

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 13, 2015

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on January 13, 2015 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 – Chad Miner
Michelle Puckett – Auditor

President, Brad Jackson opened the meeting and asked for nomination for the 2015 officers. Ron Truex nominated Bob Conley to serve as President and Ron Truex to serve as Vice-President for 2015.

MOTION: Ron Truex
SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the nominations of Bob Conley to serve as President and Ron Truex to serve as Vice-President for 2015.

Brad Jackson passed the meeting over the newly elected President, Bob Conley.

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

IN THE MATTER OF JANUARY VETERAN OF THE MONTH – HARRY EDWARD WARREN:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, came before the Commissioners to introduce the January Veteran of the month, Harry Edward Warren. Maron stated that Warren was born in Clunette, Indiana and was drafted into the United States Army in 1944. Warren served in the Battle of the Bulge and received a Bronze Star. Warren was stationed in Central Europe. Maron stated after Warren served his Army time he was given the assignment to guard German POW troops for 10 months. Maron thanked Warren for his service to our great nation and awarded him with the January Veteran of the month plaque. The Commissioners also thanked Warren for his time, service and his sacrifice.

IN THE MATTER OF ANNUAL SEX OR VIOLENT OFFENDER ORDINANCE:

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, came before the Commissioners to request permission for Chad Miner, County Attorney, to draft an Ordinance for a Sex or Violent Offender annual registration fee. Rovenstine stated based on Indiana Code 36-2-13-5.6 the county can collect up to \$50.00 for all Sex or Violent Offenders and \$5.00 for address changes. The fees are allowed to be collected annually, but an Ordinance must be approved. Rovenstine stated he has two full-time employee's that are solely responsible keeping the registry updated and for physically visiting the offenders home. Rovenstine stated the collection of this fee is a common practice for other counties. The Commissioners agreed to have Chad Miner, County Attorney, draft an Ordinance for their review and action will be taken once the Ordinance is written.

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF'S YEARLY JAIL REPORT:

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, presented the Commissioners with the yearly Jail report that he is required to file with the Judges. Rovenstine stated the report has a lot of great information and facts that the Commissioners might find interesting. Rovenstine shared the following comments from the report:

- Jail Booking are up by 300
- There has been an increase in women inmates by more than 50%
- The women inmates have two dedicated areas, but this is an area of concern due to overcrowding.

Rovenstine ended by stating they are brain storming on ways to handle the overcrowding of the women inmates and what alternatives might be available to them.

IN THE MATTER OF STAFF ANALYSIS FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, stated they are having a staff evaluation completed on Thursday, January 15 for the Jail. Rovenstine stated he will provide the Commissioners with the findings from the evaluation once they are received.

IN THE MATTER OF GRANT TO PURCHASE RESPONSE VEHICLE:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, came before the Commissioners and presented a grant to purchase a new response vehicle. The amount of the grant is for \$13,000 and will be combined with another grant in the amount of \$8,100.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the grant in the amount of

\$13,000 to be used in conjunction with

another grant in the amount of \$8,100 for the purchase of a new response vehicle.

IN THE MATTER OF NORTH CENTRAL CO-OP TIF:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented the Commissioners with Resolution 15-01-13-005 for the North Central Co-Op TIF development area.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the North Central Co-Op TIF

Resolution 15-001-13-005 that will establish the TIF District area.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-01-13-005 (2015010326)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE AND THE TOWN OF SILVER LAKE:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented Resolution 15-01-13-002 to the Commissioners for the Tax Sale Certificates for properties in the Town of Silver Lake that are severely delinquent in payment of property taxes. The town of Silver Lake has a grant that will allow them to use a third party vendor to tear these properties down. Miner stated these properties need to be demolished as they are past the point of repairs and are hazardous. The third party must take ownership of the Property Titles in order to demolish the houses that currently there.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve Tax Sale Certificate Resolution

for the Town of Silver Lake on properties that are severely delinquent in the payment of property taxes.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-01-13-002 (2015010323)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY CORRECTION ADVISORY BOARD DIRECTOR:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated the County Corrections Advisory Board met and made the recommendation to appoint Barry Andrews as Director of the program.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve Barry Andrews as Director for

the County Corrections Advisory Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-01-13-003 (2015010324)

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IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY CORRECTION ADVISORY BOARD LAY PERSON APPOINTMENT:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated the County Corrections Advisory Board met and made the recommendation to appoint Paul Pegues and Ron Truex as Lay Person's for the County Corrections Advisory Board.

MOTION: Ron Truex
SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve Paul Pegues and Ron Truex as
Lay Persons for the County Corrections
Advisory Board.

RESOLUTION 15-01-13-004 (2015010325)

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**IN THE MATTER OF 2015 COUNTY SHERIFF'S SALARY CONTRACT AND
RESOLUTION:**

Marsha McSherry, County Administrative Assistant, presented the Sheriff's Salary Contract and Resolution for approval. McSherry stated the Sheriff's salary is based on 80% of the Prosecutor's salary. McSherry continued by stating the salary is based off the State Indiana Code and will be for four years or whenever it is deemed to terminate.

MOTION: Ron Truex
SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the 2015 County Sheriff's
Salary Contract and Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-01-13-001 (2015010327)

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IN THE MATTER OF ROAD ADVISORY DETERMINATION:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, came before the Commissioners to give an overview of how the county determines the travel advisories.

- Yellow = Advisory
- Orange = Watch
- Red = Warning

Rock stated that the County Highway, Sheriff's Department, Dispatch and the Emergency Management all meet to discuss the level of advisory that should be issued to the county. Rock continued by stating they use the best information they have available to make their recommendation. Rock stated when a Warning is issued a Declaration must be approved and signed by the Commissioners. Rock stated a Warning is issued to urge residents not to travel unless it is to and from work and in the case of an emergency. The Commissioners are not approving the residents to stay home from work as this needs to be discussed between employee and employer.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
January 27, 2015**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on January 27, 2015 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

County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF BOARD OF FINANCE:

Sue Ann Mitchell, Treasurer, presented the 2015 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 was nominated to be President. Mitchell presented the Commissioners with the financials showing the amount of interest that was taken in for 2014. Mitchell stated the county received \$63,789.11 in interest on all the bank accounts and another \$49,030.00 on the three Municipal Bond Investments for a grand total of

\$112,819.11. 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.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the written report of the 2014 investments and investment policy presented by Treasurer, Sue Ann Mitchell.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER 2015 HOME SHOW:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Treasurer, requested permission from the Commissioners to have a booth at the 2015 Home Show. Mitchell feels the exposure at the Home Show has been a great avenue to reach the residents of the county and beneficial for all parties involved. Mitchell stated the cost for the booth will be \$150.00.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the request for the Treasurer to have a booth at the 2015 Home Show.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER 4th QUARTER CLAIMS:

Kevin Planck, General Manager, presented the KABS 4th Quarter claim voucher for approval. Planck stated the total for the claim is \$130,380.00 and they were able to use all of their 2014 funds.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

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

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF CO-OP FUEL CONTRACT FOR KABS:

Kevin Planck, General Manager, stated he is working on a new contract with CO-OP for purchasing their diesel fuel from. Planck stated they used up the old contract back in December 2014. Planck continued by stating the new contract will be for six (6) months and will save approximately \$4,000-\$5,000. Planck stated they are hoping to lock in at a cost of \$1.98 per gallon. Planck stated they used approximately \$70,000 worth of fuel in 2014.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve Kevin Planck, General Manager – KABS, to move forward on the fuel contract with CO-OP.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPOINTMENT – WES STOUDER:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated he has spoken with Wes Stouder and Stouder has agreed to continue his service on the Economic Development Board.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the appointment of Wes Stouder to the Economic Development Board.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF ANNUAL STATISTICS REPORT:

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, presented the Commissioners with the Annual Statistics Report for the Sheriff's department. Rovenstine stated \$382,254 was collected from inmates to use the Work Release Program and \$7,615 was collected from the State of Indiana to house these inmates. Rovenstine wanted to show that the programs they offer does bring a substantial amount of money back into the community.

IN THE MATTER FIRST RESPONDER VEHICLE BIDS:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, came before the Commissioners and presented the bids for the new first responder vehicle. The Commissioners agreed on the purchase of a 2015 Dodge Quad Cab 4x4 in the amount of \$23,005.00. Rock stated that the grant will pay for \$21,485.29 and the remaining \$1,519.71 will be paid for with funds from the CCD fund. Rock also requested an additional \$1,000 to be used to transfer equipment over to the new truck and a cover for the bed. The Commissioners agreed to an additional \$2,500. Per Ron Robinson the additional \$2,500 is available in the CCD fund.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the purchase of the 2015

Dodge Quad Cab 4x4 with \$21,485.29 from the grant and the remaining \$2,500 from the CCD fund.

IN THE MATTER OF IMAGING OFFICE SYSTEMS - FILEBOUND:

Bob Momeyer, System Administrator, came before the Commissioners to speak in reference to digital imaging and the amount of paper the county offices are required to store and retrieve. Momeyer stated a great deal of the documents being stored can be discarded after a digital image is produced. The system several offices are using is Fortis and this product has served those offices very nicely over the past several years, but Fortis will be terminated within the next 3 years. Momeyer stated he has done a great deal of research and is suggesting the purchase of a system called FileBound through Imaging Office Systems. Momeyer stated they will have all the new offices start out using FileBound and then gradually converting all the offices currently using Fortis over to the new system FileBound. Momeyer would like to request permission to move forward with the purchase of the FileBound system.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request to move forward with the purchase of the FileBound System.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS (PSAP):

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented a certification from the Indiana Statewide 911Board. The certification is required to be approved and signed by the county Commissioners showing the number of public safety answering points that are within Kosciusko County. Robinson stated Kosciusko County has one PSAP.

IN THE MATTER OF TURKEY CREEK PLANNING PROJECT:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, presented the Close out paperwork for the Turkey Creek Planning Project. Puckett stated the project has now been completed and all the funds have been spent.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request to close out the Turkey Creek Planning Project.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
February 10, 2015**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on February 10, 2015 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Conley - President
Ron Truex
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF JANUARY VETERAN OF THE MONTH – LARRY BURKHART

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, came before the Commissioners to introduce the February Veteran of the month, Larry Burkhart. Maron stated that Burkhart is a 20 year Vietnam Veteran. He was enlisted in the United States Air Force from 1973 until he retired in 1993. Burkhart was involved in the Strategic Air Command nuclear loading campaign as well as Operation Babylift. Burkhart talked about how they rescued infants as well as other refugees from Vietnam in 1975. Burkhart has worked for the Warsaw School System for 22 years. Maron thanked Burkhart for his service to our great nation and awarded him with the February Veteran of the month plaque. The Commissioners also thanked Burkhart for his service.

IN THE MATTER OF ANNUAL SEX OR VIOLENT OFFENDER ORDINANCE:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented the Commissioners with an Ordinance establishing an annual Sex or Violent Offender registration fee, a sex or violent offender address change fee, and establishing the Kosciusko County Sex or Violent Offender Administration Fund.

MOTION:	Ron Truex	TO:	Approve the Ordinance establishing an
SECOND:	Brad Jackson		annual Sex or Violent Offender registration
AYES:	3	NAYS:	0
UNANIMOUS			fee, a sex or violent offender address change
			fee, and establishing the Kosciusko County
			Sex or Violent Offender Administration Fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-02-10-001 (2015020285)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE COUNTY WIDE BRIDGE INSPECTION AGREEMENT:

Scott Tilden, County Highway, presented the Commissioners with a Supplemental Agreement to the County Wide Bridge Inspection Agreement for 12 bridges that need to have a yearly inspection due to a rating of a 4 or less in one of 4 line items from the phase 1 inspection that was done. This will cost \$7,643.64 for 2015 and \$7,860.72 for 2017. The Indiana Department of Transportation has reviewed the agreement and said it looks fine. The county will get 80% back for reimbursement.

MOTION:	Brad Jackson	TO:	Approve a Supplemental Agreement to
SECOND:	Ron Truex		the County Wide Bridge Inspection
AYES:	3	NAYS:	0
UNANIMOUS			Agreement for 12 bridges that need to have a
			yearly inspection due to a rating of a 4 or less
			in one of 4 line items from the phase 1
			inspection.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
February 24, 2015

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on February 24, 2015 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Conley - President
Ron Truex
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator - Absent
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF PTABOA APPOINTMENT:

Susan Engelberth, County Assessor, requested approval for the appointment of Gerald (Jake) Bitner. He retired from PTABOA at the end of December but agreed to come back on the Board to replace Laurie Renier.

MOTION: Ron Truex
SECOND: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the appointment of Gerald (Jake) Bitner to the PTABOA Board.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COURT PAYMENT FACILITATION AGREEMENT:

Ann Torpy, County Clerk, requested the approval of a Court Payment Facilitation Agreement with Doxpop, LLC to allow online payments for traffic tickets. Torpy stated it would be more convenient for the County as well as the drivers because there are many out-of-state drivers who get tickets on US 30 and it would be easier than getting a money order and mailing it to the Court. Chad Miner, County Attorney, looked over the document and was fine with it.

MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the Court Payment Facilitation Agreement with Doxpop, LLC to allow online traffic ticket payments.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF INVOICE CLOUD CONTRACT:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Treasurer, requested the Commissioners approval of a contract with Invoice Cloud which will allow tax bills to be posted on the internet. This will allow residents the ability to access, reprint and pay their tax bill online. Last year, 7,500 extra bills were ordered and reprinted because people had lost their bills and requested a new one. The online service will allow taxpayers to make credit card payments with a minimum charge of \$1.95 and E-check payments with a \$.95 fee. Chad Miner, County Attorney, reviewed the contract and was fine with it.

MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Ron Truex

TO: Approve a contract with Invoice Cloud to allow tax bills to be accessed and paid online.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF 911 DISPATCHERS RECOGNITION:

Bob Conley, President, stated that during the recent snow storm there was a tremendous number of 9-1-1 calls. Conley stated there were almost 1,000 calls in a single day with the majority of them being from 11:00am to 8:00pm. Three dispatchers who took the calls worked really hard to keep everything going, and Conley recognized them for their outstanding work. Patricia Mooney, Cindy Justice, and Jackie Sears were all recognized and rewarded with certificates. David Rosenberry, Dispatch Director, accepted the certificates on their behalf. Ron Truex said he listened to the scanner on that particular day and thought that dispatch sounded quite controlled and things seemed to be going smooth compared to the reports on the radio.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY – IMPROVING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AT EMS C23 LANE, WARSAW:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, shared a request by Emerson Poort to enlarge and widen the right-of-way at EMS C23 Lane, Warsaw, near Chapman Lake, at his own expense. Half of the right-of-way has already been improved, and Poort wants to make improvements to the other half because it has caused some issues near his campground. Miner suggested that Poort run everything through Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, first and Brad Jackson agreed. The Commissioners were fine with the request as long as Mr. Poort works with Tilden to meet the County's requirements and specifications.

MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Ron Truex

TO: Approve request for Emerson Poort to work with Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, to improve the right-of-way at EMS C23 Lane, Warsaw, near Chapman Lake at his own expense.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS RESOLUTION:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, stated that the current Claims Resolution allows certain claims to be paid outside of the cycle. She is currently working with the Drug Court on a couple of Federal Grants in which the money can only be held for a period of 10 days, and then it has to be disbursed. Puckett wants to add Advanced Grants to the Claims Resolution so bills can be paid as they come due. The money will be received before the bills are due so the County would be out nothing.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the addition of Advanced Grants to Claims Resolution
15-02-24-001 (2015020971).

RESOLUTION NO. 15-02-24-001 (2015020971)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF UPDATED MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH MERCEDES-BENZ:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, requested approval to update the Municipal Lease Agreement with Mercedes-Benz. The delivery of the two new trucks was not received by February 15th therefore; the agreement had to be updated to satisfy the IRS form 8038. Tilden stated that the new trucks should arrive this week.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the update of the Municipal Lease Agreement with Mercedes-Benz for two new trucks.

IN THE MATTER OF THE VACATION OF MIAMI ROAD:

Amy Irwin, from Area Plan, presented the Doctor vacation petitioning to vacate a 36ft. wide road that runs East and West. All of the property owners abutting the public way are willing to combine all of their properties together with the restricted settlement. All recommendations are unanimous. Steve Snyder, Attorney for Doctor, presented signed consent forms from all of the adjacent property owners stating they are in favor of the vacation of Miami Road, a public road in the plat of Bellrohr Park. The road is unopened and does not access anything. Conley, Commissioner President, asked if anyone from the public was for or against the vacation. An unnamed resident stated he was there to hear what was going to happen with the vacation. He does not live adjacent to the vacation but lives nearby and wanted to know if it would impact the easement. Snyder said it would not affect the easement.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the vacation of Miami Road, a public road in the plat of Bellrohr Park.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-02-24-002 (2015020976)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNITION OF EMERGENCY WORKERS:

Bob Conley, President, wanted to recognize not only the dispatchers who went above and beyond during the recent snow storm but also all of the people who responded to the tremendous load of calls. Conley talked about the Deputies, Firemen, Police, EMS and highway crews and stated they all deserve recognition for their hard work.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
March 10, 2015**

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Bob Conley - President
Ron Truex
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator -
Absent

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

IN THE MATTER OF JANUARY VETERAN OF THE MONTH – JERRY HOWARD McCARTNEY:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, came before the Commissioners to introduce the March Veteran of the month, Jerry Howard McCartney. McCartney is a U.S. Navy Korean War Veteran who served on active duty from January 1952 to December 1955. Maron stated McCarty was a Third Class Metal Smith and served his whole tour on the USS Prairie 8015 which was a Tender Destroyer whose mini mission was to repair other destroyers. McCartney's tour took him to Pearl Harbor, Japan, and South Korea. Maron stated McCartney is a Warsaw High School graduate where he was Captain on the football team and was the first recipient of the Fisher Football Award. McCartney spent 50 years as a manager at Kroger and Owens.

