissioner Truex asked Sheriff Goshert if he had any knowledge of this incident. Goshert stated this is the first he had heard of this and he would be more than happy to meet with Kenny after the Commissioners meeting to resolve any issues or concerns.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS May 20, 2014

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on May 20, 2014 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

County Attorney

Ron Truex

Marsha McSherry – Auditor

Bob Conley

Ron Robinson County Administrator

Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

**IN THE MATTER OF MAXIMUS PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES
AGREEMENT:**

Ann Torpy, County Clerk, presented a service agreement from Maximus. The agreement has been revised to include an end date of services. The original contract that started in 2009 did not have an end date so the agreement could be reviewed and renewed every two years. The end date of the revised agreement will be January 31, 2016.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the revised Maximus

SECOND: Ron Truex

Professional Consulting Services Agreement

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

to show an end date of January 31, 2016.

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF SMART 911:

David Rosenberry, Director of Dispatch, came before the Commissioners to present the Smart 911 program. Rosenberry stated this is a program he has spent the last couple of years researching and a program that he believes in. The Smart 911 representative, stated Smart 911 is a service that allows citizens across the U.S. to create a Safety Profile for their household that includes any information they want 9-1-1 to have in the event of an emergency. Then, when

anyone in that household dials 9-1-1 from a phone associated with their Safety Profile, their profile is immediately displayed to the 9-1-1 call taker providing additional information that can be used to facilitate the proper response to the proper location. The program also allows photos to be loaded, which could assist in a child abduction or runaway situation. Smart 911 is a national service and anytime you dial 9-1-1 across the country and your call is answered by a 9-1-1 center offering Smart 911 your profile will be available. Rosenberry stated the cost for the program is \$12,000 annually, but the first year has an additional \$3,000 startup fee. The contract is valid for five (5) years and after five (5) years the contract would be re-negotiated. Rosenberry advised the Commissioners that he had the funding available to cover the first two years. Brad Jackson, Commissioner President, questioned how the public would become aware of the program. Jackson did not feel an article in the paper would be sufficient enough. Rosenberry stated it will take a lot of work on his part along with help of his assistant director going out to the service agencies and public education. Smart 911 will offer assistance with promoting the program through community marketing support. The Smart 911 program allows the callers personal information to be populated on the screen even if the cell phone has a poor connection. The Commissioners would like to review information from Porter County as they have been using the system for roughly two (2) years. They would like to see what percentage of population within Porter County is using the system and how many people they are providing service to. The Commissioners feel the E911 budget needs to be reviewed in great detail before moving forward with the signing of any contract. Truex advised Rosenberry the Commissioners will contact him directly to review this further.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY AUDITOR:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented an affidavit for payment for the Trupointe CR 100 E project, which would pay Phend and Brown.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the affidavit for payment to
Phend and Brown.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF REQUESTING BIDS FOR TRUCKS:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners to request permission to accept bids for two single axle dump trucks. Tilden stated they have forty (40) dump trucks and they are behind on upgrading them due to not purchasing any over a five (5) year period. Tilden stated he will be paying for these out of Motor Vehicle Highway fund with a municipal lease with a payment in the 2015 budget and another in the 2016 budget. Tilden requested the Commissioners approve to open the bids at the June 17, 2014 meeting at 9:15am. The Commissioners approved the request made by Tilden.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE FOR NO THRU SEMI-TRUCKS:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners to request permission to bring an ordinance to the June 3, 2014 meeting for the Commissioners to approve. The ordinance will be a "No Thru Semi-Trucks" for Ferguson Road just south of 200S to 300S and then out east of 15 along with 200S between SR 15 and SR 25. Truex stated these roads were not built for semi-trucks and they need to be removed from those areas. Truex stated the fine for semi-trucks traveling these roads should be included in the ordinance. Tilden and County Attorney, Chad Miner, will ensure the ordinance is worded properly to include the fine. Truex also stated they will work with Sheriff Goshert on what steps will be taken to enforce the fine.

IN THE MATTER OF EMS WEEK:

Bob Conley, Commissioner, stated the Commissioners put together a proclamation in recognition to our county EMS workers. Conley stated the Commissioners proclaim May 18-24, 2014 EMS week. The Commissioners presented a proclamation to the EMS workers and thanked them for their service to our county.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDED ZONING – NIFONG FARMS HOLDINGS:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners with a unanimous agreement from Area Plan to accept the 8.9 acre track re-zoning of Nifong Farms Holdings from agricultural to agricultural II. The request was promoted due to having too many sell off in that particular area. The petitioner requested to combine other properties he owns all into one track, which would limit the number of sell offs in that area.

MOTION: Bob Conley
SECOND: Ron Truex
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the rezoning of the 8.9 acre
track for Nifong Farms Holdings from
agricultural to agricultural II.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-05-20-002 Zoning (2014050790)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF KOSCIUSKO COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:

Matt Sandy, Area Plan, came before the Commissioners to request approval for an ordinance amendment to section 3.25 of the ordinance regarding communication towers. Sandy stated the amendment was to change the distance between the towers to allow the towers to be closer together. Sandy continued by stating the exempted out central services, such as the fire department requesting to put up a tower they have exemptions they would qualify for. Another change was the setback requirements for the towers on leased land.

MOTION: Bob Conley
SECOND: Ron Truex
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the amendments to section 3.25
or the ordinance regarding communication
towers.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-05-20-001 (2014050791)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT TO THE STATE
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:**

Bob Conley, Commissioner, presented the Annual School Report for approval.

MOTION: Ron Truex
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Annual School Report to
the State Superintendent of Public Instruction
as presented.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT COUNCIL/COMMISSIONER'S MEETING – MAY
22, 2014:**

Bob Sanders, Council President, invited everyone to attend a special Joint Council/Commissioners meeting that will be held on May 22, 2014 at 7pm in the courtroom. The meeting is open to the public and encouraged everyone to attend. Sanders stated Umbaugh and Associates will give a recommendation on where money can be found, how we can generate additional income, and where we are spending our money currently.

IN THE MATTER OF THE MICROPHONE SYSTEM:

Jim Masters spoke in reference to the microphone system not projecting out to the audience. Truex stated they have worked and continue to work on this issue. Truex assured Masters they are aware of the problem with the speaker system and will continue search for a solution.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
June 3, 2014**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on June 3, 2014 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
Ron Truex
Bob Conley

County Attorney
Marsha McSherry – Auditor
Ron Robinson, County Administrator

Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE TO INSTALL “NO-TRUCK” SIGNS:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, presented an ordinance to install “No-Truck” signs on CR 200S (between SR 15 and SR 25), on Ferguson Road (between CR 200S and CR 300S) and on CR 300S (between SR 15 and Ferguson Road). Tilden stated the signs should be installed by the end of the week.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the Ordinance to install “No-Truck” signs pm CR 200S, CR 300S and Ferguson Road.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 14-06-3-001 SIGNS (2014060075)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF SMART 911:

David Rosenberry, Director 911 Dispatch, came back to the Commissioners with additional information on the Smart 911 program. Ron Truex, Commissioner, stated he met with Rosenberry and discussed the information he had gathered from Porter County and their usage of the system. Truex stated he feels this is a real opportunity to provide a valuable service to the community. Truex continued by stating Porter County has been using the system for a couple of years now and are still excited about it and the benefits it brings. Porter County shared they use the information from the Smart 911 program on roughly fifty (50) calls per month. The information has helped service the community in such a positive way and they will continue to use this program in the future. Brad Jackson, Commissioner President, questioned how the public would be made aware of the program and how the data would be collected. Rosenberry stated the Smart 911 program provides all the marketing support to help promote the program and get the community involved. Truex stated it is hard to measure the value of spending a \$1,000 a month to the number of potential callers this service can help. Jackson abstained from voting and feels the program would be beneficial to the community, but he feels the timing to spend the additional money is not right with the budget cuts. Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, spoke in favor of the Smart 911 program and how it would be a valuable service to provide to the community. Truex and Conley stated they would like for Rosenberry to confirm with Smart 911 that they will allow a two (2) year contract at the cost of \$12,000 per year with a \$1,500 one-time startup fee. The Commissioners would like the contract to be reviewed after two (2) years to ensure the program is meeting the expectations of the Commissioners. The Commissioners also requested the two (2) year contract allow for an extension to five (5) years at the same rate if they feel the program is working.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the Smart 911 program with a two (2) year contract in the amount of \$12,000 per year, with a \$1,500 one-time startup fee. The Commissioners will review the program after two (2) years.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

Brad Jackson Abstained from voting

IN THE MATTER OF NON PROFIT 2015 BUDGET REQUESTS:

The following not-for-profit organizations appeared before the Commissioners to request funding for the 2015 budget year.

- ❖ Historical Society – Jerry Black, Museum President, and Sally Hogan, Director requested the amount of \$19,647 for 2015. Black stated they are making several changes and upgrades so the public can come in and enjoy the museum. They have been painting and weatherproofing the building, but the building is older and is in need of many repairs. They have also increased their participation at the monthly first Friday events and has been well received by the community. Hogan stated the membership total has increased and has continued to increase over the past couple of years. Hogan indicated they continue to increase their tours and with the help from the CVB this number continues to grow. Black and Hogan both thanked the Commissioners for their continued support.
- ❖ 4-H Council – Kelly Heckaman spoke on behalf of the 4-H Council requesting \$49,764 for 2015. Heckaman stated a majority of the funds would be used to cover cost for the

use of the fair grounds. Heckaman stated the programs that are offered by the 4-H Council are helping shape the lives of the future leaders of the community. Heckaman thanked the Council for their past support and stressed the importance of their continued support for the benefit it brings to the community for our youth. There are various camps that are being offered throughout the summer that this funding will help with.

