

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL

Thursday, January 12, 2006

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones	John Kinsey	Charlene Knispel	Brad Tandy
Tom Anglin	Bob Sanders	Larry Teghtmeyer	Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:

Minutes from the previous Council meeting were reviewed and approved.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve minutes as presented.
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF 2005 TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR COUNTY HIGHWAY:

A request was received from Dennis Pletcher, Highway Supervisor to transfer funds to cover a shortfall in the overtime accounts.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$15,000.00 from
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel	204-10328-000-051 Truck Driver to
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	204-11301-000-051 Part Time
MOTION CARRIED		
		TO: Approve transfer of \$10,000.00 from
		204-10316-000-051 Truck Driver to
		204-11401-000-051 Overtime Pay
		TO: Approve transfer of \$10,000.00 from
		204-10311-000-051 Truck Driver to
		204-11401-000-051 Overtime Pay

IN THE MATTER OF 2005 TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR TITLE IV D:

A request was received from Prosecutor, Steven Hearn to transfer funds to cover a shortfall when an employee left county employment.

MOTION:	Brad Tandy	TO: Approve transfer of \$400.00 from
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	100- 11221-000-022 Caseworker to
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	100- 11151-000-022 Assistant Investigator
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF 2005 TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SHERIFF:

A request was received in writing from Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff to transfer funds to cover a salary due to a higher ranking officer being paid out of a lesser ranked officer salary.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$2,410.00 from
SECOND:	John Kinsey	100- 11409-000-019 Payroll to
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	100- 10095-000-019 Payroll
MOTION CARRIED		
		TO: Approve transfer of \$570.00 from
		100-11409-000-019 Payroll to
		100-10095-000-019 Payroll

IN THE MATTER OF 2005 TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR AUDITOR:

A request was received from Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor to transfer funds the part time to overtime. This transfer would eliminate the balance of comp time accrued in 2005, therefore being paid at the 2005 rate saving the county money.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$3,000.00 from
SECOND:	Brad Tandy	100- 11301-000-005 Part Time to
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	100- 11401-000-005 Overtime
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF KDI PRESENTATION:

Roger Moynahan, KDI Chairman, appeared before the Council to review the plan they submitted earlier this year in regards to the search for a candidate to lead KDI. Moynahan provided handouts to the Council members that recognized Kosciusko County as a successful county with many economic opportunities. He also pointed out that KDI can provide the leadership needed to help local businesses with their changing needs. Moynahan stated that a committee is in place to finalize the criteria to search for a candidate to head up KDI. Moynahan also pointed out that KDI has provided any and all information that the Council and Commissioners have requested and is now looking for a funding commitment of more than one year for the Director's position. He noted that it will be harder to hire a qualified person if the Director's salary is not guaranteed for more than one year.

Council President, Harold Jones stated he was reluctant to call for a vote on this matter until the Council is given approval from the County Commissioners.

Moynahan replied that KDI has had great support from local officials, but it is time for someone to take a stand and support the direction of KDI. When questioned by Council members regarding the Director's position, Moynahan stated that KDI would not guarantee that person longer than one year employment if they did not meet the expectations or fulfill the requirements as requested, but wanted a guarantee of salary funding for more than one year. He then questioned whether the Council was looking to make this position a county position or leave it in the private sector.

Councilman Bob Sanders stated that the Council does not want to be responsible for the hiring of the Director, but needs to make sure accountability is provided by KDI in order that taxpayers can see how their money is being spent. Sanders also stated that it may not be possible to commit to long term funding for this position, but that did not mean the Council did not support the efforts of KDI. Year to year funding may be all that is possible at this time.

President Jones noted that KDI has provided everything the Council requested and it is appreciated, but reiterated that to follow procedure, the Council must get approval from the Commissioners before they can act on this request.

Councilman Sanders also pointed out that a member of the KDI board, he knows how hard KDI has worked to provide the leadership the county is looking for and needs. He also noted that it was time to do something to move this matter forward.

IN THE MATTER OF PTABOA APPOINTMENTS:

A request was received by letter from Laurie Renier, County Assessor to reappoint Charles Ker and Susan Myrick to serve on County Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals for 2006.

MOTION: Charlene Knispel TO: Appoint Charles Ker and Susan Myrick
SECOND: Larry Tegtmeyer to PTABOA for 2006.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF KCCRVC APPOINTMENTS:

It was noted there were two positions that needed appointments. Those suggested for the appointments included Joy McCarthy Sessing, Jon Sroufe and Larry McDermitt. Sroufe, a current member, expressed he would serve again if no one else was interested. It was noted that in order to maintain stability on the Board, it might be in the best interest to reappoint Sroufe for one more year and then if he did not wish to serve another term, a new member could be sought.

MOTION: Larry Tegtmeyer TO: Appoint Joy McCarthy Sessing to
SECOND: Brad Tandy KCCRVC.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Bob Sanders TO: Reappoint Jon Sroufe to KCCRVC.
SECOND: Larry Tegtmeyer
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF'S CONTRACT:

The 2006 Sheriff's contract in the amount of \$88,000 was presented for the Council's approval.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve Sheriff's contract in the amount
SECOND: John Kinsey of \$88,000 for 2006 as presented.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

SHERIFF'S SALARY CONTRACT

This agreement entered into as of the first day of January, 2006, by and between C. Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff of Kosciusko County and the County Council ("the Council") and the Board of Commissioners ("the Commissioners"); the Council and Commissioners being thereafter collectively referred to as "the County", **WITNESSETH:**

By way of background, the Sheriff is entitled to fees for the collection of tax warrants (as described in I.C. 6-8.1-8-3) and is entitled to fees for the providing of meals to prisoners housed in the county jail (pursuant to I.C. 36-8-10-7) as well as a salary fixed annually by the council;

By way of further background, certain difficulties have arisen concerning the treatment of fees received by the Sheriff for the feeding of prisoners under I.C. 36-8-10-7, particularly with regard to whether or not those fees are to be included on the Sheriff's W-2 form, such that those uncertainties create difficulties for the Sheriff as well as the County;

By way of further background, the Legislature of the State of Indiana recognizing the above difficulties and wishing to address those difficulties and provide a solution therefore did in 1993 enact I.C. 36-2-13-2.5;

By way of further background, the Sheriff and the County believe that it would be in the best interest of the Sheriff and the County to provide for a fixed amount of compensation for the Sheriff in lieu of the Sheriff's receipt of fees provided for in I.C. 6-8.1-8-3 and I.C. 36-8-10-7 and the Sheriff is willing to assign to the County those fees; and

By way of further background the County, in consideration of the Sheriff's assignment of such fees to the County is willing to approve a fixed amount of compensation for the Sheriff;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of mutual covenants and conditions recited

1. The Sheriff shall assign to the County and from time to time deposit in the County General Fund any and all fees he is otherwise entitled to receive as collection fees pursuant to Indiana Code Section 6-8.1-8-3.

2. The Sheriff shall assign to the County all fees from prisoner's meal allowances received under I.C. 36-8-10-7, with said fees to be the sole and absolute property of the County and not deemed as compensation for employment under I.R.C. & 31.3121(a)-2(a),(b).

3. The County hereby established a fixed amount of compensation for the Sheriff in the amount of Eighty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$ 88,000) (\$3,384.62 bi weekly) for the calendar year 2006. It is understood that the Sheriff's fixed amount of compensation under I.C. 6-8.8-8-3 and I.C. 36-8-10-7 and shall be paid from the County General Fund in the manner that salaries of other County officials are paid.

4. The Sheriff shall pay for the feeding of prisoners from the meal allowance funds provided for under I.C. 36-8-10-7. Neither the Sheriff nor the Sheriff's officers, deputies nor employees may make a profit from the meal allowance funds. After the expenses of feeding prisoners are paid for the year, the Sheriff shall deposit any unspent meal allowance money in the County General Fund by December 31 annually. Checks for ¼ of the appropriation will be issued to the Sheriff on January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1. In addition, the Sheriff shall file an accounting of expenditures for feeding prisoners with the County Auditor on the first Monday of January and the first Monday of July per I. C. 36-2-13-2.5-b5. The expended by the Sheriff may not exceed those established by the State Board of Accounts as outlined in 36-8-10-7 for the calendar year.

5. The method and manner of assignment of fees to the County by the Sheriff shall be done and made on such terms and conditions as the Sheriff, the County and the State Board of Tax Commissioners shall agree in order to effectuate this agreement and to the full extent possible to preclude those fees described in I.C. 6-8.1-8-3 and I.C. 36-8-10-7 from being deemed compensation for employment under I.R.C.31.3 3121(a)-2(a), (b) and thus subject to W-2 reporting.

6. The Sheriff shall at all times maintain all required records and reports in such form and manner as prescribed by the County as well as the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

7. Nothing in this agreement shall be constructed in any manner to relieve the Sheriff of any of his responsibilities or duties under I.C. 6-8.1-8-3 or I.C. 36-8-10-7, nor in any other way deemed to limit the powers and duties of the Sheriff provided for under Indiana law. Nothing in this agreement shall be constructed as limiting the benefits of the Sheriff to medical, retirement, disability, or longevity pay (when applicable) previously established by the County for the Sheriff and all of such benefits shall be in addition to and not considered a part of the fixed amount of compensation provided for in paragraph 1. above.

8. The term of this agreement shall be coextensive with the term of office of C. Aaron Rovenstine as Sheriff of Kosciusko County. This agreement shall terminate at the end of the term of office of the Sheriff or upon earlier termination of his term. Upon the termination of this agreement, the salary of the Sheriff's successor shall be in an amount equal to the salary prescribed for the Kosciusko County Treasurer unless and until such time as the Sheriff's successor and the County shall mutually agree otherwise.

9. This agreement shall be effective on January 1, 2006, provided the same has been previously approved by resolution of both the Council and the Commissioners.

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE LEVEL CHANGE:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator spoke to the Council regarding a personnel level change. Robinson stated a current employee was moving to the Assessor's office (as a Commercial/Industrial Assistant) from another office and asked the Council to allow a change from a three year level to a six year level as this employee has nine years county employment experience and already has Level I and II certification. Robinson also noted that Assessor Laurie Renier was willing to take money from her reassessment funds to cover the salary difference this change would create.

MOTION: Tom Anglin

TO: Allow level change for employee Gail Chapman due to years experience.

SECOND: Larry Tegtmeyer

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF HOUSEKEEPING EMPLOYEE POSITIONS:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, reported that for the last few years it has been the practice to hire part time personnel for the housekeeping positions. Robinson went on to say that in the next three months the county would be losing three part time people and therefore requested that funds be moved from part time to full time in order for him to hire one full time person to replace the part time people he would be losing. Robinson also noted that he would fill that full time position with a person currently working part time. Councilman Tandy stated that the county had managed things considerably well with the part time positions but that a full time position would be warranted.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Allow funds to be transferred from
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer Housekeeping part time to full time in order to
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 hire one new full time employee.
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, reported the renovation work was nearing completion. Robinson noted that carpeting would be laid in the basement within a couple of weeks and those offices would be ready to start moving back. He also stated that after reviewing some areas, there would be more space in the basement that could be utilized for offices; therefore a few more changes were likely in the basement.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ISSUED CREDIT CARDS:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, reported that the county would be going to American Express for their credit cards. Mitchell stated that the county had inquired about credit cards at Lake City Bank, but the initial startup fee and monthly maintenance fees were substantial, therefore the decision to go with the American Express card was logical. Mitchell stated that all sheriff personnel and transport people would be issued a card as well as any other employees that routinely purchase fuel. These cards may be used for gas, fluids, wiper blades, etc. She also noted that these county issued cards must be used to be tax exempt.