IN THE MATTER OF LAKELAND REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT APPOINTMENT – PARKE SMITH:

Brad Jackson, Commissioner, requested approval for the appointment of Parke Smith to the Lakeland Regional Sewer District Board. Smith is replacing Bob Conley and will finish Conley's current term.

MOTION:	Ron Truex	TO:	Approve the appointment of Parke Smith
SECOND:	Brad Jackson		to the Lakeland Regional Sewer District Board
AYES:	3	NAYS:	0
UNANIMOUS			

IN THE MATTER OF DISTRICT 2 TRAINING GRANT:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, requested the approval of a District 2 Training Grant in the amount of \$22,321.50. This is a reimbursement grant.

MOTION:	Brad Jackson	TO:	Approve District 2 Training Grant in the
SECOND:	Ron Truex		amount of \$22,321.50.
AYES:	3	NAYS:	0
UNANIMOUS			

IN THE MATTER OF SAND BAGS:

Ron Truex, Commissioner, asked Ed Rock about preparing for the Spring runoff, rain, and flooding. Rock stated there are currently 17,000 sand bags on hand, and he has requested an additional 12,000 to be delivered, but wasn't sure when they would arrive. There is sand already in bags sitting out front of the County Highway garage on Old 30 which will remain there through the Spring season. Truex asked if sand bags are located anywhere else in the County. Rock replied that currently there are not, but when a need arises in a certain area they will set up sand bags in that location. Rock stated that North Webster and Syracuse have a supply of sand bags and will bring in sand when it is needed in that area. Most of the towns have at least a bundle which is 1000 bags.

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY REIMBURSEMENT GRANT FOR WAGES:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, requested the approval of a Salary Reimbursement Grant in the amount of \$39,256.54 to cover 50% of the Emergency Management Director's and Administrative Assistant's wages.

MOTION:	Brad Jackson	TO:	Approve Salary Reimbursement Grant
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SECOND: Ron Truex in the amount of \$39,256.54 to cover 50% of
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 the Emergency Management Director's and
UNANIMOUS Administrative Assistant's wages.

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENT TO BRIDGE CONTRACT:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, spoke on behalf of Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, to request the approval of the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and County Supplemental Bridge Inspection Contract for the 12 bridges that need to be inspected every year instead of the normal cycle of 2 years. This brings the Maximum Federal share of eligible cost to \$112,321.62 with the supplement. The County and Engineering firm signed the supplemental agreement between the two parties at the February, 10, 2015 Commissioners meeting.

MOTION: Ron Truex TO: Approve Supplemental Bridge
SECOND: Brad Jackson Inspection Contract for 12 bridges that need
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 to be inspected every year.
UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF LADY JUSTICE STATUE:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, spoke on behalf of Judge James Jarrette to request the approval of the donation of a Lady Justice Statue to the County with a plaque that recognizes the services provided to the Kosciusko County Government by those employees of the Kosciusko County Court and Kosciusko Superior Court #2 from the period of September 4, 1979 through December 31, 2014.

MOTION: Ron Truex TO: Approve the donation of a Lady Justice
SECOND: Brad Jackson Statue with a plaque recognizing the services
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 provided by the employees of the Kosciusko
UNANIMOUS County Court and Kosciusko Superior Court
#2 from September 4, 1974 to December 31,
2014.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PURCHASE OF A NEW LAWN MOWER:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, requested the approval of purchasing a new lawn mower for the Work Release Center. Robinson stated he has looked into purchasing a used mower, but found that he can buy a brand new mower for \$500.00 more than the cost of a used one. The new 5 foot mower will be purchased from More Farm Stores. It has a 60 inch blade and a 3 year warranty. The total cost of the new mower is \$13,000.

MOTION: Brad Jackson TO: Approve the purchase of a new lawn
SECOND: Ron Truex mower for the Work Release Center.
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF REMOVAL OF ROAD RESTRICTIONS ON ROZELLA FORD ROAD:

Bob Conley, Commissioner President, made an announcement that the truck restrictions on Rozella Ford Road during the time of the construction of the new bridge on West Winona Avenue have been removed.

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

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Brad Jackson

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Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF LAKELAND REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT BOARD – BOB MARCCUILLI APPOINTMENT:

Bob Conley, Commissioner President, requested approval for the appointment of Bob Marccuilli to the Lakeland Regional Sewer District Board of Trustees. Conley stated Marccuilli agreed to continue as a board member and serve another 4 year term.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the appointment of Bob

SECOND: Bob Conley

Marccuilli to the Lakeland Regional Sewer

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

District Board of Trustees for a 4 year term.

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY ANNUAL OPERATIONAL REPORT:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, requested approval of the County Highway Annual Operational Report for Local Roads and Streets, Form 16, for the year 2014.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the County Highway Annual

SECOND: Bob Conley

Operational Report for Local Roads and

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

Streets, Form 16, for the year 2014.

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING / UNOFFICIAL DETOUR – SR 25 OVER WALNUT CREEK:

Scott Tilden, County 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 being closed on SR 25 over Walnut Creek. The Unofficial Detour will be from CR 100 South (Rozella Road) to SR 15. This will allow the County to be reimbursed for costs related to damages on the Unofficial Detour route. The City of Warsaw will also be signing as they have a small section on the east end of the road. The Official Detour is on State roads.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the INDOT Letter of

SECOND: Bob Conley

Understanding / Unofficial Detour route for

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

SR 25 over Walnut Creek.

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE VACATION:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners in reference to a petition for vacation of Elaine Drive, a 50 foot right-of-way described in the plat of Marathon Industrial Park. The Animal Welfare League requested the vacation because they use the property as a driveway. The vacation would be split between the two property owners involved, The Animal Welfare League and RG & C Enterprises LLC. Richard stated the Area Planning Commission unanimously recommends the Commissioners allow the vacation as requested.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the vacation of Elaine Drive in

SECOND: Bob Conley

the plat of Marathon Industrial Park.

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 15-03-24-001 (2015030863)

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IN THE MATTER OF REZONING FOR LEESBURG PARTNERS:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners in reference to a rezoning request made by Leesburg Partners. The request is to zone a 1.72 acre tract of ground from an agricultural zone district to a commercial zone district. The intention is to put a retail store on the property. A Dollar General Store was mentioned. Richard stated the town of Leesburg is

supportive of the request. The recommendation from the Area Plan Commission was unanimous to allow the rezoning as requested.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the rezoning request of 1.72
acres from an agricultural zone district to a
commercial zone district.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 15-03-24-002 (2015030861)

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**IN THE MATTER OF TIME FRAME PROPERTIES VACATION - INDIAN HILL -
SYRACUSE LAKE:**

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners with a petition filed by Time Frame Properties to vacate an additional portion of a public way on the north side of Syracuse Lake. In May 2011, the Board of Commissioners approved a request to vacate 15 feet of the 25 foot public way, leaving the remaining 10 feet for public use. Time Frame Properties would like to vacate the additional 10 feet of the public way. Richard read a comment from the Technical Committee which stated this is viewed as another progressive step in eliminating the public's ability to access the lake. A comment from the Area Planning Commission stated by eliminating or vacating these access points, the very asset that makes Kosciusko County unique and attractive as a place to live and locate future development will be eroded. Richard stated a compromise was already reached 4 years ago in 2011. Richard showed a map of how many lake access points there used to be on the north side of the lake, but they have all been vacated except for the remaining 10 feet of this portion. This is the final access point on the north side of the lake. The recommendation from the Area Plan Commission is strongly and unanimously not to vacate anymore of this portion.

Steve Snyder, Attorney for Time Frame Properties, stated the Area Plan Commission has always maintained an attitude that any public way that runs to the water's edge provides public access. Snyder disagrees and stated the public does not own any repairing rights on a public way that runs to the water's edge, only the adjacent property owners, in this case, Time Frame Properties, owns the repairing rights that extend lake ward from the water's edge of this alley. The public already supports the public access points that are true public access points. The private ways that were platted decades ago were not intended for everyone to walk down and drive down. They were intended to serve the plat which was located there. Lot 1 in Indian Hill Addition was served by this public right-of-way. Snyder stated there was no intent shown on the face of the plat that this was to be the public's means of accessing Syracuse Lake.

Snyder stated the owner of Lot 1 wants to demolish the older structure that is currently there and build a new one. The owner is attempting to determine whether he has to move the new residence closer to the lake to achieve the desired size or if he can keep it at the top of the hill and make it wider. If the portion is vacated, he will have more space to build his home. If it is not vacated, the residence will likely move closer to the lake. Snyder stated the homes in Indian Hill set back away from the water's edge because there is a 32 foot drop from North Shore Drive to the water's edge. It is preferable to build homes up on top of the hill. Snyder stated there are 4 criteria for a remonstrance such as denying access to a public place. According to Snyder, it doesn't mean denying access in a particular location. There are three other maintained access points on the lake available for everyone. Snyder stated at the time Indian Hill was platted, no one lived across the street so it is just imagination that the strip that runs to the water's edge is for the benefit of someone who lives across the street. Snyder suggested there was no legitimate basis for remonstrance against this vacation because none of the 4 criteria in the statute can be met. The area is fully developed and the vacation does not interfere with anyone's access to their own property.

Jack Birch, Attorney for David Gance, came before the Commissioners to speak in opposition of the vacation. Gance owns property close to the public way. Birch stated this matter has already been addressed 4 years ago and was resolved by a compromise. The road existed at the time David Gance bought his property and is seen as a benefit to the value of his property. Birch stated the petitioner bought the property knowing that the road was there and there are other ways to address this matter such as a setback variance request. Birch feels a vacation is an extreme option at this point. The lake is a public place and vacating a public way does deny

access to the public. Birch stated there is no way of knowing the intention of the person who created the plat, it is merely speculation.

Judy Shoemaker came before the Commissioners to speak in opposition of the vacation. Shoemaker owns the property across the street from the public way. She stated she agrees with Birch that this matter was already addressed and compromised in May 2011. The compromise allows people who live in the area to use what is left of the public way. Shoemaker stated she uses the public way and has gone into the water without being arrested.

Snyder argued that roads in the original plat are clearly marked “road” or “roadway,” but the public way being discussed is not marked at all. Snyder stated someone who isn’t connected with the plat does not have a right to what is in it. Richard stated that a decision to vacate a road in that area back in 2002 was made with the consideration that this access way was still available. Snyder responded by saying the main rationale today would be to vacate this access way because there are 3 other public access points on Syracuse Lake.

Birch stated it doesn’t matter how the public way is identified, it is not part of the lot. It is a public way of some sort. Birch believes if there is some question about it, the matter needs to be litigated. The Commissioners should not be asked to make that decision. The people who bought the properties on and off the lakefront did so knowing the public way was there. Birch believes by vacating the public way, the value or perceived value of the properties could change, and this isn’t fair to the property owners. Birch stated to make a change conveys a benefit to one party and takes away the benefit from other parties which he believes is inappropriate.

Both Birch and Snyder agreed that the water is a public place.

Snyder stated they waited 4 years to see what use, if any, was made of the public way and virtually no use was made of it. Snyder questioned if the public way should really be maintained when there are other access points for the public to use. It is not denying lake access to the public since there are other access points. Snyder stated the only use of this public way is for walking up and down it, and he is only aware of Judy Shoemaker doing this by her own testimony not actually seeing her do it.

The Commissioners discussed the matter and Brad Jackson made a motion to approve the recommendation from Area Plan to not vacate the public way.

MOTION:	Brad Jackson	TO: Approve the recommendation from Area	
SECOND:	Bob Conley	Plan to not vacate the public way on the north	
AYES:	2	NAYS: 0	side of Syracuse Lake in Indian Hill Addition.
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ANDERSON VACATION – SECTION STREET:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners in reference to a petition filed by Noah and Lorene Anderson to vacate a portion of Section Street located south of Lot 8 in Mary Norths Addition of Outlots to Milford Junction. The area has become a grass way that is not being utilized. If vacated, the petitioners would combine the property with the property they own next to it. The road where it was originally platted was never taken care of and is now lined with grown tress. The Area Plan Commission unanimously recommends the Commissioners to allow the vacation as requested.

J. Charles Zercher, Attorney for the Andersons, stated they are requesting to vacate that part of Section Street because they own the property on the north side and the south side of that particular area, and they wish to combine it into one parcel.

MOTION:	Brad Jackson	TO: Approve the vacation of Section Street in
SECOND:	Bob Conley	Mary Norths Addition.
AYES:	2	NAYS: 0
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ORDINANCE NO. 15-03-24-003 (2015030862)

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

April 7, 2015

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on April 7, 2015 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN.

Those present were:

Bob Conley - President
Ron Truex
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF APRIL VETERAN OF THE MONTH:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, came before the Commissioners to introduce the April Veteran of the month, George Plew. Maron stated that Plew joined the United States Army when he was 18 years old. Plew was stationed in Virginia as a Supply Quarter Master. He was deployed to England and then France where he ran convoys to bring supplies and rations to the troops. While in England, Plew remembers a theatre playing a movie called Home in Indiana. Maron stated Plew graduated from Purdue University and taught for 30 years in the Warsaw School System as well as 4 years in North Webster. Plew recited a line of German that he learned while serving overseas which meant “full surrender.” Plew processed German POW’s because he could speak German.

IN THE MATTER OF KIWANIS PROCLAMATION:

Renea Salyer, President of Kiwanis, and Joni Truex, Secretary of Kiwanis, came before the Commissioners seeking approval of a Kiwanis Proclamation making April 21st Kiwanis International Day. Salyer stated Kiwanis International is celebrating 100 years and has challenged the Kiwanis Club of Warsaw to get the County Commissioners to give a proclamation for Kiwanis Day. April 21st was chosen because that is the day the Kiwanis Club of Warsaw was founded. Salyer stated the mission of Kiwanis is to improve one child and one community at a time by seeking primacy to the human and spiritual rather than the material values of life. The Kiwanis Club of Warsaw does a lot for the community including vocational scholarships for high school students, Christmas gifts for needy families, mobile meals, and highway clean-up, as well as support to the Salvation Army, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Baker Youth Club, and Riley Children’s Hospital. Truex stated one thing she is most proud of is the Adaptive Bicycle Program which is funded by donations from members to build bicycles for disabled children.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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TO: Approve the Kiwanis Proclamation
proclaiming April 21st, 2015 Kiwanis
International Day.

IN THE MATTER OF EAST WAWASEE DRIVE RELOCATION:

Steve Snyder, Attorney, came before the Commissioners for approval of East Wawasee Drive Relocation. Snyder stated the original vacation and relocation was approved roughly 3 years ago with 3 years for completion. That 3 years is up on April 24th, 2015, weather permitting. Snyder asked that the Commissioners allow them until the 15th of May to complete the project if it does not get completed by April 24th.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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TO: Approve to extend the completion date of
the East Wawasee Drive Relocation Project to
May 15th, 2015.

IN THE MATTER OF GEORGE ROBERTSON – INVESTING IN MANUFACTURING COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP:

George Robertson, President of KEDCo, came before the Commissioners to ask for their support of Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP). Robertson stated this program was started by the Economic Development Administration of the U.S. Government. Regions that have a cluster industry can apply for designation under this program. Robertson stated significant federal dollars are available through this program. This is an accelerator program which focuses on getting young manufacturing companies in orthopedics and medical devices and young entrepreneurs to stay in the County or move their companies to the County. Robertson attended a meeting with Orthoworx, Whitley County Economic Development, and Alan County Economic Development to create collaboration for the Orthopedic Corridor to try to get federal designation and recognition of our area as the Orthopedic Corridor which will make each county eligible to apply for the federal grants that are available to solve the needs of the corridor. One of the challenges of a high-tech industry like orthopedics is keeping the workforce they need. Robertson stated the County could use more funding for programs that help support the orthopedic industry workforce. If the County gets designated, it goes to the top of the various federal agencies list for funding. Other parts of the country will likely get designated for Orthopedic Corridor such as Memphis and Cleveland, but Orthoworx believes if we put together the best possible proposal we could get that federal designation. Whitley County has a grant writer that will put the grant together at no cost.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve signing a Letter of Support for
Investing in Manufacturing Communities
Partnership (IMCP).

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF HIRING DEPUTY USING SHERIFF SALE FUNDS:

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, came before the Commissioners to ask for their support of hiring another deputy using the Sheriff Sale Funds. Rovenstine stated that the Council has approved the decision, but he also wants the Commissioners support. The Sheriff Sale Funds are fees that have been collected from the selling of foreclosed properties. Rovenstine also asked Chad Miner, County Attorney, to add an addition to Ordinance 05-06-14 to allow them to hire another deputy using the Sheriff Sale Funds. Miner stated he would have the Ordinance ready to sign at the next meeting.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve to support the hiring of a
Sheriff's Deputy using the Sheriff Sale Funds.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE BREAKFAST:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated the employee breakfast is April 24th from 6am-8am.

**IN THE MATTER OF LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING/UNOFFICIAL DETOUR –
BRIDGE DECK OVERLAY SR 19 OVER RIDENOUR CREEK:**

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners with a Letter of Understanding from INDOT for an Unofficial Detour route due to the bridge deck overlay on SR 19 over Ridenour Creek. The Unofficial Detour route includes road 450 N west of SR 19 in Kosciusko County and 2 roads in Marshall County. The Official Detour is on state highways.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the INDOT Letter of
Understanding/Unofficial Detour route for
SR19 over Ridenour Creek.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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**IN THE MATTER OF RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION OF SCHOOL STREET IN
LEESBURG:**

Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated that Phend & Brown, Inc are cleaning up a property in Leesburg and noticed there is a discrepancy in the way the right-of-way on School Street is laid out. They want to dedicate this part of the roadway to the County. Miner stated the Deed and Dedication for the roadway has been written and will be ready to sign at the next meeting. Scott Tilden confirmed that the town of Leesburg is in charge of the maintenance on the north side of the road and the County is in charge of maintenance on the south side of the road. Tilden stated

they want to clean up the right-of-way issues because they are getting ready to put a business in that location.