- ❖ Kosciusko Economic Development Corporation - George Robertson, Economic Director from Kosciusko Economic Development Corporation (KEDCo) thanked the County for its past support. KEDCo is requesting \$152,000 for 2015. Robertson started by stating he feels the county has been positioned well over the past couple of years and continues to be positioned well. Robertson shared that the county is maintaining a strong and stable economy. Robertson shared information on a new program called Kosciusko Kickstart Your Career that will be up and running in the next few weeks. The program is to help seniors learn a work skill in order to help them successfully obtain employment. Robertson expressed his appreciation for the continued support from the Commissioners.
- ❖ Cardinal Services – Jane Wear, Cardinal Services, stated they are requesting a total amount of \$105,061 for 2015. Wear stated they will continue to apply for grants where they can to help with the funding they need. Wear stated they have fifty (50) positions open due to the fact they cannot compete with current wages, which is affecting the service levels they are providing. The funding requested will allow them to stay at their current level, but they are already showing loses in their three (3) programs. Wear stated the funding will be used for financial support for the 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).
- ❖ Home Health Care – Rick Paczkowski, Executive Director, thanked the County for its past support and requested \$45,000 for 2015. Paczkowski stated the requested funds are used for the Real Service State program that allows individuals to remain in their homes rather than be institutionalized. Paczkowski further stated there were 2,000 visits to clients with health care employees driving over 200,000 miles to those visits. Paczkowski stated the Real Services State program asked Kosciusko County if they could take on more patients due to the one-two year waiting list. Real Services stated they were going to reduce the amount of time for each in home visit to allow for additional patients to be serviced. Paczkowski advised Real Services that they are losing money at the bottom line with the patients they currently have. Paczkowski stated they are seeking assistance from United Way and the County for funding to help maintain the number of patients they currently service. Paczkowski thanked the Commissioners again for their past support and their continued support as they move forward with the determining if Real Services can maintain, increase or if they will have to reduce the number of patients they currently have.
- ❖ 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 shelter runs twenty-four seven and 365 days a year so whenever a victim needs their help there is someone available to assist them. Hodson is requesting \$30,000 for 2015. The requested funding will be used for Advocate positions. Hodson stated the Advocates are more than just individuals answering the phones or door. The Advocates are the victims emotional support system, they help connect the victims to community resources, conduct workshops on a wide range of topics and provide the needed support to help these individuals gain confidence and the proper skills to succeed on their own and be independent. Hodson stated they are

moving forward with the new facility, but they are still in the need of funding to help support the current cost to run the community service.

- ❖ Council for Aging – Dennis Judy, Director for the Kosciusko Community Senior Activity Center, began by thanking the County for its past support and requested \$35,000 for 2015. Judy 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. Judy stated that most of their transportation is due to medical appointments for dialysis. Judy stated they will be applying for additional funding where they can, but the support of the Commissioners is much needed in order to help maintain the service level they are providing to the community. The funding they are requesting is just enough to maintain their current operation.
- ❖ Animal Welfare League – Tammy Kern, Board President, requested \$79,971 for 2015. Kern added the AWL is always fundraising and raising awareness throughout the community to help with supporting the AWL. Kern noted that a large portion of the funding for the AWL comes from donations. The main issue at AWL is population control which they continue to look for innovative ways to get the animals adopted. The adoption rate continues to increase and the euthanasia rate has decreased from previous years, which says a lot about the program. The decrease is due to the increase in the adoption rate. Kern stated they have expanded ways to get pets out into the community for adoption by taking the pets around in the AWL van and to different events. Kern stated that McCammon has worked very hard to increase partnerships with area businesses to gain their support of AWL and finding homes for the animals that come to the facility. Kern thanked the county for their continued support for the past several years.
- ❖ Bowen Center – Jay Baumgartner, Bowen Center CFO, requested \$555,360 for 2015 and this amount is mandated by the State. Baumgartner presented the Commissioners with a copy of the financial statement. Baumgartner stated they serviced over 6,000 patients last year with the kid services being the largest area. The funding for the center comes mainly from government sources. They work closely with the school and court systems to ensure they are where they are needed most.
- ❖ St. Joe River Basin – was not requesting any funding for 2015.

Brad Jackson thanked the Non-Profit organizations on behalf of the Commissioners for their hard work and efforts.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDENDUM WITH SRI, INC. AGREEMENT:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented the annual Tax Sale Support Services Contract for the SRI, Inc, agreement. SRI, Inc. has decreased their service fee by \$5.00 for a total of \$70.00 for cost of sales for services provided per parcel. County Attorney, Chad Miner, reviewed the contract and found no issues.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the annual Tax Sale Support Services Contract with SRI, Inc. for the amount of \$70.00

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF THE INTRODUCTION TO RE-ESTABLISH THE RATE ON THE CCD FUND ORDINANCE:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated an introduction to re-establish the rate on the CCD Fund Ordinance is required in order to meet the requirements to have the rate re-established. Miner stated the Commissioners will vote on the ordinance at the next Commissioners meeting

**IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION FOR TAX SALE CERTIFICATE FOR
PROPERTY 004-080-044:**

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented a resolution for the Tax Sale Certificate for property 004-080-044. The resolution is for establishing the intent to conduct a Commissioners sale to sell a tax sale certificate for a property that is severely delinquent in payment on property taxes.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the Resolution for Tax Sale
Certificate for property 004-080-044.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION NO. 14-06-3-002 (2014060073)

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
June 17, 2014**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on June 17, 2014 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

Ron Truex

Bob Conley

County Attorney

Marsha McSherry – Auditor

Ron Robinson, County Administrator

Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING ORDINANCE FOR RE-ESTABLISHING THE
RATE ON THE CCD FUND:**

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented the Ordinance for re-establishing the rate on the CCD fund for approval to the Commissioners. Miner stated during this meeting the Commissioners need to open the floor up to the public and see if anyone is present to speak in favor or opposition of the ordinance. Brad Jackson, Commissioner President, addressed the public and one resident questioned Jackson if the CCD tax increase is the same as the Wheel tax. Jackson and Ron Truex both stated this is a separate tax from the Wheel tax, but can be used for the roads in addition to the Wheel tax. Commissioners Truex and Jackson both stated the money from this tax will be used to help supplement the efforts by the highway department for their work on the county roads.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the Ordinance re-establishing
the CCD tax rate fund.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 14-06-17-002 (2014060658)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF MAY VETERAN OF THE MONTH:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, stated the recipient of the Veteran's award for the month of June is Gene Shoemaker. Maron stated Shoemaker joined the Navy in 1994 and served until 1946 and received an honorable discharge. Shoemaker was assigned to the Navy to be stationed in Guam. He worked the radio communications which was associated with the Air Force, mainly weather reports for missions they flying from his air base in Guam. Shoemaker attended Butler University and graduated with a Pharmaceutical degree. He owned and operated his own

pharmacy for several years. He recently restored a 1947 Ford Super Coupe Deluxe and proudly displays the license plate on the front that reads "WWII Navy Veteran". Maron presented a plaque to Shoemaker and thanked him for his service to our country. Shoemaker thanked the Commissioners for the honors. The Commissioners each thanked Shoemaker for his service and dedication to our country.

IN THE MATTER OF PTABOA APPOINTMENTS:

Laurie Renier, County Assessor, came before the Commissioners to request approval to fill two vacant PTABOA board members. Renier stated Phillip Beer resigned and there was already an open position. Renier recommended the Commissioners appoint Dennis Burch and Kristy Mayer to the board. Bob Conley, Commissioner, stated Burch would be a super addition to the board.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the PTABOA appointments of
Dennis Burch and Kristy Mayer.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF EXTENSION OFFICE – NEW EDUCATORS :

Kelly Heckaman, Extension Office Director, came before the Commissioners to introduce two new educators. Stephanie Faroh introduced herself and stated she is the new Health and Human Science Educator and is also a licensed dietician. Mindy Wise introduced herself and stated she is the new 4-H Youth Development Educator. Wise stated they are preparing for the fair and is looking forward to the transition. Faroh and Wise both thanked the Commissioners for their support and for allowing them to introduce themselves.

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2015 HOLIDAY AND MEETING CALENDAR:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented the 2015 Holiday and Meeting Calendar for approval.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the 2015 Holiday and Meeting
Calendar

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF INTERNAL PROCESS CONTROLS AND PROCESS MAPS:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented two internal processes controls for the Auditor's office. These controls are a requirement from the State Board of Accounts. The two processes were for Inter-Local Agreements and Non-For Profit Organizations.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the Process Controls and
Process Maps for both the Inter-Local
Agreements and the Non-For Profit
Organizations.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF BID DATE FOR REHAB OF BRIDGE 278:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners to request July 15, 2014 at 9:15 to be set to open bids for the Rehab on Bridge 278. The Commissioners agreed to the date and time.

IN THE MATTER OF TITLE PLANS FOR BRIDGE 278:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners to request their signatures on the Title Plans for the Rehab on Bridge 278. Tilden stated this project will start shortly after Labor Day.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITIONER – GEORGE BUCKINGHAM – REZONING FOR RESIDENTIAL USE:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners to present a rezoning from Agricultural to Residential. Richard stated the land is located in Plain Township. Richard advised the Commissioners that the Area Plan Board voted unanimously in favor of allowing the rezoning from Agricultural to Residential. Richard stated that this property would have some limitations when they develop this land.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the rezoning from Agricultural
to Residential for Petitioner George

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 Buckingham.
UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 14-06-17-001 Zoning (2014060659)
As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF BIDS FOR TWO SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCKS:

Chad Miner, County Attorney and Scott Tilden opened the bids for the two single axle dump trucks. The following bids were received:

Veirs – Plymouth, Indiana – 2015 International -\$146,082.93 per truck or \$292,165.86 for two trucks (no trade allowance)

Truck City - Gary, Indiana – 2015 Western Star \$311,866.00 for two trucks. \$308,366.00 for two trucks which includes \$3,500.00 trade in allowance

Truck City – Gary, Indiana – 2015 Freightliner \$302,878.00 for two trucks. \$299,378.00 for two trucks which includes \$3,500.00 trade in allowance

Selking International – Ft. Wayne, Indiana – 2015 Workster 7400 Model International \$153,992.00 per truck (total \$307,984.00), total with \$2700.00 trade in allowance would be \$305,284.00 for two trucks

Stoops Freightliner – Ft. Wayne, Indiana – 2015 Western Star \$301,148.00 for two trucks. \$294,148.00 with \$7,000.00 trade in allowance for two trucks

Stoops Freightliner – Ft. Wayne, Indiana – 2015 Freightliner \$293,378.00 for two trucks. \$286,378.00 with \$7,000.00 trade in allowance for two trucks

Vomac – Ft. Wayne, Indiana – 2015 Mack GV432 \$158,700.00 for each truck (total \$317,400.00). \$315,150.00 for two trucks with \$2,250.00 trade in allowance

Tilden requested permission to bring the recommendation back to the July 1st meeting. The Commissioners agreed to hear the recommendation at that meeting.