IN THE MATTER OF WELFARE DEPARTMENT 2006 BUDGET ISSUES:

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell informed the Council that 2005 county employee wages would be published in the January 18th issue of the paper. Mitchell also stated that she had received information from the Department of Child Services that due to their not implementing the proposed accelerated increases, there was a possibility the county would see a savings in monies budgeted for 2006. Mitchell stated that it would be a wait and see process. Mitchell also reported that she had not received information from the State on the 1782 notice but once she did, the Council would need to take immediate action on budget issues.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SHERIFF'S JAIL REPORT:

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, presented a report to the Council outlining several items pertaining to the jail. Rovenstine stated that bookings at the jail had decreased for the first time in three years. He also noted that a new camera system had been installed this past year and was working out well. Rovenstine praised the volunteers that come to the jail and provide various programs and services. He also touched on the work release program and its success. Another point of interest was the monies received from Delaware and Miami Counties, noting they were current. Rovenstine stated the Department of Correction is still running five to six months behind on their payments but they are looking into implementing a direct deposit system that should expedite their payments. Rovenstine said he would have a full comparison report prepared for the Council's next meeting for their review.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL

Harold Jones, President

Tom Anglin, Vice President

John Kinsey

Charlene Knispel

Bob Sanders

ATTEST:

Brad Tandy

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor

Larry Teghtmeyer

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL Thursday, February 9, 2006

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones	John Kinsey	Charlene Knispel	Brad Tandy
Tom Anglin - <i>Absent</i>	Bob Sanders	Larry Teghtmeyer	Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer by John Kinsey.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR ASSESSOR’S OFFICE EMPLOYEE LEVEL CHANGE:

A request was received from County Assessor Laurie Renier, to transfer \$1,143.00 from her office supply account to a commercial industrial assistant’s position. Renier stated the employee came to the Assessor’s office with 9 years experience with Level I and II certification and wanted to compensate her at a 6 year level pay rate as opposed to the beginning or 3 year level salary. It was noted the Council had approved the request at a previous meeting and this request was to transfer those funds.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve transfer of \$1,143.00 from 275- 21001-000-003 Office Supplies to 275- 11147-000-046 Commercial Industrial Assistant
SECOND:	Brad Tandy	
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR PROSECUTOR:

A request was received by letter from the Prosecutor for an additional appropriation of \$20,703.60 to cover the cost of equipment (transmitter devices - \$8500.00 and \$1087.00 - training/education in the radKIDS program) requested by the Sheriff’s Department and (\$11,116.60 - training/education and animal for KD-9 Program) for the Winona Lake Police Department. The Prosecutor also requested an additional appropriation of \$38,045.04 to cover a shortfall in payroll from 2005.

MOTION:	Bob Sanders	TO: Approve additional appropriations for \$ 20,703.60 to 268-31082-000-000 \$ 38,045.04 to 254-10000-000-000
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel	
AYES: 5	NAYES: 1	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT WELL CHILD FUND:

Bob Weaver, Health Department Director, requested an additional appropriation of \$8,000.00 to cover the cost of contracted maintenance. Weaver apologized to the Council stating that when the budget was prepared he had omitted the maintenance expense. Weaver noted the amount being requested was the same as the previous year and the funds were there. Weaver also distributed the 2005 Annual Health Department Report to the Council for their review.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve additional appropriation for
SECOND:	John Kinsey	\$ 8,000.00 to 280-31058-000-000
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF LARGE FORMAT PRINTER/SCANNER/COPIER PURCHASE:

Bill Holder, GIS Coordinator presented information to the Council regarding the possible purchase of a large format printer/scanner/copier. Holder stated various departments have been looking for a number of years for equipment that could handle the large documents currently in use. After researching and seeing several presentations on devices available, they have selected a KIP 3000 from Digital Repro Graphics as a possible choice at a cost of \$16,500.00. Holder went on to say that the Recorder’s Office, Surveyor’s Office, Assessor’s Office and GIS were willing to split the cost of the machine as their offices would gain great benefits from its use. Holder stated the Recorder would be able to scan subdivision plats, the Surveyor could scan and archive large format historical aerials, and the Assessor and GIS would be able to print out plat book page maps. These digital images would then be able to be networked between all county offices for easier accessibility.

Council member Bob Sanders questioned Holder if the machine would be sufficient enough for all of the offices to use with the time involved to begin these projects. Holder believed it would, however it might require some juggling at the beginning and if need be, days assigned to each office for use. Sanders then inquired if there would be a maintenance fee and/or maintenance agreement. Holder did not have exact dollar figures with him, but stated there were several maintenance options available to the county through Digital Repro Graphics and the costs could be split between the four offices.

Laurie Renier, Assessor; LaShawn Brumfield, Recorder; Dick Kemper, Surveyor, all spoke about the benefits their offices would realize from the purchase of this equipment and all conveyed their willingness to share maintenance fees.

Council member John Kinsey stated he had spoken with Holder and he believed this was an excellent idea. He also noted that he felt it was a tremendous opportunity and step forward in office cooperation.

MOTION:	John Kinsey	TO: Approve purchase of large format printer/scanner/copier to be shared by multiple offices.
SECOND:	Brad Tandy	
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY TRACTOR PURCHASE:

Dennis Pletcher, County Highway Supervisor appeared before the Council in a request to allow him to transfer funds from the Trucks account to Other Equipment in order to purchase additional tractors. Pletcher reported that after advertising for bids to replace two mowing tractors, McKillip Equipment of Wabash had come in with the low bid. McKillip was also allowing a good trade in price on the old tractors. Pletcher stated because the prices were good and there was a demand for used tractors, he felt it was a good time to purchase two additional tractors. Pletcher noted the county is divided into 4 sections with 1 tractor per section. He also noted the tractors he intended to purchase would allow them to be used for different jobs other than mowing.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY TRACTOR PURCHASE (Continued):

Council member Harold Jones stated he had spoken with Commissioner Ron Truex and all parties concurred this would be a wise purchase.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve the purchase of 2 additional tractors and allow transfer of funds when final figure is established.
SECOND:	John Kinsey	
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF TEMPORARY LOAN FOR EDIT:

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor reported the EDIT Fund had a balance equal to five millions dollars. An error in investments had taken monies from the CCD Fund instead of the EDIT Fund, therefore causing a shortfall of cash in the CCD Fund. Mitchell proposed the county make a temporary loan until June 7, 2006 from EDIT to COIT to cover the shortage in the CCD fund, at which time the certificate of deposit will mature and all monies can be deposited into the correct accounts before budget time. Mitchell noted there was a shortfall in cash but not total money.

MOTION:	Brad Tandy	TO: Approve temporary loan from EDIT Fund to CCD Fund to cover shortfall.
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel	
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF MAPLE LEAF T.I.F. BOND PAYMENT:

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor reported a recent bond payment due and there had been a shortfall of funds in the T.I.F. account. This shortfall was due to assessed values being overstated and actual values less. Therefore, the bond payment had been paid from the EDIT Funds. Mitchell stated the monies would be pulled back into the EDIT account at the June 30, 2006 settlement and again at December 31, 2006 settlement. Mitchell went on to say the Redevelopment Commission needs to study the issue as there is approximately \$400,000 still due on the 900 N Road. She felt interest rates should be looked at and a decision made if it would be wise to pay this off now and continue to collect the payments due and let the T.I.F. money accumulate, to reimburse the county entirely. This money could be collected until 2013.

Council member Brad Tandy questioned what caused the shortage in assessed values and Mitchell stated they were derived from the entity's financial management. Mitchell also stated in the future, assessed values should be taken from the Assessor's office to avoid situations such as this.

IN THE MATTER OF 911 FUNDS:

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor presented figures on the 911 Fund stating that it could fully fund itself in 2006 and almost fully fund in 2007 but it would need to be addressed in the 2007 budget process.

IN MATTER OF DGLF:

County Auditor, Sue Ann Mitchell presented information to the Council in reference to notice received from the Department of Local Government Finance in regard to the Auditor and Assessor's non compliance of data submitted in 2004 and 2005. Mitchell stated there was a difference between figures received from the Assessor's office that included government properties and figures on the abstract that do not include government properties. She noted this is a major concern as the state has threatened to withhold Property Tax Replacement Credit if the data does not meet their standards. Mitchell felt the information is close to being in a format that can be reprinted and resubmitted to the state.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT RATE INCREASE:

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell presented information regarding the mandated increase in PERF for 2007. Mitchell reported the rate for 2006 is 4.75 percent and that will increase to 5.5 percent for 2007. She stated the general fund would see a minimum increase of \$65,000.00; the Highway Department would have a \$13,000.00 increase and the Health Department a \$2,700.00 increase. Mitchell noted this would amount to a mandated increase of at least \$80,000.00 for the 2007 budget.

IN THE MATTER OF JUVENILE INCARCERATION:

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell reported the county had received billing in the amount of \$99,900.00 for the last quarter of 2005 for juvenile incarceration. Mitchell stated the county has always been current in their payments, but noted that PTRC monies could be withheld if these payments were not kept current. Mitchell said that Marion County had 2.9 million dollars in PTRC money withheld for non-payment of juvenile incarceration fees. Mitchell went on to say that on the other side of this issue is the Department of Correction reimbursement for DOC prisoners. Mitchell stated a payment had been received in February that paid these fees through December 2005, however this was short in excess of \$100,000.00.

Over the last five years, the County had not received \$459,000.00 in monies due to them from the DOC. Mitchell stated this seemed to be a documentation issue with the DOC and felt this was a matter that needed to be addressed by legislation. Mitchell did feel that if the information was presented to the correct legislators the issue could be corrected.

After further discussion on this matter, Mitchell stated she would gather the data and prepare documentation for the Council to submit to the state legislators for review.

IN THE MATTER OF AIC LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS:

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor reported that she along with County Assessor, Laurie Renier and Commissioner Avis Gunter had recently attended 2 days of legislative meetings in Indianapolis and that it had been a wonderful educational experience. Mitchell stated that she heard Phil Anderson, Rural Development speak, and she is in the process of making arrangements for him to speak to the Redevelopment Commission. She noted that Anderson is a dynamic speaker who talks about common sense issues and suggested a joint meeting with the Redevelopment Commission and the Council.

Mitchell went on to say that several pending laws that would be harmful to counties were discussed. Mitchell stated she had been to Indianapolis and testified in the Senate against House Bill 10-01. Mitchell highlighted some of the items included in HB 10-01 as: a) Tax Deferral program for the elderly and veterans and b) Notification to taxpayers with complete tax calculations by Aug. 10th of tax bills for following year. Mitchell noted in regards to these issues, State Legislators would be at Farm Bureau on February 11, 2006 and this would be a wonderful opportunity to meet and talk with them at the local level.

Mitchell also reported the county is still waiting on the 1782 notices. At this time the State does not know what the legislation is going to do and therefore has not sent them out.

IN THE MATTER OF REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

Council President Harold Jones stated he is fully supportive of the work the Commissioners have done with the Redevelopment Commissioner and feels the county will see great benefits over the next few years through the Redevelopment Commission. Councilman Larry Teghtmeyer reminded those in attendance the next Redevelopment Commission meeting would be held on February 20, 2006 at 7:00 pm at the Courthouse and encouraged everyone to attend.