IN THE MATTER OF PROPERTY AUCTION:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated the County just got titled to a property that the BZA had a judgment lean against. Miner stated the property probably needs to be auctioned off under the condition that whoever purchases it will clean it up because it's in pretty bad shape. Miner will start the process and will work with Ron Robinson on it if the Commissioners are supportive of it.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve to start the process to auction off a property the County was titled to.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 21, 2015

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on April 21, 2015 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN.

Those present were:

Bob Conley - President

Ron Truex

Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney

Michelle Puckett – Auditor

Ron Robinson – County Administrator

Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF ABATE – RHONDA HARDY:

Rhonda Hardy, Kosciusko County ABATE Representative, came before the Commissioners to request the month of May be declared Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. Ron Truex read the Proclamation to the court.

MOTION: Ron Truex

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

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF KABS 1ST QUARTER CLAIM:

Kevin Planck, General Manager for KABS, came before the Commissioners to present the KABS first quarter claim. The claim is for \$102,993.00 for the 1st quarter. Planck noted there are two open driver positions that are paying \$11.00/hr with full time benefits. These positions have been open for a couple of months, and it's beginning to affect their ridership. Planck informed the Commissioners he will be presenting the 2016 KABS budget at the May 19th Commissioners meeting.

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

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, presented a Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement for Nappanee Public Library for Angela Stillson. Stillson is the owner of Stillson Studio who provides graphic art services for the library.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the Nappanee Public Library Conflict of Interest for Angela Stillson.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF CENTER FOR LAKES AND STREAMS:

Dr. Nate Bosch, Center for Lakes & Streams, came before the Commissioners to give an update on some of the projects the Center for Lakes & Streams has been working on. Dr. Bosch stated they are about halfway done with the log jam project on the Tippecanoe River. Dr. Bosch informed the Commissioners that 97 log jams have been removed from downstream, and they are still working further upstream. Dr. Bosch hopes the project will be completed this calendar year. Dr. Bosch informed the Commissioners they received a grant to work on blue-green algae toxins. They have also done an economic impact study on local lakes, and an update was given on the Warsaw Chemical spill that happened on February 6, 2015. The Center for Lakes & Streams responded to the spill immediately and collected several samples from Winona Lake at the scene as well as one week following the incident. Samples were also collected ten weeks following the incident after the lake water had mixed. The Center for Lakes & Streams tested for 58 different chemicals each time. Even though several chemicals entered the lake at high concentrations, Dr. Bosch said the outcome is better than they originally thought. The higher concentrations of chemicals were diluted down to concentrations well below human health guidelines. Dr. Bosch stated they hope to minimize potential risks in the future.

IN THE MATTER OF REGIONAL CITIES INITIATIVE – NORTHEAST INDIANA REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP:

Mark Dobson, President of the Kosciusko County Chamber of Commerce, came before the Commissioners seeking their support of a resolution to participate in the Regional Cities Initiative Partner Engagement. Dobson stated the Regional Cities Initiative is an opportunity for Kosciusko County to collaborate with other communities to receive grants to enhance our community. The Regional Cities Initiative was introduced by Governor Pence to enhance communities over the years. The program consists of \$20 million in funding over a two year cycle. One of the components of being able to receive a grant is to participate in only one Regional Development Authority. Dobson stated it was decided through a committee that Kosciusko County should collaborate with the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership. Dobson stated the main factors weighing into the decision are the transformative projects such as the high speed rail initiative and the U.S. 30 upgrade to the Interstate that could benefit Kosciusko County. This partnership is strictly for Regional Cities only, and the relationships with MACOG and the Orthopedic Corridor would still continue. Truex stated it's better for the County to be proactive and make our own decision rather than have the state deciding it for us. Dobson agreed with Truex. Mayor Joe Thallemer reiterated that this partnership is only for Regional Cities, and stated it is very fortunate that we have partnerships on both sides of U.S. 30 as well as northwest and southeast. Mayor Thallemer informed the Commissioners they will be presenting this solution to the City Council and County Council in May. They are looking to get a consensus and move forward. Bob Sanders, Council President, stated he agrees with the partnership, but his concern is having a voice on the board. There are 11 counties involved in the Regional Cities Initiative and only five unelected people on the board.

MOTION: Ron Truex
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
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TO: Approve supporting the collaboration of Kosciusko County with the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership for the Regional Cities Initiative.

IN THE MATTER OF LONG VACATION:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, informed the Commissioners he filed a response with the Circuit Court in response to the Long vacation stating the Commissioners will not be taking any active role in the matter.

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF SALE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented an amended ordinance for the Sheriff's Sale Program to allow the Sheriff to employ a Non-Merit Special Deputy to oversee the Sheriff's Sale Program and to pay the Special Deputy from the Sheriff Sale Fund.

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

TO: Approve the amended ordinance for the Sheriff Sale Program to allow the Sheriff to employ a Non-Merit Special Deputy and to

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pay the Special Deputy from the Sheriff Sale Fund.

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IN THE MATTER OF DEED AND DEDICATION OF SCHOOL STREET - LEESBURG:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, wanted to ratify the Deed and Dedication for Roadway that the Commissioners signed on April 17th, 2015. The Deed and Dedication is for School Street in Leesburg.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the acceptance of the Deed and Dedication for School Street in Leesburg.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – HEALTH INSURANCE:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated he has met with the insurance consultants on the health insurance and it was decided to stay with the same company because it has the least amount of increase. The insurance will increase due to the fact it was a bad year. Robinson stated it will be \$150,000 for one year.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the decision to stay with the

SECOND: Brad Jackson

same insurance company for at least a year for \$150,000.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY AUDITOR - AFFIDAVIT:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, presented an affidavit that requires the Commissioner's signatures to submit a claim to be paid for the County Road 100E project.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve signing affidavit to submit claim for the County Road 100E project.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY – GRANT AGREEMENT:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, presented a Grant Agreement from INDOT for \$34,297.09 for signage and pavement markings for railroad safety improvements. Tilden stated this is from the fiscal year 15 Grade Crossing Fund for 19 crossings. This is a cost reimbursement program.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the Grant Agreement from

SECOND: Brad Jackson

INDOT for \$34,297.09 for signage and pavement markings for railroad safety improvements.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF REIMBURSEMENT GRANTS:

Truex asked Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, to explain the extra step that must be taken with reimbursable grants. Puckett stated when a reimbursable grant is approved it must be appropriated through County Council. With a reimbursable grant, the County spends the money first and then gets reimbursed for it. Puckett stated advanced grants do not need to be appropriated because the money is given upfront.

IN THE MATTER OF ROAD PATCHING:

Truex asked Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, how the Highway Department was doing with patching of the roads. Tilden stated they have been at it ever since the frost came off the roads. Many of holes have to be dug out and geo grid must be put down for reinforcement. Tilden stated some of the holes have to be dug about a foot deep and then filled with stone. Tilden informed the Commissioners they are coming along well but still have a month or two of patching left to do. Tilden stated out of 35 years of working for the Highway Department he has

dealt with many freeze and thaws, and this year ranks in the top three worst. Truex asked if Tilden was aware of a conversation with MACOG regarding a four county bond to raise money to fix the roads faster. Tilden stated he had not heard about this but agreed with Truex that they would be interested in the conversation. The Highway Department is sending out eight to ten trucks a day for road patching and three crews doing dig outs with excavators and a backhoe.

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING FOR MENTONE PARTNERS:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners with a petition by Mentone Partners to reclassify a 2 acre tract of ground from commercial to residential. Richard stated the intention of the developers is to build a Dollar General on the remaining commercial ground. A 3 lot subdivision is planned for the residential ground.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the rezoning request of 2 acres
from a commercial zone district to a
residential zone district.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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ORDINANCE NO. 15-04-21-002 (2015040898)

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IN THE MATTER OF FLOOD CONTROL ORDINANCES, FEMA, AND IDNR:

Matt Sandy, Area Plan, came before the Commissioners to give an update regarding flood control ordinances and their status with FEMA and IDNR. In September 2013 they received their preliminary maps and had some meetings in December to review the maps. Information was sent back to FEMA, and Sandy stated they recently received a letter stating those maps have been accepted. The adoption date for the maps will be September 30, 2015. Sandy stated they will have to adopt the maps through some ordinances as well as readopt the flood ordinance. Sandy stated there will be some areas of impact put in and taken out which will affect if properties should or should not carry flood insurance.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
May 4, 2015**

Bob Conley - President
Ron Truex
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

There are no meeting minutes due to the meeting being cancelled.

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
May 19, 2015**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on May 19, 2015 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN.

Those present were:

Bob Conley - President
Ron Truex
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF MAY VETERN OF THE MONTH – D.J. HARRIS:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, came before the Commissioners to introduce the May Veteran of the month, D.J. Harris. Maron stated Harris was born and raised in Pierceton and graduated in 1964 from Pierceton High School. Harris worked for Nipsco for 37 years. He joined the U.S. Army and served from 1965 – 1968 as a Heavy Equipment Operator with the 9th Division 15 Combat Engineers. Harris is a Vietnam Veteran. While in Vietnam, Harris built barracks and mess halls as well as other things. Harris also cleared jungles and built bridges. Harris told a story about being given an M60 and going up the mountains on a helicopter. He said it was pitch dark, but the more you look, the more you see, and the more you listen, the more you hear.

IN THE MATTER OF KABS – 2016 BUDGET:

Kevin Planck, General Manager for KABS, came before the Commissioners for approval of the 2016 KABS budget. Planck stated KABS submitted \$334,000.00 in Federal and \$125,000.00 in State for a total of \$459,000.00 for 2016. An \$82,000.00 Capital Grant is also being accepted for the purchase of two small/medium buses for the city and county. Planck informed the Commissioners they have also submitted their 2016 Procurement Plan.

MOTION: Ron Truex
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
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TO: Approve the 2016 KABS budget as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT AGREEMENT:

John Grolich came before the Commissioners to address any issues with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Regional Public Safety Grant Agreement. The Commissioners did not have any issues with the Grant Agreement.

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

TO: Approve the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Regional Public Safety Grant Agreement.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - BOILERS:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated there are 2 domestic boilers in the Justice Building in need of replacement. One boiler is completely down with a cracked boiler, and the other boiler is leaking. Robinson talked with the supply company and said it all needs to be replaced. The cost is \$67,500.00 to replace all of it. Robinson stated the boilers supply the hot water in the building.

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

TO: Approve replacing 2 domestic boilers in the Justice Building for \$67,500.00.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF WARSAW – COUNTY ROAD 300N:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented an Inter-local Agreement with the City of Warsaw concerning the bridge reconstruction carrying County Road 300N over the Tippecanoe River. Robinson stated there is some side work the City is going to do, and the County must agree with the work being done. Steve Moriarty, County Highway, said the Highway Department is aware of this and approves of it.

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

TO: Approve the Inter-local Agreement with the City of Warsaw.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – PERSONNEL POLICY CHANGES :

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, came before the Commissioners with an Ordinance to accept personnel policy changes. Robinson stated there have been some changes with the

Sheriff's Department because of the hours they work. Some benefits for other employees have also been changed.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the Ordinance to accept the personnel policy changes.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-05-19-002 (2015050740)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – RADIO EQUIPMENT:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated the radio equipment in central dispatch has come to its life expectancy. The cost to replace it is \$286,563.60. Robinson stated there is \$100,000.00 set aside in the budget to use toward this. Robinson recommends doing a lease purchase and paying \$100,000.00 each year over the next 3 years. The equipment is around 16 years old.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the purchase of new radio equipment for \$286,563.60 through a lease purchase of \$100,000.00 per year for 3 years.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – WCDC PATIO / PICNIC AREA:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated WCDC has requested to put a small patio on the Southeast corner of the Courthouse behind the cannon to create a picnic area. This area could be used by people who get food from the restaurants downtown. County employees could also use this area for lunch breaks. Robinson stated they would like to use pavers to create the picnic area, and this would make it easier to mow around. Robinson requested there also be decorative trash cans. Robinson stated he will work with WCDC to get this accomplished. Truex stated he thinks this is a great way to support the downtown businesses.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve WCDC's request to create a small patio / picnic area on the Southeast corner of the Courthouse behind the cannon.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY AUDITOR – ANNUAL REPORT OF CONGRESSIONAL FUNDS:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, presented the Annual Report for the Congressional School District. Puckett stated this is money that is held in an investment and every year the interest money is distributed to schools.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the Annual Report of Congressional Funds.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF McDILLON VACATION:

Matt Sandy, Area Plan, came before the Commissioners with a petition to vacate a roadway on Hoffman Lake, in the plat of Lake Breeze. Sandy stated the request is to vacate a 30'x70' platted driveway that is right off of Lake Breeze Drive. This is an unimproved right-of-way. The property owners own the adjacent properties. Sandy stated the Area Plan Commission recommends the vacation of this roadway with a unanimous vote. Richard Helm, Attorney, stated the 30' wide platted unimproved road does not go anywhere and does not meet the County Highway standards. Helm stated his clients own both sides of this road, and they wish to reallocate some of the property lines into something that makes more sense.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve Ordinance to vacate a 30'x70' roadway on Hoffman Lake, in the plat of Lake Breeze.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 15-05-19-004 (2015050766)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented a Resolution approving the disposition of a property at 8993 East Epworth Forest Road in North Webster. Miner stated this property is on Webster Lake, and the County acquired possession of it. The property contains some buildings that need to be demolished. Miner stated the Resolution is part of the process to get the property auctioned off, and it contains a Condition of Purchase stating whoever purchases the property has to clean it up before they get a Deed to it.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve Resolution to auction off a property at 8993 East Epworth Forest Road in North Webster with the condition the buyer must clean up the property.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-05-19-003 (2015050767)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEWING INDUSTRIAL CRITERIA ORDINANCE:

Ron Truex stated a variance had to be given to put a dock on the side of a building because of a 40 year old Ordinance. Truex referred to Matt Sandy, Area Plan, as to why this was. Sandy answered by saying there are industrial criteria that were adopted back in 1986 when the Industrial Corridor came in and originally went west of Warsaw. Sandy stated at that time, the classification was changed to a 3 tier system with each category containing 2 sets of criteria. One set includes mandatory things that have to be met such as air quality. The second set addresses loading facilities, parking, and buffer zones. Criteria in the second set can be changed through a variance. Sandy stated the theory behind establishing these criteria was to keep the best face forward in the industrial areas. Truex questioned if an Ordinance was written 40 years ago and is creating hearing variances that are granted 99% of the time, should the Ordinance be changed to save a lot of grief. Sandy stated Truex makes a good point, and the section may need to be reviewed. Truex requested a copy of the Ordinance to review. Truex stated George Robertson, President of KEDCo, made a comment about the biggest hurdle for a potential business coming to our town is the variance hearing for the dock. Truex feels this is a huge anchor on bringing in new businesses. Jackson asked if there was a way to give Area Plan the authority to decide on a case by case basis whether or not a business has to follow the criteria for placement of docks. Sandy stated he feels it would be better to make an amendment to the Ordinance. Truex stated he would like to review the Ordinance and then decide what changes should be made.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 2, 2015

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on June 2, 2015 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Conley - President
Ron Truex
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Jaime Ladd – Chief Deputy Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY:

Scott Tilden, County Highway, presented the Plan Title sheet for Bridge 209 which is located on Country Club Road over Eagle Creek. Tilden stated this was previously approved by the Commissioners, but needed to be signed by them. Tilden also requested to set a bid letting date for Bridge 209 to be held at the July 14, 2015 Commissioners meeting at 9:15am. Tilden

advised the Commissioners they are getting quotes for the pre-stressed concrete box beams for Bridge 209. The quotes will be sent out around June 8th and due back by June 15th at 3:00pm. Tilden stated he would like to award the beams at the June 16th Commissioners meeting. Tilden explained the County needs to purchase the beams to assure they will be built and delivered on time to have the project completed by Thanksgiving.

IN THE MATTER OF NON PROFIT 2016 BUDGET REQUESTS:

The following not-for-profit organizations appeared before the Commissioners to request funding for the 2016 budget year.