Bob Conley, Commissioner, thanked Kevin Woodward for attending the meeting. Woodward is one of the Wells County Commissioners. Woodward stated that he understood what position our county is in having to re-establish the CCD tax rate, which will be an increase, and imposing the wheel tax. Woodward stated they imposed the wheel tax several years ago and suggested to the county that they impose the maximum amount in an attempt to gain ground on the ever increasing problem with our roadways. Woodward also referenced he understands the pressure the Commissioners are under with all the restrictions the State has placed on the Counties and all the funding that is being taken away. Woodward ended by stating if the Council does not impose the maximum amount allowed by state on the wheel tax, then State tends not to recognize you. Woodward thanked the Commissioners for a great meeting.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
July 1, 2014

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on July 1, 2014 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
Ron Truex
Bob Conley

County Attorney
Marsha McSherry – Auditor
Ron Robinson, County Administrator

Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF MAY VETERAN OF THE MONTH:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, stated the recipient of the Veteran's award for the month of June is Raymond Hartman. Maron stated Hartman received his draft notification his senior year in high school. He was given a six month delay in order for him to finish high school before going off to the service. Hartman served in the US Army from 1943-1945. He was considered the "human computer" for his time and received the rank of Sargent Technician. Hartman was in attendance at the finish of the Battle of the Bulge. He retired from REMC after forty years of service. Hartman was very honored and pleased to receive the Veteran of the Month award. The Commissioners and Maron thanked Hartman for his service and dedication to our great country.

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANTS-SALARIES:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, presented the Emergency Management Performance Grants-Salaries for approval. Rock stated the grant is for fifty (50) percent reimbursement from the state for the director and administrative assistant's wages for Emergency Management services.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Emergency Management Performance grant for fifty (50) percent reimbursement of the Director and Administrative Assistant wages for the Emergency Management services.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE TURKEY CREEK REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT:

Jones and Henry Engineers, Ltd. came before the Commissioners to represent Shannon McLeod, Grant Administrator for Priority Project Resources, Inc. Jones and Henry Engineers stated they were hired to define and describe the issues, advise us of our options and make recommendations to address this issue in the near future. Jones and Henry Engineers conducted a survey of the residents in the Turkey Creek Regional Sewer District area and approximately eighteen (18) percent were completed and returned. The Preliminary Engineering Study showed there were pressure issues, iron filter issues and possibly a valve replacement issue. The cost to correct these areas of concern will be roughly \$1.7M, which includes two hundred and thirty (230) customers. The comment was made by Jones and Henry that the water rates would need to be increased to \$35 per month to offset the \$1.7M project costs. Jones and Henry are looking at alternative solutions to help reduce the cost of the project that will keep the increase down. One suggestion was to look at using used parts and equipment. Brad Jackson, Commissioner President, questioned why the homes are not installing water softeners to correct the water issues. Jones and Henry stated the softeners would help to some degree, but the life of the softener would be shortened due to how bad the water is and the filters would continuously get clogged up. One concern is the pipes are over fifty (50) years old and contain asbestos, but when the water was tested there was no detection of asbestos in the water. The pipe appears to be in good condition and doesn't appear to be causing any problems at this time. Jones and Henry stated issues could arise when the valves are replaced due to their life expectancy has expired and the wear and tear this is placing on the pipes themselves. The issue with the asbestos stems from the laws that are now governed by EPA regulations. Ron Truex, Commissioner, questioned if the damaged asbestos pipes would need to be removed or can they stay buried and a new pipes inserted. The stance Jones and Henry are taking is to keep the damaged asbestos pipes in the ground buried and lay new pipes. Truex stated the take away from this meeting is that Jones and Henry are looking for a more economical way to fix the problems.

Shannon McLeod, stated this meeting was to present the plan in final form and to allow any input from the public and Commissioners. McLeod stated in order to close out the grant the Commissioners must approve the plan as presented. This will allow the plan to be presented to

the State (OCRA) for review and close out the paperwork. McLeod confirmed the Commissioners are only approving the plan as it was presented during today's meeting.

Truex and Conley both did not feel comfortable approving the Local Resolution that was presented as they felt it contained language that they were agreeing to have Jones and Henry Engineers complete the work they have outlined as a recommendation to the issues they found. Jones and Henry stated the District did not want to proceed with the \$1.7M project and incur that cost which would increase the end users cost to \$35 per month. The District would like to do the \$1.7M project, but they would need to obtain funding from other grants or resources.

Chad Miner, County Attorney, reviewed the document and the language used and agreed the Commissioners are only approving that Jones and Henry completed the Preliminary study that was required for the grant process. The Commissioners are not giving permission to move forward with the \$1.7M project.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Preliminary Engineering Study that was presented by Jones and Henry Engineers, Ltd. The Commissioners are not approving the \$1.7M project.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR :

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated the Lakeland Regional Sewer District would like to have John McDaniel appointed to a wage hearing for their sewer project.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the appointment of John McDaniel to the wage hearing for the sewer project.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PURCHASE OF TWO DUMP TRUCKS :

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, stated the Highway received and opened dump truck bids for two trucks with dump body's, hoist, hydraulics, snowplow, and underbody scraper with tailgate sander at the June 17th Commissioners meeting.

Tilden made the recommendation to award the bid for the two- 2015 dump trucks with chassis, dump body, hoist, hydraulics, and snow plow with tailgate spreaders to Stoops Freightliner of New Haven, Indiana. The dump trucks are two Western Star trucks with W.A. Jones dump body package with trades of Units #36 – 1983 Ford and #86 – 1994 Ford for a total of \$294,148.

Tilden would like to purchase these as a Municipal lease with making two payments in arrears for 2015 and 2016.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the recommendation to award the bid for two – 2015 dump truck, two Western Star trucks with W.A. Jones dump body package with trades of units of #36 & #86 for a total of \$294,148.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
July 15, 2014**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on July 15, 2014 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
Ron Truex
Bob Conley

County Attorney
Marsha McSherry – Auditor
Ron Robinson, County Administrator

Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY GENERAL CONTRACT :

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented a contract with the Attorney General's office for space we rent to them in the Justice Building for two of their investigators. The contract expires on August 1, 2014. The new contract will run from August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2018.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the contract with the Attorney General's office for office space in the Justice Building from August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2018.

IN THE MATTER OF PERMISSION TO UPGRADE COUNTY COMPUTER SYSTEM

:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, requested permission to have the county computer system upgraded. Robinson stated an upgrade is more cost effective then purchasing a new software system. The cost to upgrade will be \$12,500. Robinson added the funding is already in the budget for this upgrade.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the spending of \$12,500 to upgrade the county computer system.

IN THE MATTER OF BENEFIT DAY :

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated Benefit Day will be on August 13, 2014. Robinson stated he will have paperwork for the Commissioners to sign at the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR BRIDGE 18 :

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, presented a supplemental agreement for Bridge 18 (300 N over Tippecanoe River) in the amount of \$29,800. The agreement is for a biological assessment that is required because of the club shell muscle. Tilden stated they were able to reduce some items on the original contract or this amount would have been higher. Ron Truex stated the study is due to the widening of the Bridge for a walking path. Tilden stated the original contract was to replace the box beams that were bad, but the City of Warsaw wanted to piggy back off this project for a walking path. Tilden stated the Fish and Wildlife Department is requiring the site survey to ensure the muscles will not be disturbed during the project. Truex questioned if the additional expense is due solely to the widening for a walking path. Tilden stated the additional expense is due to the request by the City to widen this particular area for a walking path. Truex called upon Mayor Thallemer for a further explanation of the additional expenses. Thallemer stated there has been no conversation on the extra expenses for the study and there needs to be. Truex and Thallemer agreed there needs to be additional communication between everyone involved on these expenses to ensure they are paid for accordingly and there are no surprises for anyone.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the supplemental agreement for Bridge 18 in the amount of \$29,800.

IN THE MATTER OF ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH USI FOR BRIDGE 209 AND BRIDGE 123:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, presented an Engineering Agreement with USI for Bridge 209 on Country Club Road south of Warsaw and to rehab Bridge 123 on Packerton Road, south of Pierceton road. Tilden stated these projects will not be completed until 2015. The Country Club agreement is not to exceed \$64,500 and Packerton Road not to exceed \$16,000.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the Engineering Agreement with USI for Bridge 209 and 123.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE FOR SOUTH SHORE GREEN SUBDIVISION FOR 25MPH:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, presented a Speed Limit Ordinance for South Shore Green Subdivision for 25mph. Tilden stated he recommended the 25mph speed limit due to the curves and hills within the area of concern. Brad Jackson spoke with Tilden on his recommendation and agreed that 25mph would be acceptable.

MOTION: Bob Conley TO: Approve the Speed Limit Ordinance for
SECOND: Ron Truex South Shore Green Subdivision.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 14-07-004-Speed (2014070540)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY AUCTION:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, presented a list of equipment and surplus that he would like to sell at the auction in August. Ron Robinson stated the County Highway will be combining their items with the City of Warsaw, as they do not have enough to have their own auction.

MOTION: Bob Conley TO: Approve the list provided by Tilden for
SECOND: Ron Truex an auction of equipment and surplus from the
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 County Highway.