IN THE MATTER OF KDI:

Councilman Bob Sanders noted the Commissioners had addressed KDI's request of extended funding for the Director's position and questioned if the Council was in agreement of withholding a decision at this time. President Jones stated the Council did not have a choice.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL

HAROLD JONES, PRESIDENT

TOM ANGLIN, VICE PRESIDENT

JOHN KINSEY

CHARLENE KNISPEL

BOB SANDERS

ATTEST:

BRAD TANDY

SUE ANN MITCHELL, AUDITOR

LARRY TEGHTMEYER

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Tom Anglin	Bob Sanders	Larry Teghtmeyer – <i>Absent</i>	Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer by John Kinsey.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR COUNTY HEALTH:

A request was received from Bob Weaver, County Health Administrator, to transfer funds from his Meetings and Travel account to his Vehicle Supplies to cover vehicle supply expenses.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$350.00 from 203-32004-000-000 Mtg. and Travel to 203-22034-000-000 Vehicle Supplies
SECOND:	John Kinsey	
AYES: 5	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR MAINTENANCE:

A request was received from Don Taylor, Maintenance Supervisor, to transfer funds to cover a shortfall in payroll accounts. Taylor also requested a transfer from Part Time to Full Time Housekeeper.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$.09 from 100- 11067-000-006 Payroll to 100- 11005-000-006 Payroll Transfer of \$1,461.28 from 100-11067-000-006 Payroll to 100-11066-000-006 Payroll Transfer \$.12 from 100-11067-000-006 Payroll to 100-11068-000-006 Payroll Transfer \$18,500.00 from 100-11316-000-006 Part Time to 100-11072-000-006 Full Time Housekeeper
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	
AYES: 5	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR ASSESSOR:

A request was received from Laurie Renier, County Assessor, to transfer funds to cover a shortfall in payroll due to error in Salary Ordinance. Employees should have been moved up pay scale on the Salary Ordinance and they were not.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$327.41 from 100- 11053-000-003 Payroll to 100- 11051-000-003 Payroll Transfer \$404.68 from 100-11053-000-003 Payroll to 100-11052-000-003 Payroll Transfer \$404.68 from 100-11053-000-003 Payroll to 100-11054-000-003 Payroll
SECOND:	John Kinsey	
AYES: 5	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR AUDITOR:

A request was received from Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, to transfer funds to cover overtime costs incurred. Mitchell noted this was due to a Deputy position being open and the requirement that all deeds be completed by March 31st.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$500.00 from 100- 11214-000-005 Deputy to 100- 11401.000-005 Overtime
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel	
AYES: 5	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR EMGERGENCY 911:

A request was received to transfer funds to cover shortfall in payroll due to a person receiving a settlement who left employment in 2005.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$504.50 from 713-10118-000-000 Payroll to 713-10117-000-000 Payroll
SECOND:	John Kinsey	
AYES: 5	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION (LEPC):

A request was received from Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director to transfer funds from Emergency Supplies to various accounts to meet grant requirements mandated by the State.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$300.00 from 710-22012-000-000 Emergency Supplies to 710-11421-000-000 Per Diem/Stipends Transfer of \$500.00 from 710-22012-000-000 Emergency Supplies to 710-31102-000-000 Data Management Transfer of \$3,000.00 from
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel	
AYES: 5	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

	710-22012-000-000 Emergency Supplies to 710-11510-000-000 Training Transfer of \$800.00 from 710-22012-000-000 Emergency Supplies to 710-44054-000-000 Admin Communication Equipment
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IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR CLERK:

Sharon Christner, County Clerk requested an additional of \$19,973.00 to cover the cost of a mobile file system. This request was approved at a previous meeting with funds coming from fees collected by the Clerk. Christner noted the system was in place and had freed up much needed storage space.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve additional appropriation for
 SECOND: Tom Anglin \$19,973.00 279-44001-000-000
 AYES: 5 NAYES: 0
 MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF NAPPANEE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements were received from the Nappanee Public Library for board members Rebecca Lehman and Brad Newcomer for the Council’s approval.

MOTION:	John Kinsey	TO: Approve Conflict of Interest Disclosures for Rebecca Lehman and Brad Newcomer as presented.
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	
AYES: 5	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF BELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY APPOINTMENT:

A letter requesting Brandon Spitler be reappointed to serve on the Bell Memorial Library Board of Trustees was received from Lorna Klein, Library Director.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve reappointment of Brandon Spitler to the Bell Memorial Library Board of Trustees.
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel	
AYES: 5	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF THE WESTERN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE:

Commissioner Ron Truex appeared before the Council requesting their support and approval for the proposed Western Corridor project. Truex stated the Commissioners had listened to a presentation from the Troyer Group on the Western Corridor. This information included the location of the first section, the estimated cost and studies that would need to be completed before any construction could begin. Truex noted there was currently \$6,800,000.00 of federal funds available and that would leave an approximate \$6,300,000.00 cost to the county. He did emphasize that options were being investigated that would reduce that amount to a \$3,000,000.00 price tag to the county. Truex repeated the Commissioner’s hope the Council would support and provide the funding necessary to get this project moving.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Support Commissioner’s decision to move forward with the Western Corridor project.
SECOND:	John Kinsey	
AYES: 5	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF THE LEESBURG SEWER PROJECT:

Commissioner Ron Truex also requested the Council’s support and funding for the Leesburg Sewer Project. Truex stated that he had attended several meetings with the Town of Leesburg and City of Warsaw regarding the State mandated sewer project for Leesburg and felt it would be a wise investment for the County to provide additional funds for this project in light of the continuing growth north of Warsaw along SR 15. He noted that by providing additional funding of up to \$350,000.00 over the next two years, the pipeline could be upsized to accommodate future growth. He also stated the County could recover their investment from future tap ins. It was noted that a possible zoning corridor for commercial and industrial growth along SR 15 would be established in order to eliminate spot zoning.

Council member Tom Anglin questioned the guarantee that the County would be compensated and stated he would expect a written agreement with this outlined.

Council member John Kinsey stated this would be a good way to show support for the continued growth of the County.

MOTION:	John Kinsey	TO: Approve Commissioners decision to support project and provide funding up to \$350,000.00 over the next two years with continued project updates.
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	
AYES: 5	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF'S EQUIPMENT BUDGET:

Commissioner Truex noted the need to change the Sheriff's Equipment Budget for next year. Currently the Sheriff must put in a request to the Commissioner's in order to purchase needed equipment. He stated that he felt this should be a line item in next year's budget, thus eliminating the need for the Sheriff to request funds for equipment from the Commissioners. Truex will take this matter before the Commissioners at their next scheduled meeting for approval.

IN THE MATTER OF THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, provided budget information to the Council noting the 1782 Notice which includes allowed budget and tax rate, had been received and there was little change in the county's rate. Mitchell did note the budget received for the Welfare Department had increased, but the amount needed for the Children's Psychiatric fees was hard to predict. Mitchell also stated once the State Legislature finishes their session on March 14th, she hopes to receive final rates for the other taxing units. She reported that once she receives the approved rates, her office still will have approximately three weeks of work to be completed before they can begin the tax billing. Mitchell is hopeful that tax bills will be out before or by the 24th of April in order to meet the deadline for the May 10th due date.

IN THE MATTER OF THE TREASURER'S LOCK BOX:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, presented information to the Council regarding the fall tax payments that were handled through the lock box system. Mitchell noted the final cost for the fall was \$9,000.00 and assumed the spring payments would be comparable in cost, bringing the price for the service in under the budgeted \$20,000.00. She also stated that all payments received through the lock box program had been digitally recorded therefore providing every receipt and check received to be electronically called up by the Treasurer's office.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Dennis Pletcher, County Highway Superintendent, provided a brief summary regarding the Cum Bridge Fund. Pletcher stated the County is responsible for repairs to all bridges located in the County even if they are located in a town. Pletcher noted that due to the high cost of fuel, revenue for this fund is down and the cost of supplies has increased therefore hitting the department from both sides. Pletcher wanted to prepare the Council for the possibility this fund would need to be increased for next year's budget. President Harold Jones assured Pletcher the Council was aware of the cuts that had been made to the Cum Bridge account this year and will look into possible ways to increase funding for next year. It was noted, the Commissioners appointed Pletcher to the position of Highway Superintendent at their March 7, 2006 meeting.

IN OTHER MATTERS:

President Harold Jones reported the announcement of the world's largest Bio-diesel plant to be built by the agribusiness giant Louis Dreyfus Corporation, in Kosciusko County near Claypool. According to reports this should bring the county approximately 300 construction jobs during the building process and 80 permanent jobs after the construction period.

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

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KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL

Thursday, April 13, 2006

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, April 13, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones	John Kinsey	Charlene Knispel	Brad Tandy
Tom Anglin	Bob Sanders	Larry Teghtmeyer	Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer by John Kinsey.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SHERIFF:

A request was received from Sheriff Aaron Rovenstine to transfer funds from Dispatch to Other Equipment. Rovenstine also requested funds be reallocated from a Dispatch position to a revised position to be established at a later date.

MOTION:	Bob Sanders	TO: Approve transfer of \$37,058.00 from
SECOND:	John Kinsey	100- 10114-000-019 to
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	100- 44017-000-019
MOTION CARRIED		and the reallocation of one dispatcher's salary to a newly created position.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR LEPC:

A request was received from Ed Rock, EMA Director, to transfer funds from his training account to the HazMat Response Equipment account to cover the purchase of radios for the HazMat team.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$2,500.00 from
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel	710-11510-000-000 to
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	710-22012-000-000
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF LOUIS DREYFUS ABATEMENT HEARING REQUEST:

Attorney Steve Snyder representing the Louis Dreyfus Company, along with Mike Mandel from the Kansas City office appeared before the Council to request a ten year tax abatement for personal and real property on the soybean processing plant to be located near Claypool. Snyder stated the approximate value of the real property to be between 30 and 33 million dollars with personal property valued at 80 – 85 million. Snyder went on to say they estimated time frame for completion of the project is 18 – 24 months with construction to begin the first week of May. He also noted that Phase II of the project (the Bio-Diesel production) would be constructed simultaneously along with Phase I. Snyder stated all permits were in place as well as state incentives and the land ownership has been transferred. He noted that INDOT is already looking at State Road 15 and ways to keep traffic moving smoothly once the project is under way. Snyder shared his appreciation to the Council for scheduling the hearing for the tax abatement on May 1st, 2006.

Mike Mandel, representative of Louis Dreyfus Company, Kansas City Office gave a brief overview of the company and the different types of products processed. Mandel noted this is the first venture in North American bio-diesel production and the Louis Dreyfus Co. had received great reception from Kosciusko County. He pointed out the project would help revitalize the town of Claypool as well as boost the county's economy.

Councilman, Larry Teghtmeyer stated this project would be a great advantage to the agricultural community and will provide additional jobs to the County and therefore supported moving forward.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve request for tax abatement hearing scheduled for May 1, 2006.
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF MAPLE LEAF TIF REPORT:

Todd Samuelson, representing H.J. Umbaugh & Associates gave a brief presentation regarding the Maple Leaf TIF. Samuelson noted the tax increment was not meeting requirements of the debt service on the outstanding bonds. He pointed out the County has no legal obligation in the matter and Maple Leaf is not obligated to increase their payments in order to meet the requirements. Samuelson stated options had been explored including the possibility of refinancing or restructuring the bond which would add a considerable amount of interest. Another option would be for the County to pay the bond off and become the bond holder with future TIF payments reverting to the County. Samuelson stated it made more sense for the county to pay off the bond and then recoup their money through the TIF district. The Redevelopment Commission would be the body to take action on this issue to request the money be advanced by the County. The Commissioners and Council would also have to approve.

IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX FOR 2006:

County Income Tax rates were presented for approval. It was certified the County Option Income Tax rate was \$.007 and the County Economic Development Income Tax rate was \$.003 for a combined total of \$.01. The certification is required to be sent to the Department of Revenue for tax purposes.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Certify County Income Tax at a combined rate of \$.01 as presented.
SECOND:	Brad Tandy	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF WINONA LAKE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPOINTMENT:

A letter was received from the Town Council of Winona Lake requesting Leo Boyer be reappointed to the Economic Development Commission for another four year term to expire January 31, 2010.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Reappoint Leo Boyer to Winona Lake Economic Development Commission.
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF SOIL AND WATER GRANT REQUEST:

Jon Roberts and Darcy Zolman, SWCD appeared before the Council regarding a grant award notification they had received. Zolman stated this was a three year grant with the primary focus on implementing the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). She also stated this was a multi-county grant in cooperation with Marshall and Fulton Counties with Kosciusko County receiving 67%, Marshall 18% and Fulton County 15%. Zolman noted this funding would allow for the hiring of a technician who would alternate their time between counties and would implement conservation practices on the land to help protect the water quality for the three counties. Zolman also noted that CREP provides an 8 to 1 match of federal dollars to state dollars, pointing out the benefit to the county. Zolman's request was this funded position be run through the county's books with total reimbursement to the county.

Council members questioned Zolman regarding reimbursement to the county, benefits, and length of funding. Zolman again stated the county would receive total reimbursement for the position, including the cost of the employees benefit package and that the position would be filled noting that it was only a three year position.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve request to hire a SWCD Water Quality Technician to be funded through grant monies.
SECOND:	Brad Tandy	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF WORK RELEASE PROGRESS:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated work is progressing on the Work Release Kitchen and they are waiting on Nipsco to complete their work in order to finish up.

IN THE MATTER OF COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, noted that most of the major work has been finished and small projects are now being completed by the housekeeping and maintenance crews.