- ❖ **Historical Society** – Jerry Frush, Museum President, and Sally Hogan, Director requested the amount of \$19,647.00 for 2016. Black explained this amount covers the basic expenses. They received an increase in donations last year as well as an increase in membership. Black stated they have made improvements to the building which includes putting in a drop ceiling, additional lighting, and insulation. Hogan stated the added ceiling has helped with the heating in the building. Black added the ceiling repair was paid for out of private funds. Hogan stated they are starting more programming and have a lot of community interest. Hogan explained they have a website which shows hits from countries that visit the site to look for information. The website allows you to access genealogy. Hogan stated they have had people from Poland, Great Britain, and Argentina visit the museum.
- ❖ **4-H Council** – Mindy Wise, 4-H Educator, spoke on behalf of the 4-H Council requesting \$36,388.00 for 2016. Wise thanked the Commissioners for their continuing support of 4-H in the County. Wise stated the majority of this funding request is to cover the cost of use of the fairgrounds for 4-H activities during the fair as well as other times of the year. The rest of the funding will be used to provide 4-H members with the opportunities to attend workshops, trips, and 4-H camp, provide educational programming and workshops to members as well as provide ribbons and premiums to recognize 4-H member's achievements. Wise spoke of a few young people who competed nationally in a livestock judging competition and finished 6th out of 31 teams representing the entire nation. Wise stated they have participated in First Fridays doing hands-on activities. They have also started a program called Girl Power which reaches out to at-risk young girls to provide them with positive adult relationships. Wise stated they would like to turn this program into a 4-H club in the future. Wise also talked about the Robotics Program in which kids get to build and program VEX and Lego robots.
- ❖ **Kosciusko Economic Development Corp. (KEDCo)** – George Robertson, Economic Director of Kosciusko Economic Development Corporation (KEDCo) requested \$190,000.00 for 2016. Robertson announced there are over 39,000 people working in Kosciusko County which is the highest it has ever been. Robertson stated the KEDCo office needs to move to another building so probation can expand their operations. There is a building they can possibly move to but are waiting to hear what the cost would be. Robertson stated because they will be moving, they will have to make up for the loss of very important benefits the County has provided in terms of space, equipment and services. Robertson said this is the reason they are asking for an increase in the amount of funding this year.
- ❖ **Cardinal Services** – Jane Wear, President/CEO, stated they have had 50 open positions for over a year which they are unable to fill because they cannot compete with current wages. Cardinal Services is requesting a total amount of \$94,187.00 for 2016. Wear thanked the Commissioners for their support last year. Wear explained the funds will be used for financial support of three programs offered by Cardinal Services: Head Start (services children birth through age 5), Community Living Program (services adults with developmental and physical disabilities) and KABS (bus services provided throughout the County). Wear stated 260 children are served through Head Start, 51 clients are served through Community Living, and 45,000 rides were provided last year through KABS. Wear said they have 2 driver positions open that they haven't been able to fill which is affecting the service level they can provide.
- ❖ **Home Care & Hospice** – Rick Paczkowski, Executive Director, requested \$43,200.00 for 2016 for the REAL Service Program. Paczkowski thanked the Commissioners for all

of their support and spoke about how compassionate the employees are to each of the families and patients they serve. The Real Service Program is run by the State Area II Agency on Aging and is for the elderly and disabled. Paczkowski stated the nurses, aids, and homemakers provide services to keep the clients safe in their own homes to avoid nursing home placement.

- ❖ **Beaman Home** – Tracie Hodson, Executive Director, requested \$60,000.00 for 2016. Hodson thanked the County and Commissioners for supporting the Beaman Home for the past 30 years. Hodson stated the new Outreach Center should be finished within 4-6 weeks. The Outreach Center will provide adult education, children's programs, and a space for clients to come back to after leaving the shelter. Hodson stated the new Residential Center is expected to be completed by the end of the year. Hodson explained the amount requested will fund two new important positions to the Beaman Home. They would like to hire two trained individuals to be Crisis Desk Specialists. These positions will be full time with a salary of \$15.00/hour.
- ❖ **Kosciusko Community Senior Services** – David Neff, Executive Director, thanked the Commissioners for their continued support. Neff requested an amount of \$42,000.00 for 2016. Neff explained KCSS provides handicapped rides for seniors. The rides are prioritized with medical being first, nutrition being second, and recreation being last. KCSS also serves mobile meals to seniors at their homes throughout the entire County. Neff stated a total of 26,000 meals were served last year. KCSS also provides other services to seniors including help with taxes, Medicare/Medicaid and legal services. Neff explained KCSS collaborates with KABS to provide different routes throughout the County. They are requesting more funding this year due to being cut by the United Way and Real Services.
- ❖ **Animal Welfare League** – Darla McCammon, Director, and Tammy Keirn, Board President, requested an amount of \$74,194.00 for 2016. McCammon started by stating the Animal Shelter saves the County \$370,000/year since the shelter takes on the responsibility of providing the complete care of the animals. McCammon stated for a County of our size, we have one of the highest adoption rates in the U.S. McCammon stated the AWL helps people throughout the community including seniors, people with Autism, people in the military, and the boy scouts and girl scouts. They also visit schools in the area. McCammon stated they are asking for an increase this year because they are in the middle of a Capital Campaign. McCammon explained there are a lot of things they want to do for the community, but they are unable to because of the tight quarters they have at their current building. Keirn stated they are doing well receiving funds for their Capital Campaign, but it is taking away from funds being donated for general purposes.
- ❖ **Bowen Center** – Herb Carlson, CEO, Jay Baumgartner, Senior VP of Finance, James Tratner, Director of Kosciusko Operation Office, requested \$570,910.00 for 2016 which is the amount mandated by the State. Carlson thanked the Commissioners for their support over the years and stated Bowen Center strives to meet the mental health and addiction needs of the communities they serve which includes Kosciusko County. Carlson stated with the help K21 Community Foundation, they have a building in the process of being built to make into a food bank, thrift store, and shelter for storms. This should be completed by the end of June. Carlson also said they are working to acquire individual, affordable housing properties for long-term clients with the goal of them eventually becoming their own homeowner. Baumgartner stated over 5,800 residents from Kosciusko County were served last year. About 1 out of 13 residents receive services from the Bowen Center at some point during the year. Baumgartner advised the Commissioners the County's financial support makes services more affordable to the residents.
- ❖ **St. Joe River Basin** – Zach Dripps, Principal Planner, requested an amount of \$450 for 2016. Dripps stated the river basin covers seven counties in Northern Indiana including the top third of Kosciusko County. The mission of the basin is to be an advocate for water quality to help write a forum of regional discussion across the entire watershed about different issues such as environmental impacts to our waterways and surface water quality. Dripps stated a water quality testing program was started last year which will continue this year. Seven out of twenty testing sites are in Kosciusko County. The goal

of this project is to get an overall trend of the watershed to see how things have been changing and improving. Dripps stated they are working with each county to develop an education program that promotes the Indiana Filter Strip Law which allows certain citizens to have their land accessed at a lower value if they have a filter strip along a ditch or waterway. Dripps also stated they collaborate with local watershed groups and soil and water conservation districts, help organize a technical resource workshop for contractors, and help many organizations apply for grants from IDEM or IDNR.

❖ **Arrowhead RC & D** – was not requesting any funding for 2016.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented a 4 year Redaction Service Support Agreement for the Recorder's Office. This is for making copies of recorded deeds and other various things that get recorded as well as storage of the records. Robinson stated they have done this for several years, and it is time to renew for another 4 years. The amount is \$3,750 per year for the next 4 years.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Redaction Service Support Agreement for the Recorder's Office for the amount of \$3,750/year for the next 4 years.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 16, 2015

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on June 16, 2015 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Conley - President

Ron Truex

Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney

Michelle Puckett – Auditor

Ron Robinson – County Administrator

Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF VETERAN OF THE MONTH – RICHARD DOBBS:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, came before the Commissioners to introduce the June Veteran of the month, Richard Dobbs. Dobbs is a Korean War Veteran who served in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953. Maron stated Dobbs was attached to the 64th Tank Battalion 3rd Infantry Division. Dobbs saw action on Old Baldy and Big and Little Nori and Kelly Hills which are located in central Korea. Maron stated in May 1952, Dobbs was shipped to Kojedo Island to restore order after the POWs captured General Dodd, Commander of the island. Dobbs came back to MLR until October where he achieved 36 points. Dobbs explained that 36 points meant you could get out of Korea. He was discharged from the Army in May 1953. Dobbs is retired from AAA. He held Dobbs Warsaw Invitational at Rozella Ford Golf Course for 32 years. Dobbs shared a story about being in basic training for fire direction where he learned about artillery and aiming. However, when he was shipped to Korea, he was put in a tank as a driver which was difficult not only because of his height but also because he didn't know anything about tanks.

IN THE MATTER OF MACOG AGREEMENT:

Susan Engelberth, County Assessor, came before the Commissioners with a Pictometry Data Sharing Agreement. Engelberth stated County Attorney, Chad Miner, has already reviewed the agreement. As part of the agreement, Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG) will pay \$12,000 toward the pictometry for data sharing.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve Pictometry Data Sharing

SECOND: Brad Jackson Agreement.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF FLOODING – SAFETY AND SAND BAGS:

Ed Rock, Director of Emergency Management, stated we have had a lot of rain recently and more is being forecasted. Rock wanted to remind people to be safe around any standing or flowing water. Rock noted if there is a need for sand bags, there is sand and bags at the County Highway Garage on Old Road 30. Rock stated you must bring your own shovels and your own man power. Conley, President, noted there are 5 or 6 county roadways that are closed due to high water. Conley recognized the Highway Department's diligent work with the flooded roads.

IN THE MATTER OF TRUPOINTE TIF DISTRICT EXPANSION:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated the Trupointe TIF District around Milford is expanding eastward to Syracuse town limits. Miner stated the Redevelopment Commission has adopted the Amending Declaratory Resolution which allows for the TIF expansion. The Plan Commission has determined it is in conformity with the County's comprehensive plan. Miner presented a resolution for the Commissioners to adopt which will approve the Plan Commission's order. Miner stated there will be another public hearing on the issue, and then it will come before the Commissioners again on July 14th.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve Resolution Approving Order of the Kosciusko County Plan Commission to expand the Trupointe TIF District.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-06-16-001 (2015060599)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF PROPERTY AUCTION:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated there is a property in North Webster that the County has acquired possession of, and it was decided to auction it off. Miner stated they have received a couple of bids for the property. Michael Kissinger placed a bid of \$800, N.R. Niles placed a bid of \$1000, and Kissinger bid again at \$1100. Miner explained the bids were not sealed; they were open to the public to see. Miner recommended the Commissioners accept the high bid. Miner reminded the Commissioners the statute states the buyer must clean up the property.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the \$1100 bid for the property in North Webster the County is auctioning off.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE TO REMOVE UNLICENSED VEHICLES FROM THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Truex questioned Miner about the progress of the Ordinance to Remove Unlicensed Vehicles from the Public Right-of-Way. Miner stated he has started working on the ordinance. He did not find any similar ordinances they could piggy-back on. Miner stated he hopes to get something to the Commissioners to review prior to their next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF FLOODING IN JUSTICE BUILDING BASEMENT:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated the recent rainfall caused flooding in the basement of the Justice Building. Robinson stated the two large pumps couldn't handle all the water. There was about 6 inches of water in the pump room and 2 or 3 inches in the hallways. Robinson stated there will most likely be damage to the walls because of the high water.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY – SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners with a Supplemental Agreement for \$3,500 to USI Consultants for the pre-stressed concrete box beam design detail and quote request. This is for Bridge 209 on County Club Road over Eagle Creek. Tilden stated this agreement will help get the box beams to the site in time because there is a

back order. The bridge replacement is expected to start on September 8th and will hopefully be completed by Thanksgiving.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve Supplemental Agreement for

\$3,500 to USI Consultants for the pre-stressed

concrete box beam design detail and quote

request.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY – AWARD BEAMS FOR BRIDGE 209:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, stated they would open up the box beam quotes for review. Chad Miner, County Attorney, opened the quotes and stated Hoosier Pre-Cast submitted a quote in the amount of \$69,850 and Pre-Stressed Services submitted a quote in the amount of \$82,500. Tilden noted these amounts are for 6 beams total. Tilden and Phil Beer, USI Consultants, left to review the quotes and will return at the end of the meeting to award one of them.

IN THE MATTER OF AGRICULTURAL REZONING FOR RICK & PATRICIA MARLOW:

Dan Richard, Area Plan, came before the Commissioners with a request from Rick and Patricia Marlow to rezone 20 acres from Agricultural to Agricultural II classification. The property is located in Turkey Creek Township. Richard stated the petitioners intend to subdivide this property into 2 tracts of ground and apply for a permit to build a single family home on one of the tracts. The other tract would remain as is. The unanimous recommendation from the Area Planning Commission is to allow the rezoning from Agricultural to Agricultural II. Patty Marlow came before the Commissioners to speak in favor of the rezoning. Marlow stated she and her husband own the property and would like to give the south end of the property to their youngest daughter to build a house on. Marlow stated the other part of the property has horses and barns on it, and they have no intention of selling it. They want to keep it as it is currently. Truex confirmed with Richard that all of the proper advertising was done and the neighbors were informed and aware of this possible rezoning.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve rezoning request of 20 acres

from Agricultural to Agricultural II for Rick

and Patricia Marlow.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-06-16-002 (2015060601)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF RESIDENTIAL REZONING FOR GREG MITCHELL:

Dan Richard, Area Plan, came before the Commissioners with a request from Greg Mitchell to rezone a 35 acre tract of ground from Agricultural to Residential. The property is located northeast of Warsaw. Richard stated the unanimous recommendation from the Area Planning Commission is to allow the rezoning from Agricultural to Residential. Greg Mitchell came before the Commissioners to speak in favor of the rezoning. Mitchell stated it seems like a natural progression with areas around the property being changed to residential zoning. Mitchell stated there is progression with additional residential development in the area, and it makes sense to apply for residential zoning of his property. Mitchell stated they have been farming the ground, and he doesn't expect this to change until someone comes along and makes it available for some type of residential development. Mitchell stated, this way, everything will be in place for that to happen.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve rezoning request of 35 acres

from Agricultural to Residential.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-06-16-003 (2015060602)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY – AWARD BEAMS FOR BRIDGE 209 – (CONTINUED):

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners after reviewing the quotes for the box beams for Bridge 209 and stated he would like to award the quote of the lowest responsible bidder which was Hoosier Pre-Cast out of Salem, Indiana for \$69,850. Tilden stated that is his recommendation.

MOTION: RonTruex
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve recommendation to award the quote of the lowest bidder, Hoosier Pre-Cast, which quoted \$69,850 for the box beams for Bridge 209.

IN THE MATTER OF PROPERTY AUCTION – (CONTINUED):

Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated he looked through the notice on the property and found that written notification must be sent to any bidders notifying them of the highest bid. Miner confirmed with Marsha McSherry, Assistant County Administrator, that this had not yet been done. Miner stated the other bidder should be notified before accepting the high bid so he has the opportunity to raise his bid. Truex made a motion to amend his previous motion and stated if the other bidder does not increase his bid, they will accept the highest bid from Kissinger. Miner stated if the bids go back and forth for too long, they may have to reset it for another period and do it again. If they run into too many problems with it, Miner suggested they have a public auction. Miner stated he would notify Kissinger that there was an amendment made to the previous motion.

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

TO: Approve amending the previous motion and only accepting the high bid if the other bidder doesn't increase his bid.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 30, 2015

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on June 30, 2015 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Conley - President
Ron Truex
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator - Absent
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF “COUNTIES MOVING AMERICA FORWARD” ESSAY:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Treasurer, came before the Commissioners to introduce Ty Brooks, Essay Award Winner. Mitchell stated Brooks wrote the winning essay for the Northeast District of the Association of Indiana Counties. Mitchell is the President of the Northeast District and feels Brooks should be honored by Kosciusko County for his achievement. Mitchell stated Brooks read his essay in front of 100 people at the Association of Indiana Counties Northeast District meeting and did a fantastic job. Brooks read his essay titled “Counties Moving America Forward: The Keys are Transportation and Infrastructure.” The essay focused on the important uses of roads such as getting people to work and getting kids to school, getting food to people, transporting goods to businesses, and farmers getting their products to market. The essay also talked about how counties take care of the roads by filling in pot holes, posting road signs, making new roads, snowplowing the roads in the winter, and doing chip and seal to make the roads last longer. Brooks read it is important to take care of the roads so people don't get into car crashes and so pot holes don't damage cars. It is also important for school buses so kids can get to school safely. Counties must pay to take care of the roads and build new ones. Counties can pay for roads with a gas tax which is a tax you pay when buying gas. In Indiana, the gas tax is \$0.18 per gallon. Counties can also implement a wheel tax to get money to take care of the

roads. This is a tax you pay when you get your license plate. Roads are very important for all of the people who live and work in our counties. Brooks stated he has learned a lot about why counties make roads, how they take care of them and how they are paid for.

Mitchell presented Brooks with a framed copy of his essay, and the Commissioners presented a children's book to Brooks. Mitchell stated Brooks is the son of Clayton and Mindy Brooks and he is from Milford. Brooks is a third grade student. Mitchell and the Commissioners thanked Brooks for coming and sharing his essay.

IN THE MATTER OF OFFICER JOHN HART'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION:

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, invited the Commissioners to a retirement celebration for Officer John Hart at 3pm in the meeting room in the Justice Building.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY – PROPERTY AUCTION:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, updated the Commissioners on the property they came in possession of on Webster Lake that is being sold. Miner stated there was a live auction between two bidders which ended with a high bid of \$5,100 from Michael Kissinger. Miner stated there is a lien on the property that needs to be cleared off before formally accepting the bid. Miner said Kissinger will need some additional time to complete the clean-up of the property. Miner believes they will need to get a Release of Mortgage filed before accepting the bid.

IN THE MATTER OF 2016 HOLIDAYS & MEETING DATES CALENDAR:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, presented the 2016 Holidays and Meeting Dates schedule for the Commissioner's approval.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the 2016 Holidays and Meeting Dates schedule.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF FRANTZ STREET VACATION:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners with a petition to vacate a portion of Frantz Street, a public way in the plat of Shady-Crest Addition. Richard stated the normal procedure is for the Area Planning Commission to hold a hearing that is advertised to the public and adjacent property owners are notified about. Richard informed the Commissioners that this hearing was scheduled for the June Area Plan meeting, however, the petitioner was unable to attend. Without the petitioner there to answer questions, the board decided to continue the matter at their July meeting which is being held July 1st. Therefore, Richard stated he is unable to give a report of recommendation from the Area Planning Commission due to them not making the final decision until July 1st.