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGE INSPECTION REPORT:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, presented a Bridge Inspection report from USI for the completion of Phase 1 of project #1382104, DES # 1382104. Tilden stated inspections are done on all bridges over twenty (20) feet every two (2) years.

MOTION: Bob Conley TO: Approve the Bridge Inspection Report
SECOND: Ron Truex from USI.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF BID FOR BRIDGE 278

Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated they received only one bid for Bridge 278. The bid was from LaPorte Construction in the amount of \$586,304. Tilden stated they had six firms pick up the information to place bids and was surprised only one bid was received. Tilden also stated the bid that was read was quite a bit higher than the engineering bid. Tilden requested permission to review and address at the end of the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF ZONING FOR HAMMAN:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, stated the petitioners, Michael and Pamela Hamman, are requesting to re-zone from Agriculture to Industrial 2 District. Richard stated the land is located in an area known as the Airport Industrial Park. Richard stated the Area Plan Commission brings a unanimous decision in favor of the re-zoning. Attorney, Richard Helm, came before the Commission to agree with Richard.

MOTION: Bob Conley TO: Approve the request from petitioners
SECOND: Ron Truex Michael and Pamela Hamman for the zoning
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 from Agriculture to Industrial 2 District.

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-07-15-001 Rezone (2014070539)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF ZONING FOR S&L BUILDERS:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, stated the petitioner, S&L Builders, is requesting to re-zone from Agriculture to Residential. Richard stated the land is 8/10th of an acre of land in the Lake

Waubee area. Richard stated the Area Plan Commission brings a unanimous decision in favor of the re-zoning.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the request from petitioner S&L Builders for the zoning from Agriculture to Residential.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-07-15-002 Rezone (2014070538)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF ZONING FOR NIFONG HOLDING:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, stated the petitioner, Nifong Holdings, is requesting to re-zone from Agriculture to Agricultural 2. Richard stated the Area Plan Commission brings a unanimous decision in favor of the re-zoning. Richard stated the original re-zoning for Nifong Holdings was brought to the Commissioners before, but is being brought back due to a misunderstanding on the original tracks that were supposed to be included. The original Ordinance No. for the Nifong re-zoning was 14-05-20-002 Zoning.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the request from petitioner

SECOND: Ron Truex

Nifong Holdings for the zoning from

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

Agriculture to Agricultural 2.

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-07-15-003 Rezone (2014070537)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF BIDS FOR BRIDGE 278:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came back to the Commissioners and requested they reject the one bid they received from Laporte Construction due to the bid was much higher than the engineers quote. Tilden recommended to the Commissioners to request new bids and Tilden will come back to the Commissioners with a new bid date for Bridge 278.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the request to reject the

SECOND: Bob Conley

Laporte Construction bid and to rebid the

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

project for Bridge 278 at a later date.

UNANIMOUS

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
July 29, 2014**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on July 29, 2014 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

County Attorney

Ron Truex

Marsha McSherry – Auditor

Bob Conley

Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF KABS QUARTERLY UPDATE:

Kevin Planck, GM for KABS, came before the Commissioners and presented the KABS second quarter claims. Planck stated they did roughly 12,000 rides during the 2nd quarter. The claim is for the amount of \$110,478.

Planck then presented a 2015 Annual INDOT Grant application, which includes Federal and State dollars for next year. Planck stated they will be eligible for \$451,428 through the INDOT grant. Planck also stated there is a Capital request in the amount of \$68,000, which is a local match for two (2) transit buses to be replaced. Planck stated the local match will be for a total amount of \$20,000 (\$10,000 for each bus).

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the 2nd quarter invoices in the amount of \$110,478 and approve the 2015 Annual INDOT Grant Application.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY AUDITOR - INTERNAL CONTROLS:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented a Process Map and Internal Controls for Vending Machine Deposits and Tax Deed Process. McSherry stated these internal controls are part of a request from the State Board of Accounts.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Process Map and Internal Controls for the Vending Machine Deposits and the Tax Deed Process.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY – BID OPENING SET FOR BRIDGE 278:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners to request permission to set September 23, 2014 @ 9:15am to open bids on Bridge 278.

IN THE MATTER OF FARMER’S WATER IRRIGATION SYSTEMS :

Brad Jackson, Commissioner President, stated there have been issues reported in reference to certain farmer’s and their watering irrigation system shooting across the road. Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, has spoken to several of these farmer’s, but issues continue to be reported. Jackson and the Commissioner’s agree a letter should be drafted and sent to the specific farmer’s that complaints have been filed against. Jackson feels a more personable letter might be responded to in a more favorable manner. The Commissioner’s do not want to adopt an ordinance and impose fines, but will if the situation continues as they feel this is a safety issue and nuisance to anyone driving on our roads within Kosciusko County. Tilden will provide the Auditor’s office with a list of farmer’s who have had complaints filed against them and the Auditor’s office will draft a letter for the Commissioner’s to approve.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS August 12, 2014

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on August 12, 2014 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
Ron Truex
Bob Conley

County Attorney
Marsha McSherry – Auditor

Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF AUGUST VETERAN OF THE MONTH – ROSE DEATSMAN :

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, came before the Commissioners to introduce the August Veteran of the month, Rose Deatsman. Maron stated Deatsman is the first female veteran to be recognized by the Commissioners for her service and dedication to our country. Deatsman was in the US Army Nurse Corp from 1964-1967 and served as First Lieutenant and manager over

an orthopedic unit at Darnell Army Hospital in Fort Hood, Texas. Maron stated that Deatsman currently works for United Health Group and continues to care for our veterans, which she feels is a great honor. Maron and the Commissioners thanked Deatsman and presented her with a plaque for her service to our great country.

IN THE MATTER OF VOTERS REGISTRATION ORDINANCE 95-11:

Ann Torpy, County Clerk, came before the Commissioners to request the following changes be made to Ordinance 95-11.

- Change “diskette” to “data disk (CD)”
- CD cost \$5.00
- Printed pages \$0.05 per page
- Provided by requestor: CD or Flash Drive – no charge
- Email- no charge

Torpy would also like to have the first paragraph read as follows, with the added phrase shown in bold, underlined text;

*“Whereas, the Kosciusko County Clerk’s office retains, in computer records, certain information including lists of voters, voter history, **absentee voter reports, election results,** and other information which is information available to the public under Indiana Law;”*

Bob Conley, Commissioner, stated that Jim Moyer, County Council Member, is researching the cost each department charges for their services. Conley recommended they hold onto the request made by Torpy to allow Moyer time to finish his research and then review and make a recommendation based on Moyer’s findings. The Commissioners were all in agreement to table this until the research is complete.

IN THE MATTER OF TEMPORATY ROAD CLOSURE :

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioner to request a temporary road closure for CR150 W to SR 15 to 200 S on Sunday, August 24, 2014 from 3pm to 8pm. The request is for a church event, which has been approved in the past.

MOTION:	Bob Conley	TO:	Approve the temporary road closure for
SECOND:	Ron Truex		CR150 W to SR 15 to 200 S on Sunday,
AYES:	3	NAYS:	0
			August 24, 2014 from 3pm to 8pm.
UNANIMOUS			

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
August 26, 2014

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on August 26, 2014 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	County Attorney
Ron Truex	Marsha McSherry – Auditor
Bob Conley	Ron Robinson, County Administrator

Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF VOTING PRECENCT BOUNDARY LINES – CITY ANNEXATION :

Ann Torpy, County Clerk, came before the Commissioners and presented an Order Establishing Precincts based on a City Annexation that changed two voting precinct boundary lines in Wayne Township.

MOTION: Ron Truex
SECOND: Bob Conley
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Order Establishing
Precincts for the changing of two voting
precinct boundary lines in Wayne Township.

DOCUMENT NO. 2014081123

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF TIPPECANOE – WALNUT CREEK INITIATIVE:

Jon Garber, Councilman, introduced Theresa Sailor, Stormwater Coordinator for the City of Warsaw and stated Sailor would be presenting an overview of the IDEM 319 Watershed Planning grant. Sailor stated the planning grant would work to identify and prioritize water quality concerns in the watershed as well as identify possible solutions. Sailor continued by addressing one of the evaluation criteria's that is needed for the planning grant. The application must demonstrate partnerships and partnership commitments. The City of Warsaw is committed to the project and recognizes the importance for the residents and businesses alike. Sailor states it improves our quality of life and our community assets, including property values and tourism. Sailor came before the Commissioners to request a letter stating they are willing to support the Tippecanoe Watershed Foundation and the Tippecanoe-Walnut Creek initiative for the purpose of protecting and restoring water quality in the Upper Tippecanoe River-Walnut watershed through the development of a Watershed Management Plan.

MOTION: Ron Trues
SECOND: Bob Conley
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Tippecanoe Watershed
Foundation and the Tippecanoe-Walnut Creek
initiative for the purpose of protecting and
restoring water quality in the Upper
Tippecanoe River-Walnut watershed through
the development of a Watershed Management
Plan.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY – INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH EKLHART COUNTY ON SIGN REPLACEMENT GRANT:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners and presented an Inter-Local Agreement for a Sign Replacement Grant that will be with HSIP funds through MACOG with Elkhart County. Tilden stated there is approximately \$800,000 available in Federal-Aid funding for this project. The Highway Safety Improvement funds in a 90/10 split for cost of replacement of signage. Elkhart and Kosciusko County have already selected an engineering firm through the Indot selection procedure. CHA Engineering was the highest ranked of the five firms that were received. The project will go to bid in March of 2015. Tilden provided the Commissioners with a Resolution to sign approving the project.

MOTION: Bob Conley
SECOND: Ron Truex
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Resolution for the Inter-
Local Agreement for the HSIP project
between Kosciusko County and Elkhart
County.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-08-26-003 (2014081121)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING – JEREMY YOUNG:

Dan Richard, County Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners with a rezoning request from Jeremy Young. Young has requested the classification as Agricultural be reclassified and rezoned as Commercial. The property is located on the west side of SR13 and south of 800N. Richard stated the Area Plan Commission gave a unanimous decision to accept the rezoning request.