IN THE MATTER OF ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING:

County Administrator Ron Robinson, stated that Friday, April 28th is Arbor Day and Nipsco will be planting trees on the courthouse lawn to replace those damaged by their tree trimmers last fall. Robinson noted more information would be forthcoming, but invited Council members to attend the Arbor Day activities.

IN THE MATTER OF 2006 HOME AND GARDEN SHOW:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, noted the annual home and garden show will be held on April 21st, 22nd and 23rd and this would be an excellent opportunity for county participation. Mitchell stated she had spoken with County Clerk, Sharon Christner and there would be a voting machine available for visitors to check out as well as a GIS display for the public to see what is available on the website. Other information pertaining to the county would also be available and Mitchell noted she was looking for volunteers and would be circulating a sign up sheet for those who would be available to work the displays.

IN THE MATTER OF TAX BILLS:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, stated tax bills had been printed and were taken to the post office on Thursday. Mitchell noted it was not clear if they went out Thursday or if it would be Saturday, but taxpayers should have them by next week. Mitchell also reported state legislature had extended the filing deadline for exemptions from May 10th to June 10th. Due to June 10th falling on Saturday this year, the deadline will be Monday, June 12th. Also, the Homestead Credit has been increased from \$35,000 to \$45,000 for the 2006 pay 2007 year.

IN THE MATTER OF DLGF REPORT:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, reported that PTRC funds were being withheld from 10 counties due to incorrect data sent. Mitchell stated her office had been working on getting the issues resolved with the largest one being assigning a state id number on all parcels.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, noted that County Government Week will be April 23rd – April 29th. The Commissioners had approved providing breakfast for all county employees on Friday, April 28th but due to election poll training, the breakfast has been moved to Friday, May 5th from 6:00 AM – 8:00 AM. Mitchell then requested the Council's assistance in preparing, serving and clean up. She noted a sign up sheet would be available.

IN THE MATTER OF TAX BILLING SOFTWARE:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, reported that she had been invited to serve on a committee in Indianapolis for software testing for tax billing as well as the treasurer's software. Mitchell noted that certification for the computer companies will be available by July 2006 and all certification must be completed by July 2010. Mitchell pointed out many changes have been made in the programs and this will be a drawn out process in understanding the new software programs.

IN THE MATTER OF AIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT MEETING:

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell stated she, Larry Tegtmeyer and Avis Gunter had recently attended the Northeast District Meeting and it will be held in Kosciusko County next year. Mitchell said the meeting was held each year in the spring to cover legislative changes and that many different office holders were in attendance. She requested that every Council member make an effort to attend next year since it would be held in this county. Council member Larry Tegtmeyer shared the news of Mitchell being elected President of the District for next year.

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

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COUNCIL
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OLD COURTROOM,
May 1, 2006**

The Kosciusko County Council met May 1, 2006 at the Kosciusko County Courthouse in a joint session with the Area Plan Commission, Redevelopment Commission, Development Commission and Board of Commissioners. All Council members were in attendance.

President Harold Jones called the meeting to order. The special meeting was called for the purpose of consider establishing the Louis Dreyfus TIF district. Dreyfus representatives, bond council and the financial adviser provided information reference the project. The Redevelopment Commission considered for Adoption the Declaratory Resolution establishing an economic development area. It was noted the resolution can be confirmed, modified or rescinded by the Redevelopment Commission. It was noted that approximately 80% of the assessed value would be captured for the repayment of bonds that will be purchased by Dreyfus. The use of the remaining 20% can be determined by the Redevelopment Commission. The assessed value could be captured either in whole or in part at the discretion of the Redevelopment Commission. If all of it were captured, the money could be used by the Redevelopment Commission for projects in, for or benefiting the Dreyfus area. If the assessed value is not all captured, that which was not captured would collect tax dollars that would be distributed to all taxing units that would have received the benefit of the assessed value had the TIF district not been created. This would be an annual choice of the Redevelopment Commission. The exact percentage is not yet known since Dreyfus is negotiating with the state over the deceleration lane on SR 15. The Redevelopment Commission voted to adopt the Declaratory Resolution establishing an economic development area.

The Area Plan Commission then considered for adoption the Order Approving Economic Development Plan. They were unanimous in adoption.

The Board of Commissioners then considered for adoption a resolution approving the Plan Commission Order. They were unanimous in adoption.

The County Council then considered for adoption an Ordinance Establishing an Economic Development Commission. The Council agreed to suspend the rules to establish the Economic Development Commission and appoint Harold Jones as the Council's representative to the Economic Development Commission. The County Council then considered Biomet's request for abatement. The Council held a public hearing on the Economic Revitalization Area and Tax Abatement Benefits.

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KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL

Thursday, May 11, 2006

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones	John Kinsey	Charlene Knispel	Brad Tandy
Tom Anglin	Bob Sanders	Larry Teghtmeyer	Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer by John Kinsey. Minutes were approved as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR ASSESSOR:

Laurie Renier, County Assessor, presented a request to transfer reassessment funds from a commercial/industrial position to a commercial/industrial assistant's position.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$1,213.00 from
SECOND:	John Kinsey	275-11145-000-046 to
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	275-11147-000-046
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR SHERIFF FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT FORFEITURES FUND:

Sheriff Aaron Rovenstine requested an additional appropriation for Law Enforcement Forfeiture Funds. Rovenstine requested an appropriation for capital outlay in order to purchase new equipment, cameras, laptop computers, etc. He also requested an appropriation to the miscellaneous expense account in order to reimburse other law enforcement agencies that assisted in the Jose Gonzalez drug seizure. Rovenstine noted the county is required by law to reimburse agencies that assist in the apprehension/seizure of drugs and/or dealers. It was also noted this particular case net over \$300,000.00 in cash and property.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve additional appropriations for
SECOND:	Larry Teghtmeyer	\$30,000.00 to 306-40002-000-000
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	\$90,000.00 to 306-32006-000-000
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF GIS REPORT:

Bill Holder, GIS Department Head, briefed the Council on some of the new developments within the GIS department. Holder stated they had received the new 2005 color aerial photos and hoped to have them on the county website within a couple of weeks. Holder noted the aerials had been a statewide project and Homeland Security had paid a large portion of the cost therefore, a significant savings had been realized. Holder stated the cost to the county had been \$95,000 for the 2005 photos versus between \$200,000 and \$300,000 for the 2002 photos.

Councilman Bob Sanders questioned Holder if these new photos would be available on outside internet websites such as Google Earth Link. Holder stated because the photos had been funded largely by Homeland Security monies, it was public information and could be available to Google if they requested it. Holder also pointed out that over the last seven years the county has generated approximately \$13,000.00 from the sale of aerial photo maps.

Holder then reported on the recent purchase of a scanning system the Council had approved at an earlier meeting. Holder stated the plats have been scanned which was the easy part and next will come the naming and indexing of those plats. Holder noted once that is finished, he hoped to be able to tie the information into other offices such as the recorder and assessor.

Councilman John Kinsey thanked Holder for his participation and help at the Home Show stating the GIS system had generated a lot of interest from patrons in attendance.

IN THE MATTER OF BIOMET ABATEMENT REQUEST:

Tom Bauter, Biomet Accountant, appeared before the Council to request permission to advertise for a tax abatement hearing to be held at the June 8th Council meeting. Bauter outlined the basis for the abatement request by stating Biomet is considering increasing production by bringing a manufacturing line in house that is currently being outsourced. Bauter noted the company is looking into Kosciusko County and Parsippany, New Jersey as possible production sites and said it would be more advantageous and cost effective to bring the line to Kosciusko County if abatement was granted along with state tax credits. Biomet would request both personal and real property abatement consideration.

Bauter went on to say the abatement requested would consist of two phases with the 1st lasting up to two years. In that time, improvements and equipment could range from three to four million dollars. During this phase, approximately 100 jobs would be added. Phase II would last from three to six years with building additions and equipment ranging from nine to eleven million dollars. During this phase an additional 200 jobs would be added. Bauter also stated if the Council approved the request to advertise for an abatement hearing, Attorney Rick Helm would prepare the legal documents needed. Bauter noted that Biomet was anxious to move on this matter and thus the short notice for the June meeting request.

Councilman Anglin questioned Bauter on what incentives New Jersey were offering and if abatement was one of them. Bauter stated he did not know at this time as the senior management was on their way home from New Jersey at this time. Bauter stated he would get an answer for the June 8th meeting.

Council members stated they had always supported the orthopedic industry in the county and were happy to hear of possible additional growth.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve Biomet tax abatement hearing
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	advertisement request.
AYES: 6	NAYES: 1 Abstain	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF CLERK'S DOCUMENTATION PRESERVATION FUND:

Sharon Christner, County Clerk, appeared before the Council to discuss a request for additional mobile shelving units. Christner stated she had been contacted by the company she had previously purchased the office's mobile units from and had been given a figure of \$28,801.55 to complete the file system. Christner noted this would be a \$5,000 to \$7,000 savings if completed at this time as opposed to waiting until all funds were available. Forms Management Group, Inc. stated they would be willing to start with a \$10,000 down payment and work out a monthly payment schedule to pay off the remaining balance for the units. Christner reported by the end of the month, the Preservation Fund would have the \$10,000 required for the down payment and questioned if the Council would be willing to allow her to pay \$18,801.55 from the Document Preservation Fund on a payment plan. County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell noted money that is not available can not be appropriated. She suggested an appropriation from the Capital Development (CCD) fund.

Christner stated funds would be available for her to pay back this sum in approximately one year. Council members questioned Christner regarding the storage of documents and if any documents were being stored electronically. Christner stated there is a retention period for most documents and her office was working on purging files to free up space. She also stated certain documents were to be retained forever and she currently has hard copies that date back to the 1800's. Christner went on to say many files could be scanned and stored on microfilm but not stored on compact discs and micro film machines and readers would have to be purchased.

Councilman Bob Sanders noted the County needed to be looking to the future regarding documentation storage.

MOTION:	Brad Tandy	TO: Approve Clerk to pay \$10,000 from
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel	Document Preservation Fund as down payment
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	on mobile shelving unit with balance to be paid
MOTION CARRIED		
		from CCD and reimbursed from Document
		Preservation Fund as funds become available
		for the total purchase price of \$28,801.55.

IN THE MATTER OF BELL MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND:

Lorna Klein, Bell Memorial Librarian, appeared before the Council on behalf of their Capital Project Fund request. Klein expressed her appreciation of past funding noting that without it they would not have been able to finish the parking lot or install the fencing. Klein also stated new computers had been purchased and they were now a wireless facility.

Klein went on to note both the new library facility as well as the old facility had served as primary voting places and welcomed the Council members to stop in and see Mentone's wonderful facility. Klein noted with the capital project funding the library would be able to purchase a new micro film machine and would be selling their old one. She also reported the previous library facility was for sale and would make a great art gallery or possibly apartments.

There was no remonstrance.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve Bell Memorial Capital Projects
SECOND:	Larry Teghtmeyer	Fund request as presented.
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	

MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF MILFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND:

Clark Jones, representing the Milford Public Library presented their Capital Project Fund request. Jones stated more and more people are using the computers at the library and they would like to increase the number of computers available. The library would also like to replace and add some new furniture as well as maintain shelving units. If possible, they would also like to add additional staff members. It was noted that last year's budget was seriously impacted because the library paid off its debt service and other monies were not available to them.

There was no remonstrance.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve Milford Public Capital Projects
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	Fund request as presented.
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	

MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO RENAME FUND:

Bob Weaver, County Health Administrator, appeared before the Council to request the name of the Well Child Prenatal Medical Fund be changed to TB Medical Fund. Weaver stated money received from a tobacco master settlement had been deposited into that fund a few years back and those monies have only been used a few times in the last three to four years. Weaver also stated that he has negotiated agreements with the hospitals for TB testing and the State is currently still paying for the testing. As of June, the grant will no longer cover those expenses. It will only pay for employee salaries. Weaver noted if the name change were granted, those funds would be available for other uses.

MOTION:	John Kinsey	TO: Approve request to change name of fund
SECOND:	Brad Tandy	from Well Child Prenatal Medical to TB
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	Medical.

MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF WORK RELEASE KITCHEN:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, reported work should be completed and equipment installed within the next three weeks and be ready to open.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY COUNCILS STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNT MEETING:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, reminded Council members of the upcoming Association of County Councils State Board of Accounts meeting scheduled for June 10th. Mitchell noted anyone wishing to attend could contact her and she would be glad to make reservations.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY MISDEMEANANT FUND:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, reported she had received confirmation the county would be receiving \$49,560 in 2007. Mitchell noted this would cover the salaries of two officers.

IN THE MATTER OF AUDITOR'S OFFICE SOFTWARE/COMPUTERS:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, stated her office now had two counter computers. Mitchell went on to say these computers would allow exemptions/deductions to be filed and electronically signed, therefore eliminating the need to keep hard copies. She also noted the system has a scanner that will allow previously filed exemptions to be scanned and records maintained electronically. Mitchell reported because this system is tied into the Assessor's software, a significant savings had been realized. Mitchell stated this new software was a positive step toward linking multiple offices.

IN THE MATTER OF AUDITOR'S OFFICE TRANSFER BOOK BINDING:

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell reported several of the transfer books in her office had been rebound. Mitchell noted several of these books had been up to five inches thick and quite heavy. With the rebinding, the new books have been reduced to two inches making them more user friendly. Mitchell pointed out this effort had been made possible because of help from the Recorder LaShawn Brumfield. Brumfield had allowed \$24,000.00 to be used from her Perpetuation Fund.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION BREAKFAST:

County Commissioner Ron Truex recognized Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell for her idea regarding the employee breakfast in recognition of county employee appreciation week. Mitchell noted several people sent thank you cards to the Council and Commissioners.

IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Charlene Knispel, Larry Teghtmeyer and Bob Sanders were appointed to the budget committee.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL

HAROLD JONES, PRESIDENT

TOM ANGLIN, VICE PRESIDENT

JOHN KINSEY

CHARLENE KNISPEL

BOB SANDERS

ATTEST: _____
BRAD TANDY

SUE ANN MITCHELL, AUDITOR

LARRY TEGHTMEYER

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL
Thursday, June 8, 2006

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, June 8, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones	John Kinsey - <i>Absent</i>	Charlene Knispel	Brad Tandy - <i>Absent</i>
Tom Anglin	Bob Sanders	Larry Teghtmeyer	Sue Ann Mitchell,

County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR COMMISSIONER'S BUDGET:

A request was received from Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, on behalf of the Commissioners to transfer funds from Juvenile Justice to Workmen's Comp to cover shortfall. Mitchell noted the amount of claims continue to increase each year and suggested additional funds be budgeted for next year. County Administrator Ron Robinson stated the highway department had been hit especially hard this year with injuries causing a larger number of claims submitted to Workmen's Comp.

MOTION: Charlene Knispel TO: Approve transfer of \$49,096.00 from
SECOND: Bob Sanders 100- 36018-000-009 (Juvenile Justice) to
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 100- 11604-000-009 (Workmen's Comp)
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR SURVEYOR'S CORNER PERPETUATION FUND:

Dick Kemper, County Surveyor, requested an additional appropriation of \$20,000.00 from the Surveyor's Section Corner Perpetuation Fund. Kemper noted these funds would be used to purchase corner cast iron monuments, tools and equipment for monument placement and further GPS training to include the Health Department, Area Plan Commission, GIS and County Highway personnel.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve additional appropriations for
SECOND: Charlene Knispel \$20,000.00 to
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 228-31082-000-00
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR PROSECUTOR'S INFRACTION DEFERRAL:

A request was received from Steve Hearn, Prosecuting Attorney, for additional appropriations from Infraction Deferral to several different funds. Included in Hearn's request was an in-car camera for the Sheriff's Department, a foot pedal for the Prosecuting Attorney's office transcription machine, a P.D.A for the Child Passenger Safety program, equipment for the two canine units assigned to the region by the Indiana State Police, funding for lodging the I.S.P/E.R.T team at the World Swat Challenge, and two laptop computers for the Special Operations Team Drug Task Force.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve additional appropriations for
SECOND: Bob Sanders \$ 664.00 to 268-22018-000-000
AYES: 4 NAYES: 1 \$ 504.99 to 268-31082-000-000
MOTION CARRIED \$5,431.59 to 268-32037-000-000
\$3,635.20 to 268-44012-000-000

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR CLERK'S DOCUMENT PRESERVATION FUND:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, presented a request on behalf of the Clerk for an additional appropriation of \$10,000.00 from the Document Preservation Fund to be used to purchase additional mobile shelving units. Mitchell noted the Council had approved this request at an earlier meeting but the advertising had not been published at that time. Mitchell stated the remaining cost of the mobile units was to be paid from the CCD fund with reimbursement from the Preservation Fund as monies become available for a total purchase price of \$28,801.55.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve additional appropriation for
SECOND: Charlene Knispel \$10,000.00 to 279-44001-000-000
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Bob Weaver, County Health Administrator, appeared before the Council to request additional appropriations. Weaver noted the funds requested were originally a part of the Well Child Medical Testing. Weaver stated these funds had not been used in quite some time and there was a need to have those monies transferred to a Tuberculosis Fund. Weaver also requested an appropriation from the Pandemic Fund stating those funds were awarded after participating in an in depth survey.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve additional appropriations for
SECOND: Bob Sanders \$30,140.67 to 294-32037-000-000
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 \$ 2,000.00 to 292-32037-000-000
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF BIOMET TAX ABATEMENT HEARING:

Speaking on behalf of the Biomet Abatement Resolution was Attorney Rick Helm and Biomet's Director of Tax, Tom Bauters. Attorney Helm opened the hearing by presenting proof of publications. Helm also pointed out to the Council abatements are to slow down the implementation of taxes, not eliminate them. With this in mind, Helm turned over the presentation to Biomet's Tom Bauters.

Bauters began by noting the initial request had been for a six (6) year phase in but the current requested resolution would be for a ten (10) year abatement with two (2) separate phases. He then went on to summarize the two phases.

Phase I would last between 1 and 2 years and consist of a \$1.2 million dollar renovation of the 30,000 square foot Haimbaugh warehouse. This would also include the addition of \$3,000,000.00 in equipment and machinery.

An estimated 100 new team members would be added with 50% of those being skilled positions, 50% unskilled and a proportionate number of administrative support personnel. Bauters noted this phase would include the manufacturing of products that are currently being outsourced. To conclude his presentation on Phase I, Bauters reminded Council that local abatement must be in place before the State will consider any tax credits.

Phase II would then last three (3) to six (6) years and consist of a 60,000 square foot addition to the southwest corner of the current building. Projected cost for the addition would be \$9,000,000.00 with an additional \$8,000,000.00 in equipment and machinery. Bauters stated this phase would include the addition of 160 or more new team members. Bauters also noted that as of March 31, 2006, 67% of those currently employed at Biomet reside in Kosciusko County. In conclusion, Bauters made note that Biomet, Inc. owns all of the current real estate and Biomet Manufacturing owns all of the equipment. However, this is still all one Biomet company.

Council member, Larry Teghtmeyer then addressed the Council stating he would like to see a unanimous decision regarding the requested abatement resolution. Teghtmeyer went on to note that many cities and states would love to have the opportunity to have an established company locate in their area and Kosciusko County should not let this opportunity slip by. He also reminded the Council that in order for the State to grant incentives, local governments must first approve and support an abatement resolution for businesses. Teghtmeyer once again pointed out the word abatement is often taken out of context and it is not an elimination of taxes, merely a phasing in of them. He urged the Council to send a clear message to the corporate community by supporting the resolution request.

No one in attendance spoke in opposition to Biomet's tax abatement resolution request.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve resolution allowing Biomet ten
SECOND: Bob Sanders (10) year tax abatement as presented.
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 06-06-08-001ERA

A RESOLUTION OF THE KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL DESIGNATING
CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN THE COUNTY TO BE AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION
AREA FOR PURPOSES OF A TEN-YEAR REAL PROPERTY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX
ABATEMENT FOR BIOMET, INC. (AND BIOMET MANUFACTURING CORP.)

WHEREAS, a petition for real property tax abatement and personal property tax abatement has been filed with the Kosciusko County Council, requesting that the real estate in Kosciusko County, Indiana, described as follows:

Phase I: See Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Phase II: See Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

be designated as an Economic Revitalization Area under the provisions of Indiana Code 6-1.1-12.1-1 et seq.; and, WHEREAS, the County Council has reviewed maps and plats identifying the area and the above described property and deems this description to be an adequate description of the boundaries of the area to be designated; and, WHEREAS, the County Council has determined that the qualifications for an Economic Revitalization Area have been met as to the locations for Phase I and Phase II and continue to be met; and, WHEREAS, the County Council has received a completed form SB-1 Statement of Benefits (both real property version SB-1/RE and personal property version SB-1/PP) from Biomet, Inc. (and Biomet Manufacturing Corp.; hereinafter referred to collectively as "Biomet") proposing improvement, redevelopment and rehabilitation of real estate; and, WHEREAS, upon the review of Biomet's submitted SB-1 Statement of Benefits documentation, the County Council finds that:

1. The estimate of the value of the redevelopment and rehabilitation is reasonable for projects of the nature described in the Statement of Benefits.
2. The estimate of the cost of the new manufacturing equipment is reasonable for equipment of the type described in the Statement of Benefits.
3. The estimate of the number of individuals who will be provided additional employment can reasonably be expected to result from the redevelopment and rehabilitation of real estate and the installation of new manufacturing equipment described in the Statement of Benefits.
4. The estimate of annual salaries of those individuals who will be provided additional employment can reasonably be expected to result from the proposed redevelopment and the installation of new manufacturing equipment.
5. Other benefits about which information was requested are benefits which can reasonably be expected to result from the proposed redevelopment and rehabilitation of real estate and the installation of new manufacturing equipment.

6. The totality of benefits to be derived from the proposed redevelopment and the rehabilitation of real estate and the installation of new manufacturing equipment is sufficient to justify the deduction sought by the Applicant, and the Tax Abatement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Kosciusko County Council as follows: As to the proposal for Phase I, relating to property at 2392 North Boeing Road, Warsaw, Indiana 46582, and also for Phase II for real estate and property located at 56 East Bell Drive, Warsaw, Indiana 46582, the County makes the following Resolution:

SECTION I

The County Council hereby determines and finds that the proposed redevelopment and rehabilitation of real estate can be reasonably expected to yield the benefits identified in the Statement of Benefits form completed by Biomet, the form being the one prescribed by the State Board of Accounts and are sufficient to justify the deductions granted under Indiana Code 6-1.1-12.1-3 and Indiana Code 6-1.1-12.1-4.1.

SECTION II

The County Council hereby accepts the description of the property set forth by Biomet, to be designated by an economic revitalization area for the purposes of real property tax abatement and hereby makes such a designation.

SECTION III

The County Council hereby determines that the designation is for real and personal property tax abatement and shall be limited to the time periods designated in the schedule for tax abatement; the County Council further determines that Biomet, is qualified for and is granted Real property tax deductions for a period of ten years from date of completion and eligibility, as more particularly described in the following Section, and further determines that the petition filed by Biomet, complies with Indiana Code 6-1.1-12.1, et seq.

SECTION IV

The abatement is approved and granted for tax abatement as follows:

1. Abatement shall be allowed for all personal property for a period of ten (10) calendar years.
2. It is recognized that installation of personal property and improvements to real property may begin after the date of this Resolution and continue for a period of approximately ten (10) years before the entire project is completed. The tax abatement approved and granted by this resolution is intended to apply appropriately to all personal property and real property covered by this Resolution for a ten (10) year period from the year in which the real estate or personal property is first eligible for tax abatement. It is recognized that this may create several separate schedules of tax abatement for this project, dependent upon when eligibility begins for any particular item of personal property or improvement to real estate. The specific items for abatement will be reflected by the certified deduction applications filed by Biomet as required by Indiana Code 6-1.1-12.1-5 and Indiana Code 6-1.1-12.1-5.5.
3. This abatement is inclusive of personal property tax abatement on the assumption that the particular listed equipment will be assessed and taxed as personal property. In the event that any part thereof is assessed under the assessment and tax regulations in such a manner as it becomes a fixture, and therefore becomes part of the real property, it is intended that the abatement be granted for real property in the same manner, and to the extent that any of the expenditures are deemed to be for real property rather than personal property.
4. It is noted that some or all of the personal property may be owned by a related or subsidiary entity, Biomet Manufacturing Corp., and that the tax abatement is intended to apply to all personal property at the indicated locations, whether owned by Biomet, Inc., or by Biomet Manufacturing Corp.