The petitioner, Nanette Newland, came before the Commissioners and questioned if the Commissioners could make a decision regarding this matter on their own. Bob Conley, President, explained the Technical Review Committee has already reviewed the vacation request. The Technical Review Committee's recommendation goes to the Area Planning Commission. Conley stated, knowing this, the Commissioners can take action on the vacation request contingent on the vote from the Area Planning Commission. Richard stated the Ordinance could be left with the Auditor, and the Area Plan Commission will forward on a recommendation after making their final decision.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve Frantz Street vacation request subject to the approval of the Area Planning Commission meeting to be held on July 1st.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 15-06-30-001 (2015070214)

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

July 14, 2015

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on July 14, 2015 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Conley - President
Ron Truex
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF VETERAN OF THE MONTH – CHARLIE MORTON:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, came before the Commissioners to present the July Veteran of the month, Charlie Morton. Maron stated Morton is a World War II Army Veteran. Morton was born in 1925 and started farming as a young boy. Morton joined the Army in 1943 at the age of 18 soon after graduating high school. He was sent to Texas for basic training and was assigned to the 164th Infantry Regiment. Since Morton had taken a typing class in high school, he was given the classification of Clerk Typist in basic training. Morton's typing training was put to use by typing letters of condolence to the parents of those who lost their lives in the war. Morton was honorably discharged in November of 1946. He returned to farming after coming home from the war. In 1948, Morton entered Purdue University to study Agricultural Economics. He then worked for Helderman Farm Management Services for more than 40 years. Morton is a member of the Kiwanis and has been married to his wife for 63 years. Morton stated he was very honored and appreciative of the recognition. The Commissioners thanked Morton for his service.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION FOR TRUPOINTE TIF DISTRICT EXPANSION:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented a resolution approving the expansion of the Trupointe TIF District. Miner stated this is the final step in the Trupointe TIF expansion. Miner explained this TIF District is located by Milford and is being expanded to Syracuse.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve Resolution to expand the
Trupointe TIF District.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION NO. 15-07-14-001 (2015070495)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF NORTH WEBSTER PROPERTY AUCTION:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated there is a property in North Webster that the County came in possession of which they attempted to auction off. Miner said, at this point, no bid has been accepted even though a live auction took place between two bidders. Miner reviewed the court records on the property and found the foreclosure process was not done correctly which means the County may not have legitimately received the title to the property. Miner stated, at this point, he doesn't believe the property can be sold by the County. Miner recommends the Commissioners file a motion to vacate the Sheriff's sale of the property so the foreclosure process can be redone the correct way. Miner stated a senior lien holder was named in the suit, but it has not been properly dealt with.

Mike Kissinger came before the Commissioners and stated he was the successful bidder of the property. Kissinger said he has been in communication with Miner about the property. Kissinger has some costs involved that he would like to submit to the Commissioners at their next meeting. Kissinger stated he signed an agreement submitted by Miner, and he has some concerns he would like to put in writing before the Commissioners act upon Miner's request to make a motion to vacate the Sheriff's sale of the property.

Miner clarified that there were two bidders for the property and the highest bidder was the successful bidder, but the Commissioners have not yet accepted the bid. Now, they are not sure if the County has title to the property. Brad Jackson, Commissioner, questioned if they could accept the bid contingent upon getting the title to the property. Miner stated he believes it would be best to start the process over which means it would go back to a Sheriff's sale, and Miner doesn't think the County would want to bid on the property at the sale. Miner believes redoing the foreclosure is the only fix to the problem. Miner said the foreclosure was done by the BZA.

Miner stated he prepared an agreement for Kissinger stating Kissinger would clean up the property since he was the successful bidder. Kissinger stated he did a title search on the property which was an expense to him. Kissinger stated the agreement states he will remove garbage, rubbish and other debris on the property. Kissinger found out that there is a large amount of personal property sitting on the property which means he is responsible for contacting the owner of the property and giving him a period of time to remove the personal property before Kissinger can continue on with the clean-up. Kissinger stated he assumed he was signing the agreement with the Commissioners when it was presented to him to sign. Kissinger said if you read the agreement, it is more than just an agreement for him as a bidder. Miner stated the agreement states Kissinger would do certain things with the property if the Commissioners accepted his bid.

Jackson wondered if there was a legal way to name Kissinger as the successful bidder, and when the County gets clear title to the property, Kissinger will get it. Kissinger explained that the title search he did showed the lien on the property, and Kissinger made everyone aware of it. Kissinger stated even though he was aware of the lien, he still bid on the property knowing this was his issue to handle if he obtained the property. Miner stated there is an unreleased lien on the property for a line of credit. Miner again stated he thinks they need to restart the foreclosure process since it was not done correctly, and with doing so, the County may not end up with possession of the property because it would go to a Sheriff's sale. Miner doesn't think the County would have an interest in bidding on the property at the Sheriff's sale. Kissinger stated if there are no bids on the property, like the last time, the County will come in possession of it again. Miner stated that may not be true because the senior lien holder may end up with the property instead of the County. Miner stated it is uncertain as to what is going to happen with the property.

Kissinger stated he would like to have a chance to put together any expenses he has incurred with this property to submit to the Commissioners for consideration. Truex confirmed with Kissinger that his expenses were spent before he bid on the property to know what he was bidding for. Truex was curious as to why the title search didn't raise concern that the County didn't have the title to the property. Kissinger stated the title search doesn't mean the County doesn't own it, it just shows what liens are on the property. Kissinger said he has other concerns because there is illegal activity going on at the property as well as debris on the property. Kissinger said the agreement states he is responsible for cleaning up anything on the property, but his concern is it's not a secure site, and people could haul stuff onto the property continuously. Kissinger stated, according to the agreement, he would still be responsible for cleaning it up.

Truex stated the Commissioners need to do what is right to fix the issues with the property, and Kissinger's issue and concerns are separate from that. Truex believes these two issues need to be dealt with separately. Jackson questioned if the County obtains possession of the property again, could they make sure Kissinger gets it. Jackson believes this would be fair. Truex stated he doesn't know all the steps involved with this process and said the Commissioners may never get involved with the property again. Miner agreed it is unlikely the County will end up owning the property after redoing the process that needs to be done. Miner doesn't believe the County can honor a bid on something they didn't really own.

The Commissioners agreed that it would be fair to Kissinger to honor his participation and expenses incurred throughout this process. Truex stated they cannot promise Kissinger will be able to obtain the property. Truex said the Commissioners can help with Kissinger's expenses because of the misunderstanding that happened. Bob Conley, President, stated they will have Miner do whatever he needs to in order to get the process back to the beginning and make sure it is done correctly.

Kissinger questioned if the County happened to obtain the property after the Sheriff's sale, what they would do with it. Kissinger stated if there is no balance on the lien, the bank won't be interested in it which means it could go back to the County. Miner stated he believes the property would still have to be rebid on again in that situation. The Commissioners agreed they should wait and see how it plays out before making any decisions.

IN THE MATTER OF OPENING BIDS FOR BRIDGE 209:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, opened a bid for bridge 209 located on County Club Road over Eagle Creek. The bid was submitted by Northern Indiana Construction Company for the amount of \$425,589.71. Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, and Phil Beer took some time to review the bid.

Tilden stated after reviewing the only bid they received, he recommends awarding the bid pending they do not find any errors on the bid documents. Tilden stated this bid is more than the engineer's estimate of \$358,505.00. Tilden said if they rebid the project, they most likely won't be building a bridge this year. Tilden informed the Commissioners Beer said the bids he has been receiving are running higher than the engineer's estimates.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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TO: Approve awarding the bid for the Bridge 209 project to Northern Indiana Construction Company for the amount of \$425,589.71 pending they do not find any errors on the bid documents.

IN THE MATTER OF OPENING BIDS FOR OLD ROAD 30 BUILDING PROJECT:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, opened a bid for the Old Road 30 building project. The bid was submitted by Clint Davis Construction, LLC for the amount of \$330,371.52. Ron Robinson, County Administrator; Marsha McSherry, Assistant County Administrator; Miner, and Brad Jackson, Commissioner, took some time to review the bid.

The Commissioners decided to take the bid under advisement to look at the process and will make a decision at the next Commissioners meeting on July 28, 2015.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve taking the \$330,371.52 bid from Clint Davis Construction, LLC for the Old Road 30 building project under advisement and making a decision at the next Commissioners meeting on July 28, 2015.

IN THE MATTER OF ROADS AND FLOODING:

Ron Truex, Commissioner, asked Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, how the roads are with the recent flooding issues the County had. Tilden stated they had 10 to 12 roads closed 3-4 weeks ago and several they placed High Water signs on. Tilden said, currently, he didn't think there were any roads closed, but said there were still some roads with a little water on them.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
July 28, 2015**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on July 28, 2015 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Conley - President
Ron Truex
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator - ABSENT
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF KABS – 2nd QUARTER INVOICE:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, spoke on behalf of Kevin Planck, KABS General Manager, and presented the 2nd Quarter Invoice for KABS. Puckett stated, once approved, it will be sent to INDOT for their quarterly grant payment.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve KABS 2nd Quarter Invoice.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF KABS – PROCEDURE CHANGE REQUEST:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, spoke on behalf of Kevin Planck, KABS General Manager, and stated the process of signing the KABS claim voucher has changed per INDOT. The CFO can sign the claims before bringing them before the Commissioners. The Commissioners will approve the claims after the CFO. This will allow KABS to ask for what they need without having to wait for the next Commissioners meeting. Puckett stated she was fine with this change. The Commissioners agreed to this process by a consensus.

IN THE MATTER OF DISTRICT 2 STRUCTURAL COLLAPSE GRANT:

Ed Rock, Director of Emergency Management, presented a \$60,000 District 2 Structural Collapse Grant for approval. Rock stated the grant must be processed by the end of September. This will be a two week training program held at the training facility in South Bend. Rock stated this is a reimbursement grant but will be processed extremely quickly. Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, stated she is fine with this grant and there haven't been any glitches.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve District 2 Structural Collapse
Grant for \$60,000.00.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE RESTRICTING ADDRESSES ON THE BEACON WEBSITE:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented an ordinance restricting home addresses on the Beacon website. Miner stated because of statutory changes, the County is now required to allow certain people to opt out of showing their address on the GIS website by paying a \$50 fee. These people include judges, law enforcement officers, victims of domestic violence and public officials. Ed Rock, Director of Emergency Management, had concerns with addresses being removed for emergency response purposes. Rock stated they look up addresses on computer systems to find residences in an emergency. If the address doesn't show up on the system, Rock stated this could create some issues. Rock believes the address should still be there, but the name of the person should not be attached to the address. Miner stated this ordinance only affects the GIS Beacon. The addresses would still show up on Google and other search engines which is what the emergency personnel use.

Luke Wikel came before the Commissioners to voice concern with the \$50 fee attached to this ordinance. Wikel questioned the reason for the \$50 fee since there is a GIS Director already working for the County. Miner stated the fee is to cover administrative costs. Wikel compared removing an address from the GIS system to removing a name from the system when someone sells their house. Wikel stated it doesn't require any more work than when someone sells their house. Wikel believes the \$50 fee is a discouragement to prevent people from using this option. Brad Jackson, Commissioner, stated it has to be continuously monitored when an address is removed from the system, and there is more labor involved in this process. Miner stated there are various administrative burdens involved which is what the \$50 fee is intended to cover. Ron Truex, Commissioner, noted the fee is lower than some of the other counties. Wikel stated \$50 seems unreasonable and may be unaffordable for some people. Wikel said he believes this is a step in the right direction, but doesn't see the need for the \$50 fee.

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, came before the Commissioners and asked them to consider eliminating or lowering the \$50 fee. Truex stated even though they already have a GIS Director in place, the more work you give him, the more time he will put in and there is a cost to that. Truex also noted they don't know if 8 people or 300 people will use this which is hard to determine how much additional work there will be. Rovenstine stated he understands there will

be additional labor for this service but doesn't want the \$50 fee to be a deterrent for some officers and their family's safety.

Bob Conley, President, stated if people are in a situation where their job choice creates safety issues, the County should do what they can to keep them and their families safe. Conley stated he is willing to drop the \$50 fee to \$25. The Commissioners agreed to approve the ordinance contingent on changing the fee to \$25. Miner stated he would change the fee in the ordinance and bring it to the next Commissioners meeting for them to sign.

MOTION:	Brad Jackson	TO:	Approve ordinance restricting addresses
SECOND:	Ron Truex		on the Beacon website for judges, law
AYES:	3	NAYS:	0
UNANIMOUS			enforcement officers, victims of domestic
			violence, and public officials for a \$25 fee.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE CHANGING THE MILEAGE RATE:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented a Mileage Reimbursement Rate Ordinance for approval. Miner stated, historically, the County has pegged its mileage reimbursement rate to the State's rate. The ordinance allows this to automatically happen so the County won't need to continually do amendments each time the State changes their rate.

MOTION:	Ron Truex	TO:	Approve Mileage Reimbursement Rate
SECOND:	Brad Jackson		Ordinance.
AYES:	3	NAYS:	0
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ORDINANCE NO. 15-07-28-001 (2015071207)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF VEHICLES OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC ORDINANCE:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented an ordinance prohibiting unlicensed vehicles from being parked wholly or partially on or within roadway right-of-ways and prohibiting vehicles (whether licensed or unlicensed) from being parked in such a manner as to obstruct roadway traffic. This ordinance authorizes the Sheriff's Department to tow vehicles that are illegal or unsafe and obstructing roadway traffic. Ron Truex, Commissioner, noted this will eliminate the process of tagging these vehicles and waiting 72 hours for the owner to move it.

MOTION:	Ron Truex	TO:	Approve Ordinance that prohibits
SECOND:	Brad Jackson		vehicles from being parked in such a manner
AYES:	3	NAYS:	0
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ORDINANCE NO. 15-07-28-002 (2015071208)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF REPLACING HANDICAPPED RAMP AT HEALTH CLINIC BUILDING:

Marsha McSherry, Assistant County Administrator, stated the handicapped ramp at the Health Clinic building needs to be replaced because it is not ADA compliant. McSherry stated they would like to replace this ramp with an ADA compliant ramp from Amramp. The cost of a new ramp is \$8,296.16 which is above the Administrator's threshold and requires the Commissioner's approval.

MOTION:	Ron Truex	TO:	Approve purchasing a new handicapped
SECOND:	Brad Jackson		ramp for the Health Clinic building for
AYES:	3	NAYS:	0
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IN THE MATTER OF REPAIRING COURTHOUSE AND JUSTICE BUILDING PARKING LOTS:

Marsha McSherry, Assistant County Administrator, stated they have a quote from Ranger Materials to do repair work to three parking lots including the Work Release parking lot, Munson Building parking lot, and the Justice Building parking lot. The repair work consists of coating and striping. The cost will be \$13,372.00 which is above the Administrator's threshold and requires the Commissioner's approval.

MOTION: Ron Truex
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
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TO: Approve repairing the Work Release parking lot, Munson Building parking lot, and Justice Building parking lot for a cost of \$13,372.00.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY – PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION

DOCUMENTS:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, presented a Construction Contract for Bridge 209 on County Club Road. Tilden stated this is for the State Form #96 for the bridge replacement of Bridge 209.

MOTION: Ron Truex
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
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TO: Approve Construction Contract for State Form #96 for the bridge replacement of Bridge 209.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY – SUPPLEMENTAL ENGINEERING AGREEMENT:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, presented an LPA – Consultant Contract Supplemental Engineering Agreement for the Husky Trail project to replace the structure over Deeds Creek. Tilden stated there are 5 addendums that were taken off the original contract, and this Supplemental Agreement will reduce the original contract by \$13,335.00 for some of the line items that are no longer needed. Tilden stated the contract is with the Troyer group.

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

TO: Approve LPA – Consultant Contract Supplemental Engineering Agreement for the Husky Trail project to replace the structure over Deeds Creek.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY – 25MPH SPEED LIMIT IN BEAVER DAM LAKE AREA:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, presented a 25mph Speed Limit Ordinance to post 25mph speed limit signs in the Beaver Dam Lake area on County Road 750W starting 350 feet south of Swick Road to 350 feet north of Bensart Drive. Tilden stated this will replace the 20mph signs which he cannot find an ordinance for and extend the new speed limit to cover this area which contains a lot of houses that are close to the road. Bob Conley, President, noted many people who live in this area have requested this. Ron Truex, Commissioner, stated he feels 25mph is difficult to enforce because very few people will actually drive 25mph. Truex said he thinks 35mph is a much more realistic speed to be controlled, but said he would agree to the 25mph speed limit ordinance.

MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Ron Truex
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
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TO: Approve the 25mph Speed Limit Ordinance for County Road 750W starting 350 feet south of Swick Road to 350 feet north of Bensart Drive.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-07-28-003 (2015071209)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF BUILDING FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT STORAGE:

Bob Conley, President, stated the Sheriff's Department is in need of a building to store equipment and supplies. At this point in time, the Sheriff's Department has their equipment and supplies in several different locations. Conley stated some of the expensive equipment sits outside in all kinds of inclement weather, and he feels this needs to be sheltered and taken care of. It was decided to build a building on County Highway property to avoid purchasing new property. They received one bid for this building project at the July 14, 2015 Commissioners meeting for \$330,371.52 from Clint Davis Construction, LLC out of Leesburg. It was decided, at that meeting, to take the bid under advisement and make a final decision at the July 28, 2015 meeting. Conley stated they have looked at steel construction buildings throughout the country, and said there are not a lot of people who build these. The Commissioners agreed to approve the bid.

MOTION: Ron Truex
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
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TO: Approve bid for Old Road 30 Steel
Building Project for \$330,371.52 from Clint
Davis Construction, LLC out of Leesburg.

IN THE MATTER OF UPDATE ON SPEAKER SYSTEM IN THE COURTROOM:

Ron Truex, Commissioner, asked Marsha McSherry, Assistant County Administrator, for an update on fixing the speaker system in the Courtroom so the audience can hear better. McSherry stated BIS Digital came and assessed the equipment, and they are waiting to hear back from them with a quote. McSherry said they may be able to replace a piece of equipment to fix the problem. Truex stated it is their goal to have a system where the audience can hear what they are talking about.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 7, 2015

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for a special meeting on August 7, 2015 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Conley - President
Ron Truex
Brad Jackson - Absent

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Conley.