MOTION: Bob Conley
SECOND: Ron Truex
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Rezoning request for
Jeremy Young from Agricultural to
Commercial.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-08-26-004 REZONE (2014081122)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF EPWORTH FOREST – VACATING RIGHTS-OF-WAY:

Dan Richard, County Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners with a request from Epworth Forest to vacate five areas. The five areas are located on Susanna Lane, Cokesbury Lane, Asbury Lane and 2 parts of Alley in Block I. Richard stated the Area Plan gave a unanimous decision to accept the vacation. Epworth Forest requested the vacation to help clean up their titles and combine them all into one track of ground.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the vacation request to vacate
five rights of way within Epworth Forest.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 14-08-26-001 V (2014081125)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF DEED FOR WINONA LAKE AND GREENWAY PROJECT:

Jim Walmer, attorney for Winona Lake, came before the Commissioners to obtain their signatures on a deed for the described real estate of Northern Road between lots 7 & 8 in College Hill Addition, the North half of what was intended to be an Eastern extension of Robson Road and some of which is used today, but was not formally dedicated to the public when the Commissioners acquired the title by failure or refusal of the prior owners to pay real estate taxes. Walmer stated the deed is needed in order to continue on with the Greenway project. Chad Miner, County Attorney, reviewed all the information that was provided by Walmer and stated it all looked good and approved the Commissioners to sign if they chose to.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the deed for the real estate of
Northern Road between lots 7 & 8 in College
Hill Addition, the North half of what was
intended to be an Eastern extension of Robson
Road.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION NO. 14-08-26-002 (2014081124)

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 9, 2014**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on September 9, 2014 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
Ron Truex
Bob Conley

County Attorney
Marsha McSherry – Auditor

Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF SEPTEMBER VETERAN OF THE MONTH – REX ALLEN RIFE:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, came before the Commissioners to introduce the September Veteran of the month, Rex Allen Rife. Maron stated Rife joined the Army in 1969 and was sent to Vietnam and was discharged in January 1979. Rife is a member of the VFW Post 1126 in Warsaw and has been the Commander since 2012. Maron stated Rife is also a

member of the American Legion Post 49 in Warsaw and proudly serves on the Honor Guard with his wife. Rife is a member of ABATE and loves to ride his bike in his free time. Rife stated he wants to use his time serving the community and helping other Veterans. Rife thanked Maron and the Commissioners for the honor of being the Veteran of the month.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HONORING OF SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES:

Sheriff, Rocky Goshert, and Captain, Aaron Rovenstine came before the Commissioners to acknowledge three (3) Deputies for their heroic and life-saving actions.

Goshert recognized Deputy Done McCune and Chris Rager for their actions to when they responded to a call on September 25, 2013. Goshert stated they received a radio dispatch of a female that had been struck by a northbound Norfolk Southern freight train at the Fort Wayne street crossing. Deputy McCune and Rager arrived and located a female underneath the train who had been critically injured with an amputated arm. Both officers climbed underneath the train and applied a make-shift tourniquet to the victim's remaining arm, circumventing any further blood loss until paramedics arrived on the scene. Goshert stated he received a call from the EMS and the surgeon that through the actions of these two Deputies they were able to save this females life.

Goshert then recognized Deputy Neil Likens for his response to a shooting incident on August 18, 2014 in the Enchanted Hills housing addition in Northern Kosciusko County. Upon arrival, Officer Deputy Likens approached the residence, and located two seriously wounded male subjects, one who was bleeding profusely from a femoral artery. Deputy Likens, who is also a certified Advanced E.M.T/medic with the North Webster/Tippecanoe Township E.M.S. & Fire Department, applied a tourniquet to the subject's leg to control the blood loss. Goshert stated they were later notified by Lutheran's Hospital medical staff that Officer Likens actions "most likely saved the subjects life at the scene".

Goshert and Rovenstine paid honor to these three officers for their immediate response during an extremely dangerous and stressful situation to save another human beings life by going above and beyond the call of duty.

The Commissioners thanked the Officers for their dedication and for the service they give to the community each and every day.

**IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COUNTY PERSONNEL
POLICY HANDBOOK –**

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented an Ordinance amending the County Personnel Policy Handbook. McSherry stated the amendment is in regarding the Employment Status – Full Time Public Retirement section due to the new Right Stuff timekeeping system.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve Ordinance 2014-09-09-001

SECOND: Bob Conley

amending the County Personnel Policy

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

Handbook regarding the Employment Status – Full Time Public Retirement section.

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 14-09-09-001 (2014090357)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

**IN THE MATTER OF LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING / UNOFFICIAL DETOUR – SR
13 OVER GRASSY CREEK –**

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners with a Letter of Understanding from INDOT for an Unofficial Detour. Tilden stated the Unofficial Detour is for a Bridge Deck Overlay on SR 13 over Grassy Creek, located 4.72 miles north of US 30. The Unofficial Detour will be from SR 13 east on E200N, to north on N850E, to west on E350N. Tilden stated the contract is tentatively scheduled for the October 8, 2014 letting, and predicts the project will not be complete until sometime next year.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the INDOT Letter of

SECOND: Bob Conley

Understanding / Unofficial Detour for SR 13

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

Over Grassy Creek

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF BID LETTING DATE FOR THE 2015 COUNTY SUPPLIES:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners to request permission to set Monday, November 3, 2014 at 9:15a.m. as the bid letting date for the 2015 County Supplies.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM:

Barry Andrews, Probation Director, came before the Commissioners with Ordinance 14-09-09-002 to establish the Kosciusko County Community Corrections Program. Andrews stated there are several other communities that have already implemented these programs and are having great success with them. Andrews added this program will be funded by a State grant in the amount of \$356,000 that can be renewed every two years. Andrews stated this program will not alter the current Work Release Program, but instead work alongside the current program. The Community Corrections Program will allow qualified individuals in our community to obtain help in finding employment, completing resume and other life skills that are necessary to adapt in today's world.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve Ordinance 14-09-09-002 to establish the Kosciusko County Community Corrections Program.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 14-09-09-002 (2014090356)

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 23, 2014**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on September 23, 2014 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
Ron Truex
Bob Conley

County Attorney
Marsha McSherry – Auditor

Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF OFFICE HOLDER:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, requested permission to switch out some IT computer equipment for the security doors in the jail and the courts in order for them to operate properly. Robinson stated the funds are available in the IT budget.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the expense to replace the IT computer equipment for the security doors in the jail and courts.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY AUDITOR:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented an internal process control for the Auditor's office. The control is a requirement from the State Board of Accounts. The process map and controls are for the Title IV-D Federal Reimbursement process.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the process map and controls for the Title IV-D Federal Reimbursement process.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF PURCHASE OF 2014 COLD PLANER QUOTES:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, presented the Commissioners with four (4) quotes to purchase a cold planer milling attachment for a Bobcat Tract loader. The cold planer will be used to mill out for butt joints and to mill off bumps on some of the old concrete roads. The quotes were as follows:

- | | |
|---|-------------|
| - Bobcat of Warsaw, Warsaw, IN | \$13,697.00 |
| - South Eastern Equipment Company, Fort Wayne, IN | \$16,794.00 |
| - Rudd Equipment, Fort Wayne, IN | \$20,265.00 |
| - Wakarusa Heavy Equipment, Wakarusa, IN | \$22,000.00 |

Tilden stated after reviewing the quotes his recommendation is to award the quote to the lowest quote which is Bobcat of Warsaw in the amount of \$13,697.00

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the quote to purchase a 2014

SECOND: Ron Truex

Cold Planer in the amount of \$13,697.00 from

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

Bobcat of Warsaw.

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF PURCHASE OF 2014 SNOW PLOW QUOTES:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, presented the Commissioners with five (5) quotes to purchase five (5) one-way snow plows for the dump trucks. The quotes were as follows:

- | | |
|---|-------------|
| - Hoosier Equipment, Plymouth, IN (\$9,558 each) | \$47,790.00 |
| - W.A. Jones, Columbia City, IN (10,091 each) | \$50,455.00 |
| - Hoosier Trailer & Truck Equipment, Fort Wayne, IN (10,157 each) | \$50,785.00 |

Bonnell High Country one-way plow

- | | |
|--|-------------|
| - Hoosier Trailer & Truck Equipment, Fort Wayne, IN (9,853 each) | \$49,265.00 |
|--|-------------|

Gledhill Model

- | | |
|--|-------------|
| - Hoosier Trailer & Truck Equipment, Fort Wayne, IN (9,708 each) | \$48,540.00 |
|--|-------------|

Henderson Model one-way fixed

Tilden stated after reviewing the quotes his recommendation is to award the quote to the lowest quote which is Hoosier Equipment of Plymouth for five (5) Henke Snow Plows for a total of \$47,790.00.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the quote to purchase five (5)

SECOND: Ron Truex

Henke Snow Plows from Hoosier Equipment

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

of Plymouth in the amount of \$47,790.00.

UNANIMOUS

**IN THE MATTER OF ADVOCATING HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY
RESOLUTION:**

Bob Conley, Commissioner, presented a resolution to the Commissioners for consideration. Conley read the Resolution and stated it was to help show their support and strongly urges the Indiana State Government to provide appropriate funding. The focus is to provide results orientated, evidence based, proven treatment, including Hyperbaric Oxygen for veterans who suffer from traumatic brain injuries, post-traumatic stress brain insults, and post concussive brain insults. The Commissioners were all in agreement on this resolution. Ron Truex stated anything that might help our Veterans is worth it.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the Resolution in the matter of

SECOND: Bob Conley

Advocating Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION NO. 14-09-23-001 (2014090870)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF BID OPENING FOR BRIDGE 278 - SYRACUSE:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, and Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, opened the bids for Bridge 278 in Syracuse. The bids were opened as follows:

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| - Beer & Slabaugh | \$405,421.15 |
|-------------------|--------------|

- JCI Bridge Group Inc \$563,712.58
- La Porte Construction \$561,029.00
- Northern Indiana Construction \$404,278.71

Tilden stated after reviewing the quotes his recommendation is to award the quote to the lowest bid which was Northern Indiana Construction in Mishawaka in the amount of \$404,278.71.