SECTION V

Tax abatement is granted on the further condition that during any period in which tax abatement is permitted under this resolution that the "assessed valuation" of Biomet, property affected hereby shall not decrease during any taxable year. Because of current modifications of legislation, it is the intent that the term "assessed valuation" as used in this Resolution shall be appropriately adjusted for changes of methodology for determining assessed valuation from time to time.

SECTION VI

The Kosciusko County Council understands, and sets out in this section the specific provisions, that the real property tax abatement and personal property tax abatement approved by this Resolution is located at two related locations within the county; and,

That Phase I is expected to encompass the property at 2392 North Boeing Road, Warsaw, Indiana 46582 and continue for an anticipated period of two (2) years; and,

That Phase II of the project will be located at 56 East Bell Drive, Warsaw, Indiana 46582, and is anticipated and contemplated to encompass years three (3) through six (6), inclusive, following this abatement resolution.

Passed and adopted this 8th day of June, 2006.

IN THE MATTER OF WARSAW COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY APPOINTMENT:

A request was received from Ann Zydek, WCPL Director, to reappoint Dr. Paulette Sauders as Trustee of the WCPL for another four (4) year term, expiring June 30, 2010.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Reappoint Dr. Paulette Sauders to the
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel	Warsaw Community Public Library board for a
AYES: 5	NAYES: 0	four year term.
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF WARSAW COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS

FUND:

Ann Zydek, WCPL Director, presented information regarding the library capital project fund. Zydek stated this is a five (5) year plan with a goal to educate and inform the community of the services and recreational programs available at the library. She also stated maintenance was an issue, not only for exterior of the building, but as well as the interior.

Outside renovations would include replacing the electronic doors which are worn as well as redesigning the entrance to ensure safety and security. Zydek also noted that parking was an issue of concern and possible solutions would be investigated. Inside maintenance included the humidification system that protects the books as well as possible replacement of the phone system. Zydek reported the library tries to replace their public as well as staff computers on a three to five year plan and there are some that need replaced at this time.

When questioned by the Council, Zydek stated she anticipated the same rate as in the past.

No one in attendance spoke in opposition to the WCPL Capital Projects Plan.

MOTION: Larry Tegtmeyer TO: Approve Warsaw Community Public
SECOND: Charlene Knispel Library's Capital Projects Fund as requested.
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF WORK RELEASE KITCHEN:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, reported they are still waiting on equipment/appliances to arrive in order for final work to be completed at the work release center kitchen.

IN THE MATTER OF CIRCUIT BREAKER TAX CREDIT:

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell explained the 2% Circuit Breaker as passed by the General Assembly which has an effective date of 2007 pay 2008 for residential and will affect all real estate assessments effective 2009 pay 2010. Mitchell stated that a taxpayer's bill will not exceed 2% of their gross assessed value. Exemptions play a large part in determining total tax for residential property but have much less impact on other property types. Mitchell explained that if a net tax rate exceeds \$2 then the potential is there to exceed the 2%. If a taxpayer's tax bill exceeds the 2% cap, they will not be required to pay the overage. Taxing units will all receive less funding if the cap applies but it will be an unknown amount until tax rates are set and bills calculated. This could impact budgets because less money would be available for distribution. Mitchell was hopeful further legislation would change the process so taxing unit budgets would not be effected.

IN THE MATTER OF STATE DOG FUND:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, reported the State Dog Fund will cease to exist as of July 1, 2006. Due to this change in legislation, the County has the option to adopt an ordinance for the collection of a dog tax. However, if the County chooses to adopt such an ordinance, it must do so before July 1, 2006. Mitchell noted if a \$5.00 tag fee were adopted, \$1.00 would go to the State; \$.75 would go to the township trustees if they continued to sell the tags, and \$3.25 would go to the County. This could increase the amount of funding to the local animal shelter by approximately \$11,000.00. These funds would come from the collection of tag fees and not from county tax dollars.

After further discussion, it was noted the Council could choose to adopt a Dog Tag Ordinance in time to meet the July 1st deadline, with the details to be ironed out at a later time.

MOTION: Bob Sanders TO: Approve the adoption of a County Dog
SECOND: Charlene Knispel Tax Ordinance with the township
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 trustee/assessor administering the tags.
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF WELFARE FUNDING:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, stated a letter had been received from the Association of Indiana Counties addressing the issue of welfare funding, specifically the Family and Children Fund. The AIC advocates the state assuming the responsibility of funding the Family and Children program. Mitchell noted the County fund will be extremely short this year and suggested this matter be added to next month's agenda for further review.

IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET DATE CHANGES:

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell noted the dates set for the budget hearings. Mitchell pointed out these dates were scheduled for later than in previous years, but felt this would work better for all involved in the budget process. She also noted that this year the Salary Ordinance must be in place by the September budget adoption. Mitchell stated in order for the Council to conduct their regular business, they would still need to meet for their regularly scheduled August and September meetings as well as the three budget hearing dates.

IN THE MATTER OF LAKELAND REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT:

Dave Doctor, representing the property owners around the Barbee Chain area, spoke to the Council regarding a resolution to establish a regional sewer district. Doctor stated the Commissioners approved the resolution and the Redevelopment Commission was in support of the formation of the district therefore Doctor was requesting the Council’s approval as they were the fiscal body of the county. If the Council approved the resolution, a petition would need to be filed with the state’s Environmental Management Office and they would then conduct two (2) hearings to establish need.

Doctor went on to say the purpose in establishing a sewer district is related to the growing number of failing sewer systems in the chain area. He noted that many properties are currently using a holding system and more properties are resorting to that as a means of controlling sewage. Doctor also stated the county has no records of where older septic systems are located or what is being used as a septic tank until a problem is detected. Doctor went on to say that many of the problems have been caused by four (4) major factors including; overdevelopment of the shoreline, small lot sizes, poor soil types and the flood plain. Doctor then read an excerpt from the JF New Study conducted in 2000 outlining the areas of concern. Doctor noted the benefits of establishing a sewer district included; eliminating health risks, improved environmental practices, improved quality of life, property improvements, economic development and increased property values. Doctor presented a map highlighting the proposed area that would connect with the town of North Webster. At this time, North Webster’s plant is not capable of handling the additional properties and would need to expand its plant which he said they were willing to do. Doctor also stated plans have been established by the engineering firm, DLZ and monthly rates have been calculated by Umbaugh and Associates. He noted in the past, grant monies have not been used, but that would be a viable means of financing portions of this project. Doctor went on to say hookup fees could range from \$2500 – \$3000 with an approximate \$50 monthly sewer bill. Doctor suggested a Board of Trustees be appointed to serve as administrators of the sewer district. Appointments would include: 2 County Commissioners, County Council members, the Tippecanoe Township Trustee, 1 Board of Health appointment, and appointment from the town of North Webster.

Doctor concluded his presentation noting preliminary engineering for this project was 95% complete and the IDEM draft had been completed. He also stated he had spoken with several government entities that supported establishing a sewer district. Included in that list were: the Health Department, Area Plan, Redevelopment Commission, Indiana Department of Health, USDA, Soil & Water Department and the Surveyor.

Council member Bob Sanders questioned Doctor if lower or fixed income residents would be able to afford the hookup and monthly charges, and if not were there options available to them?

Doctor responded there is public assistance programs that are available and there was a possibility the sewer district would be able to create a “slush fund” to also provide assistance if needed.

MOTION: Charlene Knispel TO: Approve resolution to establish a
SECOND: Bob Sanders Regional Sewer District to include the
AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 Barbee Chain area.
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR TB HEALTH GRANT:

Bob Weaver, Health Administrator, presented a request for an additional appropriation for the TB Health Grant stating this one year grant will run from July1, 2006 – June 30, 2007. The TB Health Grant totaled \$95,056.00. Weaver’s requested half of the appropriation for the balance of 2006 (July 06 – December 06).

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve additional appropriations for
SECOND: Brad Tandy \$17,550 to 976-11707-000-000 Nurse
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 \$ 9,750 to 976-11708-000-000 Outreach
MOTION CARRIED \$10,980 to 976-11605-000-000 Group Ins.
\$ 4,320 to 976-32004-000-000 Travel
\$ 2,628 to 976-44001-000-000 Equipment
\$ 2,300 to 976-11412-000-000 Edu/Training

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR TB GRANT NURSE SALARY:

Bob Weaver, Health Administrator, requested a transfer in the TB Grant Fund of \$702.00 from Group Insurance to the TB Nurse in order for the nurse to continue to be paid the same wage (\$14.04 per hour) she was being paid when KCH administered the grant. This transfer would cover the balance of 2006.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve transfer of \$702.00 from
SECOND: Brad Tandy 976-11605-000-000 Group Insurance to
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 976-11707-000-000 TB Nurse
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TB GRANT SALARY ORDINANCE:

Bob Weaver, Health Administrator presented a salary ordinance for the TB Grant Health Nurse that will allow the nurse's salary to be paid at the same rate she was receiving from KCH.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve salary ordinance for 11707 TB
SECOND: Brad Tandy nurse to be paid \$14.04 per hour, the same
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 salary as KCH paid.
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR PROSECUTOR:

A request was received from Steven Hearn, Prosecuting Attorney, for an additional in the amount of \$12,700 to be used for special prosecution fees in ST -vs- David C Reed, Cause 43C01-0208-MR-117.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve additional appropriation for
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer \$12,700 to 100-11515-000-015
AYES: 6 NAYES: 1
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR VOCA GRANT:

A request was received from Prosecuting Attorney, Steven Hearn, to transfer funds so reimbursement can be sent to Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve transfer of \$269.90 from
SECOND: John Kinsey 936-11601-000-000 Social Security to
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 936-11158-000-000 Payroll
MOTION CARRIED AND transfer of \$321.15 from
936-22015-000-000 Operating Expenses to
936-11158-000-000 Payroll

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR COUNTY GENERAL:

A request was received from Ron Babcock, Chief Probation Officer, to transfer funds from a secretary position to the part time probation officer position. This position was missed in the 2006 budget and currently there is no one in the secretary position.