IN THE MATTER OF FIBER OPTIC BIDS FOR NORTH CENTRAL CO-OP:

Bob Conley, President, stated the Commissioners were asked to be involved with furthering the North Central Co-op business in the community by installing fiber optics in their factory. Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated they are typically required to request at least 3 different quotes, but in this particular case, there were not 3 possible providers. There were quotes solicited from 2 available providers in the area, but they only received 1 quote back. Miner opened the quote from Indiana Fiber Network for \$75,000.00. Miner stated part of the request was to give an expectation of the timeframe, and Indiana Fiber Network submitted a timeframe of 60 to 90 days. Miner said he hopes they could do it a lot faster than that because North Central Co-op is in a hurry to get this project done. Miner stated North Central Co-op and Indiana Fiber Network could possibly work something out on the timeframe.

Miner stated if the quote is accepted, he will contact North Central Co-op and let them know. Miner will put them in contact with Indiana Fiber Network. Miner stated the County will advanced the funds for this project, but will get paid back once the TIF bonds are issued. Ron Truex, Commissioner, stated the timing of the TIF bonds is the motivation to help North Central Co-op get started on this project. Truex said their purpose is to help North Central get going with the project by providing the necessary funds, but the County will be reimbursed for these funds. The Commissioners accepted the \$75,000.00 installation quote but not the monthly recurring charges.

MOTION: Ron Truex
SECOND: Bob Conley
AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the quote from Indiana Fiber
Network for \$75,000.00 for the North Central
Co-op Fiber Optics Installation Project.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 11, 2015

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on August 11, 2015 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Conley - President
Ron Truex
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF VETERAN OF THE MONTH – LEWIS EUGENE COLLIER:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, came before the Commissioners to introduce the August Veteran of the month, Lewis Eugene Collier. Collier is a U.S. Army Veteran who served from August 1968 to December 1970. In 1969, Collier completed U.S. Army Warrant Officer Flight training and was sent to Vietnam. He was assigned to the 117th Assault Helicopter Company where he flew on a night hunter-killer team and performed medivacs. Collier was discharged after 16 months in country and 1366 combat flight hours. After leaving the Army, Collier attended Indiana-Purdue University in Fort Wayne and graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington in 1975. Collier joined the Indiana Army National Guard as a Helicopter Instructor Pilot and was hired as a full-time instructor for the Army Aviation Support Facility in Shelbyville, Indiana. He retired as a Chief Warrant Officer 5 with over 10,000+ hours and 26+ years of military service. Collier has received several awards and honors including the “Sagamore of the Wabash” Award, 2 Army Bronze Stars with Valor, 5 Vietnam Campaign medals, U.S. Army Humanitarian medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, 63 Air Medals, 6 Army Commendation medals, 7 Emergency Service medals, Master Army Aviator Badge, and a National Defense Service medal. Collier also held the Indiana state safety record for accident-free flying hours upon retiring.

Collier retired from Airborne Express Inc. in 2010, retiring out of Boeing 767 airplane with a total flight time of 22,000+ hours. He has been married to Terri Evans Collier for 43 years and has 3 children and 7 grandchildren. Collier is an active member of the Pierceton Presbyterian Church and is currently the Commander at Menzie-Reece, Post #258, American Legion, in Pierceton. Collier thanked the Commissioners for the honor and award and said he receives this award on behalf of all Veterans. Collier stated he likes to remind people on Memorial Day that all of the little flags in the cemetery each have their own story. The Commissioners thanked Collier for his service.

IN THE MATTER OF KABS PROCUREMENT POLICY:

Kevin Planck, General Manager for KABS, presented the Procurement Policies Manual for KABS. Planck stated KABS was preparing for the INDOT Compliance Review and he noticed the Procurement Policy was signed back in 2007. Planck stated they would like to update the Procurement Policy with the Commissioners even though there have been no changes. Planck said INDOT agreed this was a good idea. Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated he looked over the policy and didn't see any issues with it. Bob Conley, President, stated he was impressed with the Procurement Policy and how it puts value and personal responsibility on their employees to make sure they make the right decisions for the right reasons. Planck stated most of their purchases are micro purchases, except for their KABS buses.

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING GRANT:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, requested permission to fund \$5,000.00 for the Emergency Management Alliance of Indiana. Rock stated this alliance is made up of all the Emergency Management Directors in Indiana. The purpose of the \$5,000.00 is to assist with the Conference which will be held in October. Rock noted the State of Indiana will reimburse the \$5,000.00 to the County. Ron Truex, Commissioner, questioned why our County was being asked to do this. Rock replied it is most likely because the County has helped fund things in the past. Rock stated the carry time will be minimal because at the same time they are paying the money, he will be submitting a Reimbursable Funds Submission (RFE). Rock estimated it would be no more than two weeks before the County is reimbursed after spending the money. Brad Jackson, Commissioner, questioned why other counties don't take turns providing funds for

things such as this. Rock stated there are many counties who cannot financially. Truex stated he feels there has to be another County on the board that can step up and help fund these things.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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TO: Approve funding \$5,000.00 for the
Emergency Management Alliance of Indiana
that will be reimbursed by the State of
Indiana.

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY – ORDER TO ADOPT AMENDED AND
RESTATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN:**

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented an Order to Adopt an Amended and Restated Capital Improvement Plan. Miner stated this is within the context of the fiber optics project that is happening at North Central Co-op. Miner said the County must have a plan that authorizes these capital projects to happen. Miner informed the Commissioners this is just an interim plan in order to get the fiber optics project approved so they can move forward with it. Miner stated he will work with Ron Robinson, County Administrator, Marsha McSherry, Assistant County Administrator, and Michelle Puckett, County Auditor to complete the Capital Improvement Project Plan and hopes to have it at the next Commissioners meeting.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Order to Adopt an
Amended and Restated Capital
Improvement Plan.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY – REPAYMENT DECLARATION:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented the Repayment Declaration which authorizes the County to be reimbursed for the funds it advances for the fiber optics project once the bonds are issued.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Repayment Declaration.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-08-11-002 (2015080773)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY – ORDINANCE RESTRICTING
ADDRESSES ON THE BEACON WEBSITE:**

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented the Ordinance Restricting Addresses on the Beacon Website with the correction the Commissioners agreed on at their last meeting. Miner stated he changed the fee in the ordinance from \$50 to \$25. The Commissioners already approved this ordinance at the July 28th Commissioners meeting contingent upon the fee being changed to \$25.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-07-28-004 (2015080765)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF WASHING MACHINE AND DRYERS FOR WORK RELEASE:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated there are two dryers and one washing machine that need replaced at the Work Release building. Robinson stated these machines are 25 to 27 years old, and they are having constant problems with them and repairing them at least monthly.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve replacing two dryers and one
washing machine at the Work Release
building.

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF CONTRACTS:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, requested the Commissioners give permission to the Sheriff to sign contracts on their behalf. The Sheriff is negotiating a medical contract for the jail to take the nursing staff off of the County's budget and put on a contract. The Sheriff needs the Commissioner's permission to sign these contracts.

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

TO: Approve giving permission to the Sheriff
to sign contracts on the Commissioners behalf.

IN THE MATTER OF UPDATE ON SPEAKER SYSTEM:

Marsha McSherry, Assistant County Administrator, stated they have received two quotes for the speaker system in the Courtroom. One quote is for \$8,930.00 from BIS Digital and another quote is for \$4,436.88 from Sweetwater. McSherry stated they are not ready to act on these because they are waiting for some technical questions to be answered before they proceed with making a final decision.

IN THE MATTER OF BICENTENNIAL TORCH:

Bob Conley, President, stated the bicentennial torch for the state of Indiana will be passing through Kosciusko County on September 26, 2016. Conley stated December 31, 2015 is the final day to sign up to carry the torch through part of the County. Conley stated anyone interested in this can contact Diane Wulliman in the Human Resources Office.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 25, 2015

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on August 25, 2015 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Conley - President
Ron Truex
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF FLOOD CONTROL ORDINANCE:

Matt Sandy, Area Plan, stated they are in the process of creating new flood zone maps for the County and part of this process involves readopting the Flood Ordinance because of the changes that have occurred at the Federal level. The Flood Ordinance also must reference the new maps. Sandy stated the Area Plan Commission is in favor of the proposed ordinance changes. The DNR approves of the ordinance changes as well. Sandy explained if the ordinance is approved by the Commissioners, it will then be passed on to FEMA for their approval. Sandy stated they hope to be ready with the new maps by September 30, 2015. Sandy said the Flood Ordinance will also keep them compliant with the National Flood Insurance Program which is beneficial because without flood insurance homes located in flood zones will not sell. Sandy explained if the Flood Ordinance is not approve, the County will be put on probation and the flood insurance policies will be revoked or withheld so homes can't sell or transfer. Sandy stated there are currently 617 flood insurance policies equally around \$23 million. The maps are set to go effect on September 30, 2015. Sandy said they are also hoping to get the maps on the Beacon website as well.

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

TO: Approve the Flood Control Ordinance
for Kosciusko County.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-08-25-004 (2015081697)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF GRANT RESOLUTION:

Ed Rock, Director of Emergency Management, presented a Grant Resolution sent by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security to the Commissioners. Rock explained the Grant Resolution

will cut down on the number of signatures needed for a grant approval; however, the Commissioners will still be aware of the grants being applied for through phone contact or email. Rock stated there are circumstances where they miss getting a grant because the turnaround time is so short, and they don't have time to get the Commissioners signatures. The Grant Resolution will help with this problem because only one signature will be needed. Any of the three Commissioners would be able to sign on behalf of all the Commissioners or the County Administrator or Assistant County Administrator could sign with approval from at least one of the Commissioners. The Commissioners decided the Resolution should read "A member of the Board of Commissioners, or the County Administrator, with the verbal approval of a County Commissioner, or Assistant County Administrator, with the verbal approval of a County Commissioner, will be authorized to execute for and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Kosciusko County, any actions or documents, including grant and sub-grant or sub recipient applications and agreements, necessary for the purpose of obtaining federal or State financial assistance from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security or the Indiana Homeland Security Foundation."

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

TO: Approve the Grant Resolution allowing a County Commissioner, or the County Administrator or Assistant County Administrator with the approval of one County Commissioner, to execute actions or documents on behalf of the Board of Commissioners to obtain federal or State financial assistance.

RESOLUTION NO. (2015081691)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF KCCRVC APPOINTMENT – MARK SKIBOWSKI:

Jo Paczkowski, President of KCCRVC, informed the Commissioners one of their KCCRVC appointments, Carl Hill, has resigned his position. Paczkowski explained Hill's job is taking him out of town too often. Paczkowski stated the Commission would like to fill the position with someone who is familiar with North Webster and has financial expertise. Paczkowski introduced Mark Skibowski to the Commissioners. Skibowski informed the Commissioners he owns the Remax Lakes in North Webster and he teaches Accounting at Ivy Tech Community College. Skibowski is interested in becoming part of the KCCRVC and fits all of the mandatory guidelines for the Commission.

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

TO: Approve appointing Mark Skibowski to replace Carl Hill on the Kosciusko County Convention, Recreation & Visitors Commission (KCCRVC).

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY – CO-OP TIF ISSUANCE OF BONDS
RESOLUTION:**

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented a Resolution Approving the Issuance of Bonds for the North Central Co-op TIF. Miner explained the Bond Resolution has been approved by the Redevelopment Commission and the County Council. Andy Mouser from Umbaugh and Associates came before the Commissioners to explain a few of the terms in the Resolution. Mouser stated a bond issue cannot exceed \$900,000 and there is a 25 year term on the bonds. Mouser also said the interest rate cannot exceed 6%. Mouser explained the bonds are repayable prior to their full maturity beginning February 1, 2023.

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

TO: Approve the Issuance of Bonds Resolution for the Co-op TIF District.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-08-25-003 (2015081692)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY – SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE FOR
HAWTHORN ADDITION:**

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, presented a Speed Limit Ordinance for the Hawthorn Addition off of CR 250 E and 8 Square Road. The speed limit shall be 25mph. Tilden stated this is a residential area and 85% of the engineering study recommended a 25mph speed limit. Tilden agrees the speed limit should be 25mph.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Speed Limit Ordinance for the Hawthorn Addition off of CR 250 E and 8 Square Road to be 25mph.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-08-25-002 (2015081693)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF SHOWALTER VACATION:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, presented a petition filed by Randy and Diana Showalter requesting to vacate a portion of a public way. The public way is Shelf Drive on the north side of Sechrist Lake in the plat of Vanator Bluff Park. Richard explained this is a 15 foot wide roadway that runs parallel to the shoreline of Sechrist Lake. Richard stated the unanimous recommendation from the Area Plan Commission is to allow the vacation of Shelf Drive. Steve Snyder, Attorney, presented photos showing the vacation will not affect access to any private property or public property.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the vacation of Shelf Drive in the plat of Vanator Bluff Park located between the east and west sidelines of Lot 3 in Vanator Bluff Park.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-08-25-001 (2015081694)

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 8, 2015**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on September 8, 2015 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Conley - President
Ron Truex
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

**IN THE MATTER OF SEPTEMBER VETERAN OF THE MONTH – TEDDY ALAN
CARR:**

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, presented the September Veteran of the month, Teddy Alan Carr. Carr was born and raised in Warsaw and graduated from Warsaw Community High School in 1950. Maron stated Carr enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1951, and upon completion of basic training, Carr was stationed at the U.S. Navy Air Station in San Diego, California. During his 4 years of service, Carr was a seaman guard, a member of the BU3 Squadron as well as a member of the utility squadron and drone squadron. Carr also assisted the leading Chief in administration. Maron stated Carr was discharged in 1955 and received the National Defense Service Medal, a good conduct ribbon, and an honorable discharge award. Carr is married and has 2 daughters and 1 grandson who is currently in the U.S. Air Force. Carr has been a semi driver for more than 35 years and retired from Creighton Brothers in 2012. Carr was a volunteer firefighter for 8 years for the Warsaw Fire Department and a member of the Trinity United

Methodist Church. Carr thanked the Commissioners for this honor. The Commissioners thanked Carr for his service.

IN THE MATTER OF ADVANCED MEDICAL PROVIDING NURSE FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, stated the Council has approved the Sheriff's Department to hire a nurse through Advanced Medical. Rovenstine presented an agreement stating the Advanced Medical nursing staff is responsible for working under the County's guidelines and rules.

MOTION:	Ron Truex	TO: Approve agreement for Advanced	
SECOND:	Brad Jackson	Medical nursing staff to follow the County's	
AYES:	3	NAYS: 0	guidelines and rules.
UNANIMOUS			

IN THE MATTER OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented a Capital Improvement Plan to the Commissioners. Miner explained in order to get the CEDIT money, the County must have a plan that sets out an approximation of the projects being worked on and how much they are expected to cost. Miner stated he worked with the County Administrator and Assistant County Administrator to develop this timeline. Miner said the plan can be amended in the future if events were to change.

MOTION:	Brad Jackson	TO: Approve Capital Improvement Plan		
SECOND:	Ron Truex	which states what projects the County will be		
AYES:	3	NAYS: 0	working on and how much they are expected	
UNANIMOUS				to cost.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – ERS INVOICE:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented an invoice from ERS for \$11,598.00. Robinson requested permission to pay this amount if it is due. Robinson stated he will be meeting with ERS to discuss this. Robinson believes this is part of the contract that has already been agreed to in refurbishing the dispatch center.

MOTION:	Brad Jackson	TO: Approve paying the ERS invoice for	
SECOND:	Ron Truex	\$11,598.00 if it is due.	
AYES:	3	NAYS: 0	
UNANIMOUS			

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – RECORDING SYSTEMS IN COURT ROOMS / REMODELING COURT ROOMS:

Marsha McSherry, Assistant County Administrator, stated the recording systems in the Court rooms need to be replaced. McSherry presented a proposal from the IT department for \$62,608.95 which includes the basic package for all the court rooms. The IT department received 3 bids for this project, and this was the best one. McSherry stated the total cost of remodeling the Juvenile court room and Superior I court room to meet ADA compliancy would cost \$180,134.18. This amount includes a new sound system and ADA compliancy, new carpet, and new computer monitors.

MOTION:	Ron Truex	TO: Approve replacing the recording systems		
SECOND:	Brad Jackson	in the court rooms and remodeling the		
AYES:	3	NAYS: 0	Juvenile and Superior I court rooms to meet	
UNANIMOUS				ADA compliancy.

IN THE MATTER OF ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT ON CR 900W SOUTH OF SR 25:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, requested permission to set a date and time to open bids for a road reconstruction project for CR 900W south of SR 25. Tilden stated he would like to do this on October 6, 2015 at 9:15AM. The Commissioners all agreed to this date and time by consensus.

Tilden presented a title sheet for the plans and specifications for the road reconstruction project on CR 900W south of SR 25 for the Commissioners to sign. Tilden stated he would have the

notice to bidders completed by this week. Tilden said the first advertisement date is September 16th.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTRY CLUB ROAD CLOSURE – BRIDGE 209 PROJECT:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, informed the Commissioners Country Club road over Eagle Creek will be closed on September 14th for the Bridge 209 project. Tilden stated he submitted notices to the paper about this road closure. Tilden explained Bridge 209 was rated the #1 priority to be replaced out of the County's 110 bridges. Tilden apologized for any inconvenience with this road closure but said safety is comes first.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
September 22, 2015

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on September 22, 2015 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Conley - President
Ron Truex
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF HONORING DAVID ROSENBERRY:

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, came before the Commissioners to recognize the former Director of Dispatch, David Rosenberry. Rovenstine stated Rosenberry started his career 21 years ago with the Warsaw Police Department and eventually started working in dispatch as the Assistant Director. Rosenberry then took over as Director and has worked that position for the past 5 years. Rovenstine thanked Rosenberry for his service and all he has done for the community. Rovenstine presented Rosenberry with an honorary plaque. Rosenberry thanked the Commissioners and Council for all their support over the years. Rosenberry stated the Dispatch Center is top-notch, and he believes it will remain that way with the new Director.