MOTION: Ron Truex TO: Approve the recommendation to accept
SECOND: Bob Conley the bid from Northern Indiana Construction in
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 Mishawaka in the amount of \$404,278.71.
UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING – DEVON HOCHSTETLER:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, presented the Commissioners with a request to rezone 14.5 acres located on the South side of 1350 N West 700 W. Richard stated the request was made by Devon Hochstetler and received a unanimous approval by the Area Plan Board in favor of the rezoning from an Agricultural to an Agricultural II. There was no one present to speak in favor of or to oppose the recommendation.

MOTION: Bob Conley TO: Approve the rezoning of 14.5 acres
SECOND: Ron Truex located on the South side of 1350 N West 700
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 W from Agricultural to Agricultural II.
UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 14-09-23-002 REZONE (2014090871)

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 7, 2014**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on October 7, 2014 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 County Attorney
Ron Truex- Absent Marsha McSherry – Auditor
Bob Conley

Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF OCTOBER VETERAN OF THE MONTH – CHARLES DIPPON

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, came before the Commissioners to introduce the October Veteran of the month, Charles Dippon. Maron stated Dippon joined the Army in March of 1991, was flown to Germany and honorably discharged in March of 2001 in Colorado Springs, CO. Dippon stated what he took from his years of service is the importance of belonging to a good team and how far a good work ethic will get you. Dippon lives in Warsaw with his wife Amber and their six children. His oldest son serves in the Army Reserves in Cuba. Dippon stated he loves the military service and the guys that are deployed around the country at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, brought to the Commissioners for signatures, Bid Form 96 which is the Contractor’s form from the bid that was awarded to Northern Indiana Construction in Mishawaka during the September 23, 2014 Commissioners meeting for Bridge 278 in Syracuse.

Before the close of the meeting, Bob Sanders, County Council President invited the Commissioners to attend the Council meeting Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 7 pm.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS October 21, 2014

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on October 21, 2014 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
Ron Truex
Bob Conley

County Attorney
Marsha McSherry – Auditor
Ron Robinson, County Administrator

Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF 4H PRESENTATION:

Commissioner, Bob Conley, congratulated the Kosciusko County 4H on celebrating their 100th year and introduced the members to share their experiences through the program. Mindy Wise, 4H Youth Development Educator, began by stating the county has over 700 kids involved in the youth programs and more than 200 adult volunteers. Wise introduced Ami Pitt, who is the leader of the Firm Foundation club and focuses mostly on home schooled kids. Ami Pitt began by stating there are 60 kids currently in the Firm Foundation program and are extremely proud of these kids. Pitt introduced Carolyn Pitt and Olivia Johnson who are current members in the program. Pitt and Johnson both gave brief overviews of why they joined, what they have been able to experience and what it means to them to be in the program. Wise thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to come before them and for their continued support.

IN THE MATTER OF MAGICAL MEADOWS PRESENTATION:

Commissioner, Bob Conley, introduced Tammy Stackhouse, from Magical Meadows. Stackhouse came before the Commissioners to introduce a new program they will be offering called the “Warriors Mount Up”. The program will be for Veterans of our county. Stackhouse felt this would be a great way to give back to the community and support the Veterans of our area to show them that people do care. The program will allow therapeutic benefits such as physical, cognitive and psycho-social. Stackhouse explained the soothing rhythm, strength, warmth and the three-dimensional movement pattern provides healthy exercise while improving circulation and muscle tone. Stackhouse and Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, will be in contact to discuss this program in further detail to see how it will benefit our Veterans. Stackhouse invited the Commissioners to visit Magical Meadows for a tour of the facilities and see what they have to offer.

IN THE MATTER OF KABS 3rd QUARTER CLAIM & INDOT GRANT– KEVIN PLANCK:

Kevin Planck, GM for KABS, came before the Commissioners and presented the KABS third quarter claim. Planck stated they provided over 12,000 rides for third quarter. The total for the third quarter claim was \$108,036.00.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the 3rd Quarter Claim as presented.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF STEVE SNYDER – LEWALLEN PARK VACATION:

Attorney, Steve Snyder, came before the Commissioners to discuss a vacation for Lewallen Park. Snyder began by stating this vacation request was original approved by the

Commissioners back in December 2002, but was never recorded. Snyder continued by stating someone had miss described the gifted tract and left a small strip between Main Street and the property now known as YMCA/Camp Crosley. Snyder stated by saying all the required deeds have been recorded and provided copies of those deeds to the Commissioners for their review. Snyder is requesting the Commissioners re-approve the Resolution that was approved back in December 2002 due to the years that have elapsed over this time span. Snyder stated he did not feel comfortable accepting the Resolution from over 10 years ago for something they are finally getting cleared up. Snyder continued by stating once the Commissioners approve and accept the dedication of the road then he will be able to move forward and finish the vacation and relocation. Ron Truex, Commissioner, stated he does not recall having to ever ratify an approved vacation. Snyder agreed with Truex, but followed up by stating the original approval was never recorded and this is one reason he is asking the Commissioners to ratify the original Ordinance from December 2002. Snyder went onto state the original Ordinance was subject to obtaining Betty Hackett's signature, but they were unable to obtain her signature due to her death. Snyder stated they Ordinance is moving the right of way to match up where the road really exist. County Attorney, Chad Miner, stated the road that is being dedicated to the county still shows in the Warner's name and that name doesn't actually show up in the chain of titles. Miner stated that a Quiet Title action is the best course of action to correct the situation. Miner understands this course of action will take more time, but feels it is worth it to keep the county from having to deal with any future issues that may arise at a later date. Miner continued by stating he does not feel there will be any future issues, but just as a precaution. Snyder commented on Miners suggestion and stated that there is a statue that would mitigate the need for a Quiet Title. Snyder stated the statue stated if a road existed and was used by the public for more than twenty (20) years it becomes a public road. The statue was appealed in 1988, but Snyder stated the section in question was being used by the public as a road back from 1968-1988. Miner followed up by stating he agreed with Snyder that the risk is minimal but the safest course of action would be to request a Quiet Title. Snyder stated that if a situation did arise in the future then the YMCA can file a Quite Title action at that time and show that they had possession for the ten (10) years prior to 1950 and the Quite Title would be effective from that date. Snyder stated he would represent the County for free if there was ever an issue on this Ordinance in the future.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Ordinance 14-10-21-003

Lewallen Park for the public right of way, with the warnings from County Attorney, Chad Miner and the stipulation that Attorney, Steve Snyder will represent the County if a future issue arises.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-10-21-003 (2014101030)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF 2015 INTER-LOCAL TERMINAL SERVICES DATA

AGREEMENTS :

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented the 2015 Inter-Local agreements with the towns for Terminal Services Data.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the 2015 Inter-Local agreements with the towns for Terminal Services Data.

IN THE MATTER OF 2014 NFP AGREEMENTS:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented the 2015 NFP Agreements for approval.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the 2015 NFP Agreements.

IN THE MATTER OF STOP SIGN ORDINANCE FOR CR500 W AND CR400N:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners to request an Ordinance be approved to install a stop sign at CR 500W and CR 400N. Tilden stated he felt it was necessary to install a stop sign due to the change in traffic pattern for this particular area due to

the new businesses. Truex stated he agreed with the recommendation made by Tilden. The sign will be installed on Wednesday, October 22, 2014.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the Ordinance 14-10-21-001 to install a stop sign at CR 500W and CR 400N.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 14-10-21-001 (2014100908)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING ORDINANCE FOR PETITIONER LIKENS:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners to present a request to rezone a tract of land in the Southwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 33 North, Range 7 East, Tippecanoe Township from Agricultural to Residential. Richard stated that the Area Plan Commission gave a unanimous recommendation to accept the rezoning request.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-10-21-002 ZONE (2014100975)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the Ordinance 14-10-21-002 to rezone a tract of land located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 33 North Range 7 East, Tippecanoe Township from Agricultural to Residential.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF TIME KEEPING SYSTEM GUIDELINES FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, JAIL COOKS, WORK RELEASE AND DISPATCH

CLASSIFICATIONS:

Ron Truex stated that due to our new time keeping system and how the hours are reported by the Sheriff's Department, which includes the Jail Cooks, Work Release and Dispatch, a few changes had to occur. The decision was made to take the average and change those individuals to a salary status. This will allow those individuals to have a paycheck for the same hours each pay period. The changes will be reflected in the personnel policy amendment. Brad Jackson questioned Sheriff, Rocky Goshert, if he had any issues with this change. Goshert advised he had no issues with the change.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the recommendation to change the Sheriff's department staff to salary to ensure their hours would be reflected correctly for the new time keeping system.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF VACANT DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT:

Ron Truex stated that in the passing of Don Goon there is now a vacant position on the Drainage Board that needs to be filled. The Commissioners received a recommendation from Richard Kemper, County Surveyor, to appoint Dennis Darr to fulfill this vacancy.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the recommendation to appoint Dennis Darr to the vacant Drainage Board position.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 3, 2014

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on November 3, 2014 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
Ron Truex
Bob Conley

County Attorney
Marsha McSherry – Auditor

Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF SEPTEMBER VETERAN OF THE MONTH – MICHAEL MINNICK SR.:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, came before the Commissioners to introduce the November Veteran of the month, Michael Minnick, Sr. Maron stated Minnick joined the Navy in December 1965. Minnick served three years and nine months in the Navy SeaBee's and on his last year was sent to Scotland. Minnick joined the Indiana National Guard after coming home and being a civilian for fourteen years. Minnick stated he is honored to be receiving this award on behalf of all the veterans. Maron along with the Commissioners thanked Minnick for his service and dedication to his country.