MOTION: Bob Sanders TO: Approve transfer of \$15,000 from
SECOND: Brad Tandy 100- 11125-000-043 Probation Secretary to
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 100- 11303-000-043 Part-time General
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

A request was received from Dennis Pletcher, Highway Superintendent to transfer funds to cover a shortfall in his other equipment account. Pletcher stated a lap top computer that was needed for the new traffic counter program was more than he had anticipated. He also noted he had intended to transfer radios from two of the older trucks to the new trucks but the radios were now obsolete and repairs were unable to be made on them. Therefore, two (2) new radios were needed.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve transfer of \$2,100.00 from
SECOND: Bob Sanders 204-44022-000-050 Trucks to
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 204-44017-000-050 Other Equipment
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR 911:

A request was received from Tom Brindle to transfer funds from his equipment account to Warsaw Dispatcher #2. This transfer will cover the increase in wages for the dispatcher who is second in command that was previously approved by Council.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve transfer of \$1,587.04 from
SECOND: Tom Anglin 713-44001-000-000 Equipment to
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 713-11479-000-000 Warsaw Dispatcher #2
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

A request was received from Bob Weaver to transfer funds to cover wages increase of the Chief Environmental Scientist previously approved by Council.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$1,200.00 from
SECOND:	John Kinsey	203-11135-000-000 Reg III/Sec to
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	203-11128-000-000 Admin/Chief/Env.
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF 2007 NON PROFIT BUDGET REQUESTS:

The following are a listing of those non profit organizations requesting funding from the county for 2007 through the Commissioner's budget:

- **Beaman Home** – Jeanne Campbell, Beaman Home representative, requested \$35,000, an increase of \$1,500 from last year. Campbell went on to say even though there are an increased number of programs available; state and federal funding for shelters has decreased. Rural areas are being hit hard as they have to compete with larger counties and facilities within the region. Campbell reported the shelter is open 24 hours a day/7 days a week and staffed by 6 part time and 4 full time employees. She also said the shelter had received grant monies from the K21 Foundation to renovate and make needed repairs to the facility, but there was still work that needed done. Campbell noted there are additional grants available for funding, but she has not heard anything at this time. Campbell thanked the county for their continued support.
- **Cardinal Center** – Jane Greene, Cardinal Center representative, requested \$105,688; an increase of \$5,005 from last year. Greene stated they are appreciative of the support they get from the county but understand they can't rely solely on county funding and therefore have applied for various grants. Greene also noted one of their major projects that are under way is construction of a new group home at an estimated cost of \$500,000 to replace one that is not serviceable. Greene reported the Center had been notified that they would need to delay their application for the Community Focus Fund for another 6 months and would not be able to replace the HVAC system at this time and would need to try to get through another winter with their current system. She also stated the Center had received word there would be a 1% decrease in federal funds this year and changes have been made to the match program format. Cash matches are all that will be allowed this year. Greene said the Center had received \$48,000 from United Way and that would be a great help with the match program. Greene also noted the center is beginning a new program called Cardinal Connections this year in which community members are invited on a monthly basis to tour the facility and get a better understanding of Cardinal's vision and direction for the future. Randy Hall, along with Greene then briefly outlined the programs and their needs, associated with Cardinal Center
 - **Head Start** – serving 221 economically disadvantaged children from birth thru 5 years of age. Purpose of this program is to provide funding for pre-school for families that earn less than \$20,000 (family of 4) in order that those children will be afforded the same successes when they enter the public school system.
 - **Community Living** – serving adults with developmental disabilities who live in their own apartments. Currently approximately ½ of those individuals receive 24 hour supervision. In order to reduce costs, those requiring 24 hour supervision have been placed in a 3 persons setting rather than individually. New technological innovations are being examined for overnight monitoring of those requiring supervision.
 - **KABS** – serving approximately 73,000 people by providing bus transportation to the Cardinal Center. 70% of the riders earn an annual income of less than \$10,000 therefore; it is not feasible to increase fees to ride. Currently the city bus for Warsaw/Winona Lake does charge \$1.00 to ride. United Way did provide a one time emergency allocation for fuel of \$5,000.
 - **Sus Amigos** – serving the Hispanic population of the county. This year the Mobile Mexican Consulate came to Kosciusko County for 4 days to provide assistance to those who needed help in opening checking accounts or other legal matters. Funding for this program comes from the United Way, the K21 Foundation as well as the county. Monteith Tire provides office space for Sus Amigos.
- **Council on Aging**, - Jack Felger, Council on Aging representative, requested \$35,000. Felger stated they are the only agency to service the county from one end the other, 5 days a week. He also noted that no one is turned down when requesting service. Felger stated the main area of concern was the increasing fuel costs. Felger did thank the Commissioners for their monetary help in the past.

- **KDI** – Brad Bishop, KDI representative, requested \$33,250 which was the same as last year. Bishop stated their goal was to promote small businesses in the county as well as provide consulting services to the business community. Bishop noted the possibility of new grants becoming available that would be a valuable means of additional funding. He then thanked the Commissioners for their support and looked forward to a continued partnership
- **Kosciusko County Home Health Care & Hospice**- Rick Paczkowski, Administrator, requested \$47,500. He noted this is the same amount requested 2 years ago. Paczkowski stated each year they are seeing decreases in State reimbursements and are unsure where additional money will come from to compensate for those decreases. Paczkowski also requested guidance from the Council on how to proceed. He stated that at this time they are not taking on new patients and had learned that a local competitor had just released their patients due to the funding crisis. Paczkowski noted those that are turned away may be placed in nursing homes. He noted they are exploring additional funding possibilities at this time but was unsure what the future would bring.
- **Animal Welfare League** – Dr. Richard Bremleck and Andy Grossnickle, introduced the new Executive Director, Valerie Joy Clarkson to the Council. Bremleck then requested \$72,000; an increase of \$2874 from last year’s request. Bremleck thanked the Council for their past support and noted the shelter provides a valuable service to the County. He went on to say they implemented a new spay/neuter program this year and believe for every dollar spent it will save the county \$3. Bremleck also thanked Ron Robinson for the help in getting much needed repairs completed at the shelter. Grossnickle pointed out Director Clarkson has grant writing experience and that she would be able to provide additional funding options as well as PR and fund raising ideas. He also stated there would be some reformatting of the employee work structure with the addition of a shelter coordinator. Grossnickle stressed the Animal Welfare League would like to see every animal that leaves their facility spayed/neutered in order to prevent more animals from becoming residents at the shelter.
- **4-H Council** –No one was attendance to represent the 4-H Council but their request for 2007 was \$50,159.
- **Historical Society-Old Jail Museum** – Jerry Frush, President, and Mike Fletcher, Director requested \$25,000, an increase from last of \$3,150. Fletcher stated the only increases to their budget were utility costs and maintenance to the building. Fletcher thanked the Council for their past support and noted this year would mark the 40th anniversary for the Society with an open house scheduled at the museum in August.
- **Arrow Head Country RC&D** –Stan Moore, Arrow Head representatives, requested \$500 as in past years. He noted Arrow Head covers 10 counties and receive \$500 from each county along with \$100 from each county’s Soil & Water Division.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT SALARY ORDINANCE:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated in March the Commissioners had appointed Dennis Pletcher as the Superintendent of the Highway Department. At that time, they approved a \$5,000.00 increase to Pletcher’s current salary bringing it to \$59,169.00. Robinson noted that a salary ordinance had not been prepared at that time and requested the Council approve the salary ordinance at this time.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve salary ordinance for Highway
 SECOND: Bob Sanders Superintendent for 2006.
 AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
 MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF WORK RELEASE KITCHEN:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, reported there are a few items that are on backorder for the work release kitchen, but when those arrive they should be ready to open. His estimate was within two (2) weeks everything would be completed.

Council member Brad Tandy questioned if there would be an open house/tour of the facility once it was completed. Tandy noted a tour was quite informational and a great opportunity for the community to see the finished project. Robinson responded that could be arranged.

IN THE MATTER OF NORTH CENTRAL COOPERATIVE ABATEMENT:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, presented a request from North Central Coop (Franklin Township) for tax abatement on real and personal property. Mitchell stated there wasn't a reason to not approve the request.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve real and personal property
SECOND: Tom Anglin abatement for North Central Coop as
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 presented.
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY OPTION DOG TAX ORDINANCE:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, presented the County Option Dog Tax Ordinance for the Council's approval. Mitchell noted the Council had approved the adoption of the dog tax ordinance at their June meeting but the ordinance had not been prepared at that time.

MOTION: Bob Sanders TO: Approve County Option Dog Tax
SECOND: Brad Tandy Ordinance with corrected spelling.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

**ORDINANCE NO 2006-06-08-001 DOG
AN ORDINANCE ENACTING THE COUNTY OPTION DOG TAX**

WHEREAS, by Senate Enrolled Bill 1001, Section 39, Acts of 2006, 6-9-39 authorizes the County Council to impose, by ordinance, a local county option dog tax of not more than \$5 per dog and a kennel fee of \$30 for less than 6 dogs and \$50 for 6 or more dogs, and

WHEREAS, by Senate Enrolled Bill 1001, Section 39, Acts of 2006, 6-9-39 authorizes the manner and/or persons to be empowered to collect the county option dog tax, and

WHEREAS, Kosciusko County has experienced an issue with respect to maintaining an adequate level of service for the care and holding of stray animals in Kosciusko County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF KOSCIUSKO COUNTY, INDIANA, as follows:

Section 1. All definitions set forth in 6-0-39-1 et. seq. shall apply to this ordinance as if it were specifically included in this ordinance.

Section 2. Beginning July 1, 2006 and until further amended by ordinance, all owners of dogs shall pay the annual sum of \$5.00 per "taxable dog." Any person who harbors or keeps a taxable dog in or near the person's premises in the county, regardless of who owns the taxable dog is liable for said tax. Said County Option Dog Tax shall be due and payable on or before April 15 of each year.

Section 3. Every person that shall own, operate, lease or otherwise maintain a kennel shall pay a county option dog tax in which:

- (A) More than six (6) taxable dogs are kept for breeding, boarding, training, or sale, fifty (\$50);or
- (B) Not more than six (6) taxable dogs are kept for breeding, boarding, training, or sale, thirty dollars (\$30).

Section 4. The County Council hereby names as the collector designee the Township Trustee Assessors and the Elected Township Assessors of Kosciusko County.

- (A) The Assessors shall collect the annual county option dog tax.
- (B) Funds collected will be remitted to the County by the 10th day of each month.

Section 5. The Kosciusko County Treasurer shall establish a County Option Dog Tax Fund.

- (A) At the time the County Option Dog Tax Fund is established, the County Treasurer shall establish a Canine Research and Education Account within the County Option Dog Tax Fund.
- (B) Interest and investment income derived from money in the County Option Dog Tax Fund becomes part of the fund.

County Option Dog Tax continued:

- (C) Money in the County Option Dog Tax Fund does not revert to the County General Fund at the end of a calendar year.
- (D) The County Auditor shall receive the money and prepare a quietus. The money shall be delivered to the County Treasurer.
- (E) The County Treasurer receiving the County Option Dog Tax revenue shall deposit the money in the County Option Dog Tax Fund according to the following allocation:
 - 1. Twenty percent (20%) for the Canine Research and Education Account
 - 2. Eighty percent (80%) for the uses designated by the County Council.
- (F) The County Treasurer and County Auditor shall include the county option dog tax revenue received in settlement procedures. Amounts accumulated in the County Canine Research and Education Account shall be paid to the State Treasurer in accordance with the procedure described under IC 6-1.1-27-3.

Section 6. The money in the County Option Dog Tax Fund shall be used for any of the following purposes:

- (1) The use of animal care facilities.
- (2) Reimbursement to farmers for livestock kills.
- (3) Reimbursement to people who have undergone rabies post exposure prophylaxis.
- (4) Purchase of Dog Tags

Section 7. In order for any person, firm or entity to obtain any money from the County Option Dog Tax Fund, the person, firm or entity shall:

- (1) Submit a claim on an approved form for the total amount requested from the County Option Dog Tax Fund.
- (2) The claimant shall:

- a. Provide a detailed description of the facts concerning the animal or animals that were killed, including the name of the owner of the animal (if known) that committed the acts leading to the death of the animals, and
- b. A list of the destroyed animals by age, type and breed for which the claimant is seeking reimbursement.
- c. A copy of a statement from a medical professional indicating the medical necessity for a person to undergo rabies post exposure prophylaxis and a copy of all medical bills incurred for those persons that have undergone rabies post exposure prophylaxis.
- d. Have the claim approved by the County Commissioners.
- e. Have funds appropriated by the County Council.

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE ON JULY 1, 2006. **ADOPTED THIS 8TH DAY OF JUNE 2006.**

IN THE MATTER OF WELFARE-FAMILY & CHILDREN FUND LETTER OF SUPPORT:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, presented a rough draft of the letter supporting the State to assume Welfare costs now being paid by the County for the Council to review. Mitchell stated the County would be able to reduce its tax rate if the State assumed the Welfare costs now paid by the County. Mitchell noted a copy of the rough draft was presented to the Commissioners for their review also. She also noted further research may be needed in order to include additional county figures in the letter. If the Council and Commissioners were in agreement of the letter of support; Mitchell will have a final draft prepared for the next scheduled meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND:

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell requested on behalf of the Commissioners an additional appropriation of \$100,000.00 to cover expenses incurred by the Troyer Group for studies and testing for the Western Route. Mitchell stated the Commissioners had signed the contract for the Troyer Group to begin preliminary work on the Western Route.

Council member Larry Teghtmeyer questioned whether the county would be reimbursed for the preliminary studies, testing and design of the project and if so how much.

Highway Superintendent Dennis Pletcher stated he had not been involved in the initial phase of this project but said normally the reimbursement from INDOT for this type of project was 80/20.