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR - RESOLUTION:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, stated the Commissioners previously approved a resolution allowing for signatures to approve grants. Rock stated the state has since updated the terms of the resolution to only accept signatures from 2 elected officials. Rock stated he changed the resolution to read "A member of the board of Commissioners or County Auditor" which allows any one of the Commissioners signatures to be accepted along with the County Auditor's signature.

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

TO: Approve resolution allowing for signatures from 2 elected officials, one being a member of the board of Commissioners and one being the County Auditor.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-09-22-003 (2015090805)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – REQUEST FOR 2 NEW BACKFLOWS:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, requested permission to purchase 2 new backflows for the Justice building. Robinson stated one of the current backflows is not working, and the other one is starting to go out. Robinson said it is a requirement by the state to have working backflows. The cost of 2 new backflows including installation is \$12,684.00. Robinson informed the Commissioners that having both replaced at the same time will save about \$2,000.00.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the purchase of 2 new backflows for the Justice building for \$12,684.00 with installation.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY AUDITOR - 2016 NFP AGREEMENTS:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, presented the 2016 not-for-profit agreements for the Commissioners to sign. Puckett stated the agreements were approved with no increases with the exception of the state-mandated increase for the Bowen Center.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve signing the 2016 not-for-profit agreements.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY – OPEN BID DATE FOR 2016 HIGHWAY SUPPLIES:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, requested to set a date to open bids for the 2016 County Highway supplies. Tilden stated he would like to do this at the Commissioners meeting on Monday, November 2, 2015 at 9:15AM.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve opening bids for the 2016 County Highway supplies on Monday, November 2, 2015 at 9:15AM.

IN THE MATTER OF KABS GRANTS:

Kevin Planck, General Manager for KABS, presented the 2016 Operational and Capital Agreements with the Indiana Department of Transportation. Planck stated the Operational agreement is for \$697,505 and the Capital agreement is for \$108,000. The agreements require the Commissioners and County Auditor's signatures. Planck stated the Capital agreement is for 2 replacement buses.

IN THE MATTER OF COLLINS VACATION:

Dan Richard, Director of Area Plan, presented a petition filed by Thomas Collins for vacation of a public way in 3 lots in Baugher's plat adjacent to Yellow Banks Park on the south side of Webster Lake. Richard stated the property in question is a portion of what is platted as a driveway on the north lake side of these 3 lots. Richard presented aerial maps to the Commissioners of the area the petitioners are wishing to vacate. Richard stated the unanimous recommendation from the Area Planning Commission is to allow the vacation of these 3 lots. Richard informed the Commissioners the Area Planning Commission also recommended the vacation of all the lots in this area. Richard said the Area Planning Commission will be considering a request to vacate the remaining lots at their meeting next month. Steve Snyder, Attorney, explained how no one ever used this platted "driveway" because no one ever knew it was there. Snyder said the plat was recorded in 1906, and all of the property owners of these lots thought they owned to the water's edge because the "driveway" was never used and can hardly be seen in some of the lots. No one came forward to speak in favor of or opposition to the vacation request.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the vacation of a portion of a public way in 3 lots in Baugher's plat adjacent to Yellow Banks Park.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-09-22-001 (2015090806)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING FOR WORTHINGTON TRACTOR PARTS:

Dan Richard, Director of Area Plan, presented a petition by Worthington Tractor Parts for rezoning of real estate from an agricultural classification to industrial II classification. Richard stated the track of real estate is 5.09 acres south of the town of Leesburg. Richard explained the request is to expand the existing car salvaging operation that is already zoned as industrial II.

Richard said the car salvaging operation would like to expand in the 5 acres behind the business that is currently zoned as agricultural. Richard stated the unanimous recommendation from the Area Planning Commission is to allow the rezoning from agricultural to industrial II. Richard explained the business will have to come before the Board of Zoning Appeals to request an exception if the rezoning is approved in order to expand their operation into the area to the west of the business. No one came forward to speak in favor of or opposition to the rezoning request.

MOTION: Ron Truex
SECOND: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the rezoning request of
Worthington Tractor Parts from agricultural to
industrial II.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 15-09-22-002 (2015090807)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL MEETING INVITATION:

Bob Sanders, Council President, invited the Commissioners to the next Council meeting on October 8, 2015.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
October 6, 2015**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on October 6, 2015 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Conley - President
Ron Truex - ABSENT
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF OCTOBER VETERAN OF THE MONTH – WALTER GERALD GILBERT:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, came before the Commissioners to introduce the October Veteran of the month, Walter Gerald Gilbert. Maron stated Gilbert was born in 1927 in Kosciusko County. Gilbert entered the Army on August 22, 1945 at the age of 18. He attended Basic Training in Kansas and became a Staff Sergeant. Gilbert was then stationed in Tokyo, Japan, and was deployed in 1947. Gilbert returned to the U.S. from the service, and he and his wife had two children. Gilbert then returned to the service in 1950 during the Korean War where he served another 14 months. Maron stated Gilbert is extremely proud of two special things in his life: first of all, his son who served in Vietnam and passed away from an illness as a result of his tour in Vietnam, and secondly, a letter he received from a General of the U.S. Army stating how much Gilbert's extraordinary service is greatly appreciated. The Commissioners thanked Gilbert for his service.

IN THE MATTER OF CLERK'S OFFICE – SERVICE AGREEMENT:

Ann Torpy, County Clerk, presented a Service Agreement from Imaging Office Systems for off-site storage of permanent court files. Torpy stated they will store at least 30 years of older files at the off-site storage. Torpy explained she is running out of space to store these file on-site. This is the same company that the Auditor and Sheriff use for scanning and storing documents.

MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Bob Conley

TO: Approve Service Agreement from
Imaging Office Systems for off-site storage of
permanent court files.

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF CR 900W ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT – OPENING BIDS:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, opened two bids for the County Road 900 West reconstruction project. The first bid was from Phend & Brown in the amount of \$302,135.90. The second bid was from Niblock Excavating & Asphalt in the amount of \$297,855.84. Miner noted these are the only two bids that were received for the project. Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, took a few minutes to review the bids. Tilden stated his recommendation to the Commissioners was to accept the bid from Niblock Excavating in the amount of \$297,855.84. Tilden stated the low bid meets all of the specifications of the project. Niblock Excavating is located in Bristol, Indiana. Miner informed the Commissioners a Repayment Resolution will be presented at the Redevelopment Commission meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2015, and an Additional Appropriation Ordinance will be presented at the County Council meeting on October 8th as well. Miner said these should provide the funding for the project. Miner stated they hope to get some of the work done this fall on the project. Miner recommended the Commissioners accept the bid contingent upon the approval of the Repayment Resolution by the Redevelopment Commission as well as the approval of the Additional Appropriation Ordinance by the County Council.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the bid from Niblock Excavating in the amount of \$297,855.84 for the CR 900W reconstruction project contingent upon the approval of the Repayment Resolution by the Redevelopment Commission as well as the approval of the Additional Appropriation Ordinance by the County Council which will fund the project.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
October 20, 2015

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on October 20, 2015 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Conley - President
Ron Truex
Brad Jackson - ABSENT

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROPOSED FY2016 APPLICATION & BUDGET:

Barry Andrew, KCADP Director, presented a proposed application and budget for fiscal year 2016 for the Community Corrections program. Andrew stated he presented the Community Corrections proposal to the Commissioners in January; however, in May, when he went to seek state approval, Andrew was told the application and budget needed to be refigured because the House passed a bill that no longer supplants salaries or funds pre-existing programs. Andrew explained this was 99% of his original application. Andrew stated they learned they could start Community Corrections with an Adult Home Detention program. They have since refigured the application and budget and the state had no issues with it. Andrew said the advisory board approved application on October 12, 2015, and now he is seeking approval from the Commissioners. Andrew stated the Community Corrections Adult Home Detention program will focus on level 6 felonies and up. This program is for adults only. Andrew explained the Probation Department already has a home detention program that will continue to serve the misdemeanor cliental. The budget for the Community Corrections Adult Home Detention program consists of 3 full-time positions including a Coordinator/Home Detention Officer, a Home Detention Officer, and a Secretary. The budget also includes benefits, insurance, and office supplies such as desks, computers, etc. Andrew stated the proposed budget is \$237,000.

This is for the rest of 2015 and the first 6 months of 2016. Andrew explained the fiscal year goes from July 1st to June 30th. Andrew stated this is an advanced grant, and they receive 25% of the money up front. The rest of the money comes in monthly stipends. Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, stated there shouldn't be any out-of-pocket expense since they receive some money up front and the rest on a monthly basis. Andrew stated this is a free-standing program that is only funded by the grant to the Department of Corrections. If the grant goes away, the department goes away. Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, stated the Sheriff's Department does not have a home detention program, and this would not interfere with any of the programs the Sheriff's Department has.

MOTION: Ron Truex
SECOND: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the FY2016 Application and
Budget of \$237,000 for Community
Corrections.

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF INDIANA OPEN BURNING CODE:

Bob Weaver, Health Department Administrator, presented the Indiana Open Burning Code which is a code enforced by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). Kosciusko County currently has a policy that supports the IDEM regulations. Bob Conley, President, stated it has been suggested that a burn ban be put in place in the county, but Conley said they hesitate to do this. The Commissioners requested the Indiana Open Burning Code from Weaver so they could review the regulations before making a decision. Conley asked that people be very cautious about their burning.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY – NIBLOCK BID UPDATE:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated the Commissioners accepted a bid from Niblock at their last meeting on October 6, 2015 contingent upon the Redevelopment Commission approving the Reimbursement Resolution and the County Council approving the Additional Appropriation Resolution. Miner informed the Commissioners that both of the resolutions were approved, and Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, has contacted the successful bidder to let them know.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY – 30 WEST TIF TIMELINE:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, informed the Commissioners they have started on the 30 West TIF and presented a timeline and a map of the TIF district. The TIF area goes from Warsaw out to Etna Green in a wedge shape from New 30 to Old 30. Miner stated the Redevelopment Commission has approved the Declaratory Resolution for the TIF district. Miner informed the Commissioners they will be asked to approve a resolution approving the Plan Commission order at their November 17, 2015 meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY – APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated there is a business owner who operates out of Allen County, but has purchased a facility in Kosciusko County. Miner stated the business has a liquor license in Allen County but wishes to do catering events at the facility they purchased in Kosciusko County. Miner stated the statute reads that each time the business caters; they must file an application with the alcohol commission to get permission to cater an event. In order to file this application, it must be signed by the President of the Commissioners. Miner feels it would be beneficial for the business to come before the Commissioners to give a general explanation of what they do and the Commissioners could give a blanket approval. Miner stated this would eliminate the business from coming before the Commissioners each and every time they want to cater an event. Miner wanted the Commissioners to be aware of this business attending one of their meetings at some point.

IN THE MATTER OF 2016 INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT(S) FOR TERMINAL SERVICES DATA:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented the inter-local agreements for terminal services for law enforcement. Robinson explained these are agreements between the county and the City of Warsaw as well as several towns for the mobile data in their vehicles. Robinson said they have had these contracts for several years, and they are renewed annually. The county is reimbursed for the service it provides by the towns and city.

IN THE MATTER OF EUBANK VACATION:

Dan Richard, Director of Area Plan, presented a petition filed by Thomas Eubank for vacation of a portion of a driveway in the plat of Baugher's Plat adjacent to Yellow Banks Park. Richard stated the Commissioners previously approved the vacation of 3 of these lots at their September 22, 2015 meeting. They are now ready to vacate the entire driveway in the 19 remaining lots. Steve Snyder, Attorney, commented that none of the lot owners had any objections to this vacation. Richard stated the recommendation of Area Plan was unanimous to approve the vacation request. No one from the public came forward to speak in favor of or opposition to the request.

MOTION: Ron Truex
SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the vacation of a portion of a driveway in the plat of Baugher's Plat adjacent to Yellow Banks Park.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-10-20-002 (2015100755)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF MARTIN VACATION:

Dan Richard, Director of Area Plan, presented a petition filed by Laura Ann Martin for vacation of a portion of a public way in the plat of Wright Place in the Lake Wawasee area. Richard stated the road was probably intended to be developed but never was. All of the lot owners now own a piece of ground on the lake with the road bisecting through that to go back to the original front. Richard stated the unanimous recommendation of Area Plan is to approve the vacation request. No one from the public came forward to speak in favor of or opposition to the request.

MOTION: Ron Truex
SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the vacation of a portion of a public way in the plat of Wright Place in the Lake Wawasee area.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-10-20-001 (2015100754)

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
November 2, 2015

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on November 2, 2015 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Conley - President
Ron Truex
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF BICENTENNIAL PROCLAMATION:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Treasurer, stated the Association of Indiana Counties (AIC) is recognizing the Indiana Bicentennial. A flag has been provided by the AIC to be displayed at 12:00PM on December 11, 2015 to officially kickoff the Bicentennial. Mitchell stated next year will be the 200th anniversary of the history of Indiana. Mitchell also informed the Commissioners the AIC will again have an essay contest for 3rd graders. Mitchell said the AIC will hold their annual conference on September 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th of 2016 in Allan County, and she strongly encouraged everyone to attend. Mitchell presented the Bicentennial Proclamation for the Commissioner President to sign.

Bob Conley, President, stated on behalf of the Commissioners, he would like to congratulate Mitchell on her recent award, the Arthur Hansel Award. Conley then read the Proclamation aloud before signing it.

IN THE MATTER OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented an Order to Adopt an Amended and Restated Capital Improvement Plan. Miner stated the funds for the Co-op TIF project are advancing from the EDIT fund, and he has updated the plan to account for this. Miner noted the funds will be reimbursed to the county from the TIF revenue.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Order to Adopt an

Amended and Restated Capital Improvement Plan.

ORDER NO. 15-11-02-001 (2015110125)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF KEDCo AGREEMENT FOR 2016:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented an Agreement for Services between the county and Kosciusko Economic Development Corporation (KEDCo) for 2016. The agreement appropriates \$150,388.00 to KEDCo for the 2016 year.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve KEDCo Agreement for

Services in the amount of \$150,388.00 for 2016.

IN THE MATTER OF OPENING BIDS FOR COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPPLIES FOR 2016:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, opened the bids for the 2016 County Highway Supplies.

Vendor

Daltons – Warsaw, IN

James Drew Corporation – Indianapolis, IN

West Plains Mining, LLC – Wabash, IN

IMI Materials, INC – Huntington, IN

Kline Trucking & Excavating, INC – Warsaw, IN

G&G Hauling & Excavating – Warsaw, IN

R.J. Keirn Trucking, LLC – Claypool, IN

Elkhart County Gravel, INC – New Paris, IN

Robert McCullough – Fort Wayne, IN

Phend & Brown, INC – Milford, IN

Speedway Sand & Gravel, INC – Fort Wayne, IN

Zimmerman Newcomer Gravel – Milford, IN

Great Lakes Chloride – Warsaw, IN

Pierceton Trucking Co, INC – Warsaw, IN

Asphalt Materials, INC – Warsaw, IN

Central Paving, INC – Logansport, IN

American Timber Bridge – Vicksburg, MI

Primco, INC – Fort Wayne, IN

Phend & Brown, INC – Milford, IN

Brooks Construction Co, INC - Fort Wayne, IN

Petroleum Traders Corporation – Fort Wayne, IN

North Central Co-op – Warsaw, IN

Metal Culverts, INC – Jefferson City, MO

St. Regis Culvert, INC – Indianapolis, IN

Debco Metal Culverts – Francesville, IN

Supplies & Materials

Weed spray and brush & guardrail treatment

Guard rail supplier and installer

Limestone supplier

Limestone supplier

Limestone (delivered to county)

Limestone (delivered to county)

Limestone (delivered to county)

Gravel and limestone supplier

Gravel

Aggregate gravel producer

Aggregate gravel producer

Aggregate gravel producer

Calcium chloride supplier and applicator

Liquid bituminous material supplier

Liquid bituminous material supplier

Bituminous patch supplier

Timber bridge packages

Cast in place, simple concrete, bridge packages

Hot mix asphalt supplier and contractor, plant rental

Hot mix asphalt supplier and contractor

On and off road diesel

On and off road diesel supplier

Quote request for corrugated metal pipe

Corrugated metal pipe and structural pipe supplier

Corrugated metal pipe and structural plate pipe supplier

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, recommended taking all of the bids under review and returning at the November 17, 2015 Commissioners meeting to present his findings and recommendations. Tilden stated the bids will be open after the meeting adjourns for anyone who wishes to inspect them.