IN THE MATTER OF INDOT GRANT:

Kevin Planck, GM for KABS, came before the Commissioners and presented an INDOT Grant for capital and operating that was awarded to them. Planck stated he needed approval from the Commissioners in order to accept the funds from the grant.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the INDOT Grant as presented.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, came before the Commissioners and presented a Resolution, Contract, Waiver of Conflict of Interest and the Commissioners Deed for the signing of the Animal Welfare Shelter over to the Animal Welfare League. Robinson stated this will allow the property to be donated to the Animal Welfare League. Truex stated the agreement has a stipulation that states if the agreed services stop or change within five (5) years from the date of the contract the property will revert back to the donor of the land

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the Resolution, Contract,

SECOND: Bob Conley

Waiver of Conflict of Interest and the

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

Commissioners Deed for Kosciusko County

UNANIMOUS

donating real estate to the Animal Welfare League.

Animal Welfare League RESOLUTION NO. 14-11-03-001 (2014110077)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

Waiver of Conflict of Interest (2014110078)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

Commissioners' Deed (2014110008 Deed)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

**IN THE MATTER OF THE OPENING OF BIDS FOR THE COUNTY HIGHWAY
SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS FOR 2015:**

Chad Miner, County Attorney, and Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners and opened the bids for the 2015 County Highway Supply bids.

Bid Item #1 Dust Control

- Great Lakes Chloride , Warsaw Indiana - Calcium Chloride for Dust Control

Bid Item #11 & 111 Signs and Post

- Submitted quote letters to Highway Department

Bid Item IV Aggregates

- Baily Aggregates/Limestone/Yoder Indiana
- Robert McCullough/Gravel/Ft Wayne Indiana
- Elkhart County Gravel/Gravel/New Paris Indiana
- Speedway Gravel & Sand/Gravel/Ft Wayne Indiana
- Butler Mill Service/Arc Furnace Slag/Butler Indiana & Columbia City Indiana
- Zimmerman-Newcomer Gravel Co./Gravel/Milford Indiana
- IMI/Limestone/Huntington Indiana
- Phend and Brown/Gravel/Milford Indiana
- West Plains Mining LLC/Limestone/Wabash Indiana
- G&G Hauling and Excavating/Limestone/Warsaw Indiana

Bid Item V Weed

- Daltons/Weed Spray/Warsaw Indiana

Bid Item VI CMP

- Debco Metal Culvert/Metal Culverts/Francesville Indiana
- Metal Culverts, Inc/Metal Culverts/Jeffersonville Missouri
- St Regis Culvert Inc/Metal Culverts/Indianapolis Indiana

Bid Item VII Case In Place Bridge

- Primco Inc/Casting Place Bridge/Fort Wayne Indiana

Bid Item VIII Structural Plate Pipe, Pipe Arches

- Debco Metal Culvert/plate & pipe, arches/Francesville Indiana
- St Regis Culvert Inc/plate & pipe, arches/Indianapolis Indiana

Bid Item IX Bituminous Materials

- Asphalt Materials/Liquid Asphalt/Warsaw Indiana
- Pierceton Trucking/Liquid Asphalt/Warsaw Indiana

Bid Item X Plantrental

- Phend and Brown/Asphalt Plantrent/Milford Indiana

Bid Item XI Hot mix Asphalt and Cold mix Loaded in County Trucks

- Phend and Brown/Hot mix asphalt/Milford Indiana
- Niblock Excavating/Hot mix asphalt/Bristol Indiana
- Central Paving Inc/Cold mix asphalt/Logansport Indiana
- Brooks Construction Company/Hot mix asphalt/Ft Wayne Indiana

Bid XII Hot mix Asphalt/Contractor Laid

- Phend and Brown/HMA Contractor Laid/Milford Indiana
- Brooks Construction Compnay/HMA Contractor Laid/Ft Wayne Indiana
- Niblock Excavating Inc/HMA Contractor Laid/Bristol Indiana

Bid XIII Diesel/Ultra Low Sulfur On Road/Off Road Diesel

- Petroleum Traders/On-Off Road Diesel/Ft Wayne Indiana
- Bellman Oil Company/On-Off Road Diesel/Bremen Indiana
- North Central Coop/On-Off Road Diesel/Mt Vernon Indiana

Misc – Guard Rail

- James H Drew Corporation/Guardrail/Indianapolis Indiana

Tilden's recommendation is to take all the bids under review and return at the November 18, 2014 Commissioners meeting and present his findings and recommendations.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 18, 2014

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on November 18, 2014 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
Ron Truex
Bob Conley

County Attorney
Marsha McSherry – Auditor

Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL PROCESS MAPS & CONTROLS:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, came before the Commissioners and presented the Payroll Process Maps and Internal Controls. McSherry stated this is based on a requirement by the State Board of Accounts. McSherry continued by stating with the implementation of Right Stuff the duties have now been able to be separated out for the checks and balances that are required.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the Payroll Process Maps and Controls.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPPLY BIDS:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners to make his recommendation on the Highway Supply Bids. Tilden's recommendation was to accept all the bids that were presented and use at the counties discretion throughout the year.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the County Highway Supply

SECOND: Ron Truex

Bids to accept all the bids that were presented and use at the counties discretion throughout the year.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY SIGN REPLACEMENT PROJECT:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners and presented two letters from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) in reference to the sign replacement project. The first letter states No New Right Of Way (ROW) is needed and the second letter is an Assurance letter that assures we are in compliance from an Act dated in 1970.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the two letters from INDOT for the sign replacement project.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF CLOUGH VACATION:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners in reference to a petition for vacation of a portion of a platted easement in the plat of Brower Estates 1st Addition in Tippecanoe Township. The plat is listed as a 20' drainage and access easement over the northeast 20' of Lot 2 by parallel lines in the Plat of Brower Estates 1st Addition. The request is to vacate a portion of the easement on the southwest 10' by parallel lines of a 20' drainage and access easement over the northeast 20' by parallel lines of Lot 2 in the Plat of Brower Estates 1st Addition. The request is to reduce the easement from 20' wide to 10' wide and eliminate the 10' closest to the house. The recommendation is not to vacate unless there is 100% consent from all the affected property owners. The vote from Area Plan was 5-2-1. Richard stated that for the off lake owner's the difference between a 10' easement and a 20' easement is the additional value it adds to their property. Truex stated he does not see how reducing the easement from 10' to 20' would have that big of an impact on the value of the off lake owners land.

Laura Kaufman, attorney, came before the Commissioners representing Steve Snyder. Kaufman stated they are in favor of the vacation. Kaufman stated the usage for the easement in question changed back in 2004 when it went to litigation over piers that were placed at the end of the easement. Judge Reed determined at that time that the piers were not allowed as the easement was strictly for lake access to walk to and from the lake. Kaufman stated the 10' easement is plenty wide enough for the landowners to have ample access to and from the lake. The owners agreed to pay for the drainage tiles to be placed underground on the 10' easement, to ensure it does not impede the other landowner's access. Kaufman stated the vacation would meet the request of the homeowner and allow the off lake owner's their access.

Richard came before the Commissioners and stated that the landowner's have used this easement in the past to launch their boats from, but it does not appear this has been the case recently. Richard stated the area is filled with cattails and overgrowth.

Pat Meck, land owner, stated he owns two (2) lots in the area that is in question. Meck stated they were never approached about their request to decrease the size of the easement. Meck stated they had stated they would consider the vacation if they were given something in return. Meck stated they are not opposed to the vacation, but would like to meet and discuss some of the concessions for the other land owners. Meck stated the concession he would like is to allow a request be made to the DNR to allow a community pier be placed at the end of the easement.

The decision was made to table the vacation for two (2) weeks and be heard again at the December 2, 2014 Commissioners meeting. The Commissioners are allowing Meck two weeks to work something out with the homeowners requesting the vacation and the DNR. Truex stated that if the DNR will not entertain the ideal of a community pier with a 20' easement then he would agree to the original vacation request. The vacation will be heard again at the December 2, 2014 meeting.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the recommendation to table
the vacation till the December 2, 2014
meeting.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS December 2, 2014

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on December 2, 2014 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
Ron Truex
Bob Conley

County Attorney
Marsha McSherry – Auditor

Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF DECEMBER VETERAN OF THE MONTH – DUANE M. GABLE:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, came before the Commissioners to introduce the December Veteran of the month, Duane M. Gable. Maron stated that Gable was born in Sidney, Indiana and was drafted into the United States Army in 1942. Gable went to coastal artillery school in the state of Washington, but was then sent to Dutch Harbor in the Aleutian Islands. Gable was then transferred to Aviation training, but his schooling never began due to he was assigned to the 66th Infantry and sent to Fort Benning, Georgia. Private Gable and his unit were

sent to Europe in December of 1944. His unit was moved to the Rhine River with Patton's Army and followed Patton cleaning up the mess he had left. Staff Sergeant Gable was awarded campaign medals from both the Pacific theater as well as the European theater. He is a holder of the Combat Infantry Man's badge of which he is proud. Gable returned to Warsaw and has been a general contractor for nearly 50 years. Both he and his wife, Barbara, reside at Grace Village and have been married for 73 years. They have two daughters, one son, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Maron thanked Gable for his service to our great nation and awarded him with the December Veteran of the month plaque. The Commissioners also thanked Gable for his time and service and his sacrifice.

IN THE MATTER OF EXTENSION CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT:

Kelly Heckaman, Extension Director, came before the Commissioners to present the 2015 Extension Contractual Services Agreement for approval.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the 2015 Extension Contractual Services Agreement.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD:

Barry Andrews, Director, came before the Commission to discuss the changes that have been made to the Community Corrections Programs.