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

TO: Approve Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, taking the bids for 2016 Highway supplies under review and presenting his findings and recommendations at the November 17, 2015 Commissioners meeting

IN THE MATTER OF RESIGNATION OF KEVIN PLANCK - KABS:

Bob Conley, President, stated Kevin Planck's last day with KABS is November 6, 2015. KABS is in the process of identifying his replacement.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS November 17, 2015

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on November 17, 2015 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Conley - President
Ron Truex
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF NOVEMBER VETERAN OF MONTH – WAYNE TEEPLE:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, introduced the November Veteran of the month, Wayne Teeple, a World War II Veteran. Maron stated Teeple was born in 1924 and graduated from Leesburg High School in 1942. In December of 1942, Teeple enlisted in the U.S. Army and reached the rank of Tech Sergeant. Teeple spent two summers at Fort Knox learning Morse code and radio operation. Teeple wanted the audience to know that his division used 1,987,000 gallons of gas, fired 1,189,638 rounds of .30 caliber shells, 1,556 officers were taken prisoner, 14,382 enlisted by their unit, 253 casualties, and 912 were wounded. Teeple served in the U.S. Army until 1946. When Teeple returned home to Leesburg, he was hired by People's State Bank where he worked for 37 years before retiring as the Executive Vice President. Teeple currently resides at Grace Village in Winona Lake where he runs a small shop fixing things. Teeple married in 1948 and has two children, six grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. At the age of 90, Teeple recently shot his best game of golf, just 5 under par. The Commissioners thanked Teeple for his service to our country.

IN THE MATTER OF EXTENSION OFFICE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT:

Kelly Heckaman, Extension Office, presented a Contractual Services Agreement between Purdue University and Kosciusko County for the year 2016. Heckaman also informed the Commissioners the Extension Office has hired a Health and Human Science Extension Educator who will start December 1, 2015.

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

TO: Approve the Contractual Services Agreement between Purdue University and Kosciusko County for the year 2016.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CONTRACT:

Barry Andrew, KCADP Director, presented a Community Corrections Contract from the state. Bob Conley, President, asked Chad Miner, County Attorney to review the document. Ron Truex, Commissioner, made a motion to approve the contract subject to Miner's review and approval of the contract.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve Community Corrections

SECOND: Brad Jackson

Contract subject to Chad Miner's review and approval of the contract.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – GRANT UPDATE:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, wanted to inform the Commissioners of grants that are being processed. Rock stated currently there is a \$5,111.00 Emergency Management Performance Grant which will be used to upgrade a couple of computers as well as provide public education materials to promote disaster awareness to the public. Rock stated there is also a \$25,000.00 District Training Grant that will be used for training. The third grant that is available is for \$44,800.00 which will be used for 800mgHz radio upgrades. All three grants are reimbursable grants.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION APPROVING PLAN COMMISSION ORDER FOR 30 WEST TIF:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented a resolution on the 30 West TIF approving the action that has been taken so far. Miner explained the Redevelopment Commission adopted the Declaratory Resolution which establishes the geographic boundaries of the TIF area. The Area Plan Commission has determined that development of this TIF area is consistent with the general development plan for the county. The resolution presented by Miner approves these prior actions.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve Resolution approving Plan

SECOND: Brad Jackson

Commission Order for the 30 West TIF.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION NO. 15-11-17-001 (2015110623)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF TRUPOINTE TIF – CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented a Certificate of Completion for the Trupointe TIF. Miner explained this is a document for Regions Bank to state that all of the work on CR 100 between CR 1300 and CR 1400 has been completed.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve Certificate of Completion for the Trupointe TIF for Regions Bank.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF CO-OP TIF ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented an Engagement Agreement for the Co-op TIF. Miner stated Umbaugh & Associates would like this Engagement Agreement signed for their records.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve Engagement Agreement for the Co-op TIF for Umbaugh & Associates.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF TREE REMOVAL AROUND THE COURTHOUSE:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, informed the Commissioners that four trees have been removed from the Courthouse lawn. Robinson stated these trees were in "pretty bad shape." Robinson also said there is one more tree that needs to be removed but they are waiting on NIPSCO to do it because it is beside a power line.

IN THE MATTER OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY – QUOTE FOR NEW ROOF ON BUILDING:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated BT&C Roofing Company was the low bidder for redoing the roof on the Historical Society building which used to be the old jail. Robinson recommended the Commissioners approve this bid.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the low bid from BT&C

Roofing Company to re-do the roof on the Historical Society building.

IN THE MATTER OF QUOTES TO RE-DO ROOM FOR PROBATION DEPARTMENT:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated they have received quotes to re-do a room to provide more office space in the Probation Department. Robinson stated they would like to convert a whole room into five offices to accommodate the Community Corrections Grant and the office space they need. Robinson said they have received two quotes and he would like to award DJ Construction to do the work. Robinson explained the amount is over their threshold; therefore, they need the Commissioners approval. DJ Construction is the company that reconstructed Superior Court 1 and the Juvenile Courtroom. Robinson said they were pleased with their work and timely manner.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the bid from DJ Construction to re-do a room to provide more office space for the Community Corrections Grant in the Probation Department.

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

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, presented the Inter-local Agreement for Solid Waste. Puckett explained this is an agreement the county and Solid Waste District have had for the past 16 years. This agreement allows the Auditor to be the controller for the Solid Waste District. Puckett stated the agreement has already been approved by the Council as well as the Solid Waste board. The agreement has not changed from the previous year.

MOTION:

SECOND:

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Inter-local Agreement between the county and the Solid Waste District.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF 2016 BID RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, presented a list of the 2016 Annual Bid Recommendations for approval. Tilden requested the Commissioners accept all the bids presented and he will sort out what he needs and when.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the 2016 Annual Bid Recommendations for the Highway Department.

IN THE MATTER OF SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, presented a Speed Limit Ordinance to repeal two sections of the Ordinance of 9519. One section is for a 50mph speed limit on 300E from 1300N to 1000N. The second section to repeal is the 50mph speed limit on 300E from 900N to 750N. Tilden stated this will put the roads back to 55mph. Tilden explained the 50mph speed limits were put in place years ago when the road was in bad shape, however, with the improvements that have been made, Tilden feels the 50mph speed limits are no longer needed on this road.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

TO: Approve Speed Limit Ordinance to repeal the 50mph speed limit on 300E from 1300N to 1000N and the 50mph speed limit

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on 300E from 900N to 750N which will make
the new speed limit 55mph.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-11-17-002 (2015110624)

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IN THE MATTER OF REZONING REQUEST – C. ALAN ROVENSTINE:

Dan Richard, Director of Area Plan, presented a report and recommendation on a request to rezone 5.7 acres from agricultural to commercial. Richard stated the petition was filed by C. Alan Rovenstine. The tract of land is located between Old 30 and New 30 west of CR 800W. Richard stated the request from agricultural to commercial is compatible with the area and how it is developing. The unanimous recommendation from the Area Plan Commission is to accept the request to rezone. No one from the public came forward to speak in favor of or opposition to the rezoning request.

MOTION: Ron Truex
SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Ordinance to rezone a 5.7
acre tract of land from agricultural to
commercial between Old 30 and New 30 west
of CR 800W.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-11-17-003 (2015110625)

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 1, 2015

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on December 1, 2015 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Conley - President
Ron Truex
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator - ABSENT
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF KABS GENERAL MANAGER POSITION:

Randy Hall, Vice President of Cardinal Services, introduced Robert Cunningham as a candidate for the KABS General Manager Position. Hall came before the Commissioners to seek their approval of Cunningham replacing the former KABS General Manager, Kevin Planck, who resigned the position at the beginning of November. Hall explained the county holds the grant for KABS; however, the Commissioners allowed Cardinal Services to find a replacement for the KABS General Manager position with their approval. Hall stated Cunningham has a degree in Accounting and has 25+ years of accounting and management experience. Hall believes Cunningham is the best candidate for the position.

MOTION: Ron Truex
SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve Robert Cunningham as the new
General Manager for KABS.

IN THE MATTER OF VETERAN OF THE MONTH – DON SHIVELY:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, came before the Commissioners to introduce the October Veteran of the month, Don Shively. Maron stated Shively is a World War II Veteran who was inducted into basic training in November 1942 in Alabama. Shively then went to Tennessee and then Arizona where it was 117 degrees. Shively was then moved to California. In 1944, Shively was shipped to Hawaii for jungle training. Hundreds of ships and aircraft carriers carrying a

division of the Marines and the Army's 81st Infantry Division were on their way to Honolulu. There were 4,000-5,000 Marine losses. After Japan surrendered, Shively was sent there as part of the occupation troops. Shively was married in 1944 just a few weeks before he left for World War II. After he returned, he worked a job for 29 years before retiring. Shively then delivered school buses for over 20 years until the age of 90. Shively and his wife loved sports, especially the Cubs. Shively has attended between 250 and 300 games. Shively is currently 93 years old.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS December 15, 2015

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on December 15, 2015 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Conley - President	Chad Miner – County Attorney
Ron Truex	Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Brad Jackson	Ron Robinson – County Administrator
	Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF 2016 BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Bob Conley, President, presented the 2016 Board Appointments for approval.

Alcohol Beverage Commission	Gordon Vanator	12/31/2016
Area Plan Board	Bob Conley	12/31/2016
	Kevin McSherry	12/31/2019
Board of Health	Terry Owens	12/31/2019
Board of Zoning Appeals	Lee Harman	12/31/2016
	Charlie Haffner	12/31/2016
KCCRVC	Kristy Plikerd	12/31/2017
	Mark Skibowski	12/31/2017
Drainage Board	James Scott	12/31/2019
	Ron Truex	12/31/2016
Emergency Mngt Advisory	Ron Truex	12/31/2016
KEDCo	Ron Truex	12/31/2016
Bell Memorial Library	Dick Webb	12/31/2019
Ortho Worx	Brad Jackson	12/31/2016
PTABOA	Susie Stookey	12/31/2016
	David Knisely	12/31/2016
Public Defenders	Steve Harris	12/31/2016
	John Hall	12/31/2016
	Alan Alderfer	12/31/2016
Redevelopment Commission	Bruce Woodward	12/31/2016
	Max Courtney	12/31/2016
	Henry DeJulia	12/31/2016
	Curt Hermann	12/31/2017
St Joe River Basin	John Roberts	12/31/2016
Wage Committee	Brad Jackson	12/31/2016
Weights & Measures	Larry Marner	12/31/2016
WCDC	Bob Conley	12/31/2016

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the 2016 Board Appointments
as presented.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF 2016 DEPARTMENT HEAD APPOINTMENTS:

Bob Conley, President, presented the 2016 Department Head Appointments for approval.

Area Plan Director	Dan Richard	12/31/2016
County Administrator	Ron Robinson	12/31/2016
County Attorney	Chad Miner	12/31/2016
GIS	Bill Holder	12/31/2016
County Highway Superintendent	Scott Tilden	12/31/2016
Homeland Security/LEPC	Ed Rock	12/31/2016
System Administrator	Bob Momeyer	12/31/2016
Veteran Officer	Rich Maron	12/31/2016

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the 2016 Department Head Appointments as presented.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF THE INDIANA FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION DRAFT CONTRACT:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented a draft contract from the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration. The contract is to assist inmates in their application process in applying for Medicaid. The contract also allows the County to receive reimbursement for health care costs associated with these inmates. Miner stated that Marsha McSherry, County Administrative Assistant, is working on obtaining a finalized contract that can be signed. Miner stated the Commissioners can still vote today that would allow the President to sign the contract once it is received so there are no delays in processing the contract.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the signing of the finalized contract with the Indiana Family and Social

SECOND: Brad Jackson

Services Administration contract by President, Bob Conley, once it is received.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE RESOLUTION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 30 WEST TIF:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented the final Resolution regarding the approval of the creation of the 30 West TIF Economic Development Area. Miner stated the Redevelopment Commission approved and adopted a Declaratory Resolution on October 8, 2015 for the 30 West Economic Development Area. The Redevelopment Commission confirmed the Declaratory Resolution by a Confirmatory Resolution that was adopted on December 10, 2015. Miner continued by stating this is the final step in the process.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the Resolution for the creation of 30 West TIF Economic Development Area.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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RESOLUTION NO. 15-12-15-002 (2015120566)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY CONTRACT:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented his 2016 contract. Miner stated there was an increase of 1%, which is in line with what the Council approved at the 2016 budget process.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the 2016 County Attorney Contract with a 1% increase.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF 2016 KCCRVC INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, presented the 2016 KCCRVC Inter-Local Agreement to the Commissioners for approval. Puckett stated there were no changes to the agreement.

MOTION: Ron Truex

TO: Approve the 2016 KCCRVC Inter-Local Agreement.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT:

Steve Snyder, Attorney, presented an Encroachment Agreement between the Commissioners and James Sarll. Snyder stated Sarll is the owner of Lot 8 in Lakeview Park (Sarll Lot) and a portion of the residence on the Sarll Lot encroaches onto the right-of-way of South Hill Drive, a 20' public road. Sarll would like to make improvements to the existing structure by replacing the foundation and walls. Snyder stated Sarll understands that in an event the County desires to improve the South Hill Drive, with a ninety days written notice, Sarll shall remove that portion of the Encroachment located in the right-of-way of South Hill Drive. In the event the Encroachment cannot be repaired, if it is replaced, it shall be located wholly within the boundaries of the Sarll Lot. Snyder further stated the agreement will be recorded and show up on the title so if the property is ever sold the new owners will be well aware of the Encroachment and subject to the terms. No objections from the public.

MOTION: Brad Jackson TO: Approve the Encroachment Agreement
SECOND: Ron Truex between the Commissioners and James Sarll.
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

Recorded No. 2015120708

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF SPEED LIMIT SIGN FOR OSBORN LANDING C24:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, presented a speed limit ordinance for C24, which included C24C, C24D, C24E and C24F. The speed limit shall be 20 mph. The Commissioners all agreed that this area warranted the lower speed limit with all the curves in this area.

MOTION: Ron Truex TO: Approve the Speed Limit Ordinance 15-
SECOND: Brad Jackson 12-15-001 for Osborn Landing C24.
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 15-12-15-001 Speed Limit (2015120567)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF DRAINAGE EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH LEESBURG PARTNERS, LLC.:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, presented a Drainage Easement Agreement between the Commissioners and Leesburg Partners, LLC. Tilden stated the area is on School Street by the new Leesburg Dollar General Store. Tilden stated there is a drainage issue at the corner of SR 15 and School Street. The drainage issues will require tile to be ran down the right-of-way on School Street, but there will need to be a place to discharge the drainage. Tilden has been working with Leesburg Partners, LLC and Chad Miner, County Attorney, on the Drainage Easement Agreement to allow the drainage to run into the drainage channel by Dollar General. Miner stated the agreement looks fine to him and has approved the Commissioners to sign it. Tilden stated Leesburg Partners, LLC will pay half of the costs associated with this agreement.

MOTION: Ron Truex TO: Approve the Drainage Easement
SECOND: Brad Jackson Agreement between the Commissioners and
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 Leesburg Partners, LLC.
UNANIMOUS

Recorded No. 2015120581

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO.2 FOR BRIDGE NO. 18:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, presented a Supplemental Agreement No. 2 for Bridge No. 18, CR 300 N over Tippecanoe River. Tilden stated this agreement is due to the Wetland mitigations that have been taking place. USI Consultant, Mr. Beer, was present and spoke in reference to the supplements to the agreement due to the biological assessment of the potential impact this project will have on the federally endangered mussels in the Tippecanoe River. The mitigation area is 1 acre of ground and will need to be mitigated over a period of 7 years at a cost of \$45,000. Truex stated the increase in costs for this bridge is all because of the desire to widen the bridge to include a walk way for the safety of the children. Conley invited

Mayor Thallemer to speak on behalf of the involvement the City of Warsaw is having with this project. Thallemer stated the whole process has been very frustrating as every turn there seems to be another issue to deal with. Thallemer stated he needs to take this information to his city planner and have a discussion before any decisions can be made. The Commissioners were all in agreement to table this conversation till the next Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, December 22nd.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Table the discussion of the Supplemental Agreement No. 2 for Bridge No. 18 till the December 22, 2015 Commissioners meeting.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS December 22, 2015

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on December 22, 2015 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Conley – President - Absent
Ron Truex
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney - Absent
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY COLLABORATION PLAN:

Barry Andrews, Community Corrections Director, came before the Commissioners and presented the 2017 County Collaboration Plan for approval. Andrews stated the DOC has signed and approved the grant and budget for the Community Corrections program, which will allow them to start the interview process at the beginning of 2016 for the Coordinator for Community Corrections. Andrews stated since this is a new program for our County they have to collaborate with the Probation department in order to insure the same services are not being provided by both areas. Andrews did advise the Commissioners that this plan will be a work in progress as it will need to be re-evaluated and adjustments made accordingly as they grow and iron things out. Andrews stated the Collaboration Plan needs to be approved by the Commissioners and submitted by January 1, 2016.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the County Collaboration Plan as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, shared with the Commissioners that a new HVAC systems contract was signed for 2016. Robinson also advised the Commissioners that a new heater and furnace will be needed for the maintenance garage. Robinson gave an estimate of \$9,500, but will know more once they start tearing into the old unit.

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF CAR CAMERAS:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, came before the Commissioners to request permission to purchase new cameras for eight (8) sheriff cars. Robinson stated the funds are available in the IT department funds and the cost will be roughly \$54,000.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the purchase of cameras for eight (8) Sheriff cars in the amount of \$54,000.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners and presented the Supplemental Agreement No. 2 for the Rehabilitation on Bridge No. 18 that was tabled at the December 15, 2015 Commissioners meeting. Truex stated they had a meeting with Mayor Thallemer to discuss who will be paying for the additional expenses associated with this project. Truex stated that Mayor Thallemer was in agreement that the City of Warsaw did agree to pay for all the extra costs associated with the repairs to Bridge No. 18. Truex stated with that understanding the Commissioners will approve the Supplemental Agreement No. 2.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the Supplemental Agreement

SECOND: Ron Truex

No. 2 for the rehabilitation of Bridge No. 18.

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF STORM WARNING LEVELS:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, explained the storm warning levels. Rock stated there are three (3) warning levels – Advisory (yellow), Watch (orange) and Warning (red). The Sheriff, Highway Superintendent and Emergency Management Director makes the decision on the Advisory and Watch levels, but when it becomes a Warning a Commissioner must approve a declaration in order to in force the Official Warning to the County.

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