Judge Jarrette, started by stating the proposed budget for the Community Corrections grant is \$356,000 and it includes the Kosciusko County Drug and Alcohol program. The Drug and Alcohol program has been an independent program ran by the judicial center for several years. Judge Jarrette and Judge Sutton are the co-electors for the program. Judge Jarrette and Judge Sutton have both decided they would like to retain control of the Drug and Alcohol program outside of Community Correction Programs even though it is included in the purposed budget. Jarrette stated he is not opposed to adopting the \$356,000 budget at this time due to the time constraints of the December 31, 2014 deadline. Jarrette and Reed are both in agreement that there might be changes to the budget, but these changes will come at a later date.

Judge Reed came before the Commissioners and stated he was in agreement with Judge Jarrette that the budget needs to be approved in order for the deadline to be met. Reed continued by stating there will need to be adjustments made after the first of the year and if the funding from the state is not needed to run all the programs then that portion of the money will not be used and will then be returned to the state.

Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated he has reviewed the Amended Establishment of the Kosciusko County Community Corrections Program Ordinance 14-12-02-003 and the Resolution 14-12-02-002 clarifying the appointments to the Community Corrections Program Advisory Board and determined all documents are valid.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the Community Corrections Grant budget total of \$356,000, Amended Establishment of the Kosciusko County Community Corrections Program Ordinance 14-12-02-003 and the Resolution 14-12-02-002.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 14-12-02-003 (2014120098)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

RESOLUTION NO. 14-12-02-002 (2014120097)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT PROJECT:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, came before the Commissioners and presented a 2014 Emergency Management Performance Grant. Rock stated this grant of \$8,485.29 will be combined with a Homeland Security Grant of \$13,000 to purchase a Primary Mover Emergency

Response Vehicle. The vehicle is for the transport of response equipment and personnel to the incident sites, which may have limited or restricted access as a result of an emergency or disaster. Rock stated the current vehicle will be used as a trade in when the new vehicle is purchased. Rock assured the Commissioners that he will not move forward with purchasing a new vehicle until the grants are approved.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the 2014 Emergency

SECOND: Bob Conley

Management Grant Project to purchase a new
Emergency Response Vehicle.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF CHAPMAN LAKE – REMOVAL OF OBJECTS IN RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, requested the Commissioners sign a letter addressed to Mr. & Mrs. Summe in regards to placement of objects in the public right of way near their property.

IN THE MATTER OF 2015 SOLID WASTE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented the 2015 Solid Waste Inter-Local Agreement to the Commissioners for approval. The agreement allows the Auditor's office to be the controller for the Solid Waste.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the 2015 Solid Waste Inter-
Local Agreement.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF 2015 KOSCIUSKO COUNTY CONVENTION, RECREATION & VISITORS COMMISSION (KCCRVC) INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented the 2015 KCCRVC Inter-Local Agreement to the Commissioners for approval. The agreement allows the Auditor's office to be the controller for the KCCRVC.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the 2015 Kosciusko County
Convention, Recreation & Visitors
Commission Inter-Local Agreement.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF CLOUGH VACATION:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners in reference to the Clough Vacation that was tabled at the last meeting that was held on November 18, 2014. Richard stated as a reminder from the last meeting that the Area Plan Commission had made the recommendation to not approve the vacation with a 5-2-1 vote. Richard continued by stating this is not a public right of way, but rather a private right of way, for the homeowners within the platted area. Richard stated that if the right of way is reduced from 20 ft to 10 ft the non-lake front homeowners will be losing property value. Richard stated the focus needs to remain on the vacation that was brought before the Commissioners, which was reducing the easement from 20 ft to 10 ft. and not on the concern of a community pier.

Steve Snyder, Attorney, stated the pier concern is not an issue due to a court order that a pier is not allowed at the end of this particular easement. Snyder continued by stating the DNR will not allow the pier due to the court order. Snyder stated that 10 ft leaves ample space for anyone to have lake access.

Lisa Clough came before the Commissioners and stated in the 8 years she has lived there she has only seen one person use the easement for lake access and he is no longer a homeowner in that area. Clough stated they feel that a 10 ft easement will be plenty wide enough for anyone wanting to launch a kayak or canoe.

Mike Kissinger, County Surveyor, came before the Commissioners and stated that he was in agreement with Snyder on the pier issue and that the DNR will not allow for a community pier. Kissinger continued and stated that if the homeowners place a fence on either side of the easement the 10 ft easement would not be sufficient for someone to back a boat trailer down to the water.

The Commissioners closed the discussion to the public and talked amongst themselves. Truex did confirm with Richard that there are other public lake access ramps on this body of water for the owners to use. The Commissioners were in agreement to approve the vacation.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the Clough Vacation for a portion of a platted easement in the Plat of Brower Estates 1st Addition.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 14-12-02-001 (2014120100)

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
December 16, 2014**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on December 16, 2014 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
Ron Truex
Bob Conley

County Attorney
Marsha McSherry – Auditor

Minutes were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF RARICK ROAD NAMING:

Lee Taylor, Area Plan, presented an Ordinance to have a privately maintained, platted right of way within Rarick's Recreation Resort know as Lakeview Dr renamed as Rarick Road.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the Ordinance 14-12-16-002 to rename Lakeview Dr to Rarick Road.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-12-16-001 (2014120712)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF GOSHERT AWARD RECOGNITION:

Captain Aaron Rovenstine came before the Commissioners to present Sheriff Goshert with an award from the Indiana Sheriff Association. Rovenstine stated Goshert was recently honored for his multiple years of law enforcement service during the Indiana Sheriff Association conference. Goshert was provided with a plaque that denoted his previous service as an Indiana State Police Trooper from 1980 to 2001, and then subsequently a sheriff's deputy and then a corporal from 2001 to 2006 for the Kosciusko County Sheriff's Department. The Indiana Sheriff's Association stated they recognize and appreciate such distinguished service and honor that Goshert brings to himself, his family, his state and all law enforcement officers. The award was presented to Sheriff Goshert in recognition to his sincere dedication, distinguished service, and many contributions to the law enforcement profession. The Commissioners thanked Sheriff Goshert and congratulated him on such an honor.

IN THE MATTER OF FEMA REIMBURSEMENT:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, came before the Commissioners and stated the county received \$56,326.05 for the FEMA reimbursement for the severe weather that occurred in January 2014. Rock stated the funds received were not enough to cover all the expenses, but it will help offset the funding that was spent.

IN THE MATTER OF 2015 COMMISSIONER BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Brad Jackson, Commissioners President, presented the 2015 list of Commissioner Board Appointments for review. The Commissioners agreed with the 2015 appointments.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the 2015 Commissioner Board Appointments.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF 2015 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Brad Jackson, Commissioners President, presented the 2015 list of Community Corrections Advisory Board Appointments for review. Ed Rock requested the Emergency Management Advisory Board Appointment of Ron Truex be added to the 2015 list. The Commissioners agreed to add this appointment and accept all the 2015 Advisory Board appointments.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the 2015 Community

SECOND: Bob Conley

Corrections Advisory Board Appointments.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF 2015 DEPARTMENT HEAD APPOINTMENTS:

Brad Jackson, Commissioners President, presented the 2015 list of Department Head Appointments for review. The Commissioners agreed with the 2015 Department Head Appointments.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the 2015 Department Head

SECOND: Bob Conley

Appointments.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION:

Kevin McSherry, County Firemen's Association, came before the Commissioners to thank them for being the financial agent for Fire District Two training funds, which encompasses seven different districts. Rob Barker, Firemen's Association, provided the Commissioners with an annual report for the use of the training facility. Barker stated the training facility has been used to train over 700 firefighters and is used by the Warsaw High School for their Firefighter One program. The program allows students to earn college credits while attending high school. The program is a huge benefit to the entire county.

IN THE MATTER OF POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR KABS:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, came before the Commissioners to request Power of Attorney for Kevin Planck, KABS Director, which would all for title work to be done on two new buses.

Miner will prepare the Power of Attorney with the Commissioners approval. Ron Truex made a motion to accept the recommendation made by County Attorney, Chad Miner.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the request for Power of

SECOND: Bob Conley

Attorney for KABS Director, Kevin Planck.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF KABS VOUCHER FOR BUSES:

Kevin Planck, KABS Director, came before the Commissioners and requested approval of the updated voucher for the buses that were purchased. There was an additional \$45.00 added to the voucher that requires approval.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the additional \$45.00 to the

SECOND: Bob Conley

voucher for the purchases of the KAB buses.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF 2015 COUNTY ATTORNEY CONTRACT:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented the 2015 County Attorney Contract to the Commissioners for approval. Miner stated the contract represents the 2% increase that was approved by Council during the 2015 budget approval.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve 2015 County Attorney
Contract.

IN THE MATTER OF NORTH CENTRAL CO-OP DECLARATORY RESOLUTION:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented the North Central Co-Op Declaratory Resolution for approval.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the North Central Co-Op
Declaratory Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-12-16-002 (2014120710)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

**IN THE MATTER OF KOSCIUSKO COUNTY FOOD ESTABLISHMENT AND BED
AND BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENT ORDINANCE:**

Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated Bob Weaver, Health Department Director, has requested Miner to review the new food establishment ordinance that was published by the State of Indiana. Miner stated he will review and adjust the ordinance for Kosciusko County. Miner gave each Commissioner a copy for their review. Miner continued by stating the Health Department will bring to the next Commissioners meeting for approval.

IN THE MATTER OF MUNICIPAL LEASE FOR TWO DUMP TRUCKS:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners with the Municipal Lease for the financing of two single axle dump trucks with front plows, underbody scraper, hoist, hydraulics with dump bodies from bids back in June 2014.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Municipal Lease between
Mercedes-Benz Financial Services USA LLC.
and Kosciusko County Board of
Commissioners for two single axle dump
trucks for the County Highway.

**IN THE MATTER OF TITLE SHEET FOR THE ELKHART COUNTY-KOSCIUSKO
COUNTY SIGN REPLACEMENT PROJECT:**

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners with the Title Sheet for the Elkhart County – Kosciusko County Sign Replacement Project. Tilden stated Kosciusko County will have approximately 2,000-2,400 signs replaced with this project.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Title Sheet for the Elkhart
County –Kosciusko County Sign Replacement
Project.

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