Auditor Mitchell noted she would look into the matter to see what the reimbursement would be.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve additional appropriation for
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	\$100,000.00 to
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	236-41001-000-000 Land & Improvements
MOTION CARRIED		with reimbursement condition.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT:

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell requested a transfer of \$110,000.00 to cover expenses incurred by the Troyer Group for studies and testing for the Western Route. Mitchell noted the additional appropriation and the transfer should cover the expenditures for 2006 for the Troyer contract.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve transfer of \$110,000.00 from
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	236-35005-000-000 Computer Maintenance to
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	236-41001-000-000 Land & Improvements
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF MAPLE LEAF TIF BOND:

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor presented an official request from the Redevelopment Commission requesting pay off of the Maple Leaf TIF Bond. Mitchell stated repayment for the pay off would come from continued TIF collections until the balance is returned.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve the pay off of the Maple Leaf
SECOND:	Brad Tandy	TIF Bond with repayment in the form of
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	continued TIF collections.
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET REDUCTION OF 2006 APPROPRIATION FOR GENERAL FUND:

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell presented a budget reduction request for 2006 appropriations in the General Fund of \$111,174.00. This would remove three dispatcher positions that were budgeted in both the General Fund and the 911 Fund and are being paid out of the 911 Fund.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve reduction in General Fund 2006
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	appropriations of:
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	\$37,058.00 Dispatcher 100-10017-000-019
MOTION CARRIED		\$37,058.00 Dispatcher 100-10018-000-019
		\$37,058.00 Dispatcher 100-10019-000-019

IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET REDUCTION OF 2006 APPROPRIATION FOR CUM JAIL FUND:

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell presented a budget reduction request for 2006 appropriations in the Cum Jail Fund of \$126,540.62. The cameras purchased were paid from the CCD Fund, therefore the reduction request for Cum Jail Fund.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve reduction in Cum Jail Fund 2006
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	appropriation of:
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	\$126,540.62 Cameras 207-46001-000-000
MOTION CARRIED		

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL

Harold Jones, President

Tom Anglin, Vice President

John Kinsey

Charlene Knispel

Bob Sanders

Brad Tandy

Larry Teghtmeyer

ATTEST:

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL
Thursday, August 10, 2006**

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, August 10, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones	John Kinsey	Charlene Knispel	Brad Tandy - <i>Absent</i>
Tom Anglin - <i>Absent</i>	Bob Sanders	Larry Teghtmeyer	Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer by John Kinsey.

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION IN REGARDS TO LOUIS DREYFUS PROJECT:

The Economic Development Commission, the Redevelopment Commission and the Council conducted a special joint meeting prior to the Council beginning their regularly scheduled meeting. County Attorney Mike Miner stated he had reviewed all of the legal documents regarding the proposed Louis Dreyfus resolutions and they appeared to be in order. He then turned the meeting over to Attorney Lisa Lee, Bond Council for Ice Miller.

Lee noted the documents she would be referring to were the basic contracts between the Louis Dreyfus Company and the County. Lee first addressed the Redevelopment Commission and presented information regarding the TIF resolution. Lee discussed the construction of the acceleration/deceleration lanes that would be needed on State Road 15 and how that would affect the percentage of tax increment. Lee noted at this time, it did not appear likely funds would be received from the State to construct those lanes thus causing the burden of cost to fall on the Company. Upon completion of her presentation of the contract, Lee then requested the Redevelopment Commission consider passing the resolution pledging tax increment.

MOTION: Bill Warren TO: Approve tax increment resolution as
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer presented.
AYES: 3 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

Resolution No. 06-08-10-Dreyfus 1

Recorded August 29, 2006 in the Office of the Kosciusko County Recorder
Record No. 200600011885

Lee then addressed the Economic Development Commission stating the information that was to be presented to them mirrored the resolution approved by the Redevelopment Commission. Lee also presented the project report for the EDC's approval.

EDC member Harold Jones urged the Council to pass the proposed resolution also.

MOTION: Harold Jones TO: Approve financing resolution and project
SECOND: Michelle Boxell report as presented.
AYES: NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

Resolution of Kosciusko County Economic Development Commission

Recorded August 29, 2006 in the Office of the Kosciusko County Recorder
Record No. 200600011884

**Report of the Kosciusko County Economic Development Commission Concerning
The Proposed Financing of Economic Development Facilities for
Louis Dreyfus Agricultural Industries, LLC**

Recorded August 29, 2006 in the Office of the Kosciusko County Recorder
Record No. 200600011883

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION IN REGARDS TO LOUIS DREYFUS PROJECT, CONTINUED:

In conclusion, Lee addressed the Council regarding the bond ordinance noting that Lake City Bank has been designated as Trustee. Lee also presented substantially final forms of the trust indenture, loan agreement, and bond purchase agreement to the Council. After concluding her presentation of all documentation, Lee turned the meeting back to the Council.

Council President Harold Jones opened the discussion for public comment. There being none, the public portion of the presentation was closed.

Mike Miner, County Attorney, stated several months of preparation had gone into the documents that had been presented for approval and could not see any reason for the Council not to approve them.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve bond ordinance as presented and
SECOND: John Kinsey accept substantially final forms of the trust
AYES: 3 NAYES: 0 indenture, loan agreement, and bond purchase
MOTION CARRIED agreement.

Resolution No. 06-08-10-Dreyfus

Recorded August 29, 2006 in the Office of the Kosciusko County Recorder
Record No. 200600011886

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT FORFEITURES:

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested an additional appropriation of \$32,500. Rovenstine stated this appropriation would be used to purchase a GPS tracking unit and night cameras for the drug unit. It would also be used to purchase laptop computers and digital cameras for the detective division.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve additional appropriation of
SECOND: Bob Sanders \$32,500 to
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 306-40002-000-000 Capital Outlay
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF'S DONATION AND COMMISSARY FUNDS:

Sheriff Aaron Rovenstine requested the Council's approval to purchase items allowed from the Donation Fund and Commissary Funds. Rovenstine noted the State Board of Accounts recommends Council approval of these expenditures on an annual basis.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve purchase of allowed items from
SECOND: John Kinsey the Sheriff's Donation Fund and Commissary
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 Fund.
MOTION CARRIED

The following items may be purchased from the Commissary and Donation accounts:

1. Christmas party for the Department (Donation Account)
2. Flowers for funerals
3. Plaques and awards for Department
4. Service charges on checking accounts
5. Water (bottled drinking water)
6. Drug awareness (Meth billboard and ads) already covered in statue but has been expensive).
Department DVD – Drug @ Dare
7. Department pictures and ads
8. Phil Hochstetler Scholarships for next two years (Donation)
9. Safe Assured ID Kit – Warsaw Optimist Club (Partners)

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR 911:

A request for an additional dispatcher position and transfer of funds was recommended by the Wage Committee. Councilman Larry Teghtmeyer representing the Wage Committee stated there was a need to create a new position due to illness of one of the current full time dispatchers. Teghtmeyer noted this position was also needed to cover vacations and other time off. It was noted the position for the ill employee would be held for them so they may return when they were able.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve creation of additional position
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer and salary ordinance along with transfer of
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 \$15,348.00 from
MOTION CARRIED 713-44001-000-000 Office Equipment to
713-11483-000-000- 911 Dispatcher

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SURVEYOR:

Council member Larry Teghtmeyer, also representing the Wage Committee, stated County Surveyor Dick Kemper had presented a request to reclassify the positions of his office personnel. Kemper cited changes in the structure of personnel would include the creation of a new position known as Surveyor GIS Technician, and the elimination of a Ditch Research Clerk as well as a Research Services Clerk (both full time positions) and adding a part time clerical position. The Drainage Board Secretary position would remain unchanged. Teghtmeyer noted the overall impact on the Surveyor/Drainage Board budget would be a salary reduction of \$7,824.00. Teghtmeyer also noted Kemper was comfortable with these staffing changes and they would fill the needs of his office. Council President Harold Jones stated it was wise to show support to the elected officials when their submitted requests would reduce costs to the county.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve reclassification of positions and
SECOND: Charlene Knispel creation of corresponding salary ordinances
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 along with transfer and reductions as listed:
MOTION CARRIED Transfer of \$4,700.00 from
100- 11083-000-011 Ditch Board Research to
100- 11301-000-011 Part Time
Reduction of \$7,141.00 from
100-11083-000-011 Drainage Board Research
Reduction of \$9,790.11 from
100-11081-000-011 Drainage Board Research

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR COMMISSIONERS:

A transfer was requested by the Commissioners to cover the balance due on a replacement vehicle for the Animal Control Officer. His vehicle was damaged in an accident and had to be replaced. Reimbursement in the amount of \$19,300.00 will be added back to expendable appropriations for a total of \$21,291.00

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve transfer of \$2,000.00 from
SECOND: Larry Tegtmeyer 100- 36018-000-009 Juvenile Justice
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 100- 44041-000-009 Vehicle
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR PLAIN TOWNSHIP:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, stated that due to the retirement of Jean Lynch, Plain Township Assessor, former Chief Deputy, Susie Stookey has been appointed the township assessor. Because Stookey had accrued vacation and comp time she had to be paid out for those, thus causing a shortfall in the Chief Deputy account. The person hired to fill the vacant position has more years of service to the County which required additional wages for the Deputy position.

MOTION: Bob Sanders TO: Approve salary ordinance along with
SECOND: John Kinsey transfer of \$500.00 from
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 100-11301-000-031 Part Time to
MOTION CARRIED 100-11460-000-031 Deputy
and transfer of \$1,800.00 from
100-11301-000-031 Part Time to
100-11469-000-031 Chief Deputy

IN THE MATTER OF WORK RELEASE KITCHEN:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, reported pending final health inspection the Work Release kitchen should be serving their first meal on Monday, August 14th. Robinson went on to say final figures look to be at or below projected costs barring any unforeseen changes. It was also noted that even though some equipment had been donated, after closer inspection, it was determined the equipment had set idle for too long to be used. Therefore, some new equipment had needed to be purchased.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY AUCTION AT HIGHWAY GARAGE:

County Administrator Ron Robinson reminded Council there would be an auction on Saturday, August 12th beginning at 10:00 am. Items to be auctioned off included vehicles no longer used by the Highway Department as well as miscellaneous tools. Also included in the auction were items seized by the Drug Task Force.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY EMPLOYEE GARAGE SALE:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, noted there was an employee garage sale being held at the Munson Building on August 12th beginning at 10:00 am. Proceeds of the sales will be donated to an employee experiencing medical problems.

IN THE MATTER OF AUDITOR’S NOTES:

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell reminded Council members the budget books were ready and they needed to pick one up before they left. Mitchell also noted the Association of Indiana Counties Fall Conference will be held September 18th, 19th and 20th and passed out the agenda for the Conference.

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

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Larry Teghtmeyer

ATTEST:

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL

Monday, August 28, 2006

The Kosciusko County Council met for their preliminary budget meeting on Monday, August 28, 2006 at 6:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones, President	Brad Tandy
Tom Anglin	Charlene Knispel
Larry Teghtmeyer	Bob Sanders
John Kinsey	Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer by John Kinsey.

President Harold Jones began by thanking those in attendance and noted these were only preliminary hearings on the budget. Jones also thanked Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell and her staff for the budget books noting the information they contained was in a user friendly format. Jones also thanked the department heads and elected officials for the great job they did in supplying their budget requests which in turn made the Council's job much easier. Jones thanked County Administrator Ron Robinson and Nanette Newland, Human Resources for their behind the scenes efforts. Lastly, Jones thanked the Wage Committee for their time and efforts.

IN THE MATTER OF CHILDRENS PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor presented information to the Council regarding the Children Psychiatric Services Fund. Mitchell stated the county currently has a bill in the amount of \$72,308.72 that is due September 1st. However, the appropriation for this fund is only \$68,322.80 with a cash balance of \$37,311.13. Mitchell noted there was concern if this bill was not paid, the State could withhold PTRC monies. Mitchell went on to say the State Board of Accounts indicated the County could do an inter-fund loan in the amount of the appropriation and then request an additional appropriation for the remainder. Mitchell suggested a temporary loan in the amount of \$34,997.59 be made to the Children's Psychiatric Fund in order to pay \$68,322.80 of the bill and consider an additional at a later date to pay the balance. It was also noted the temporary loan would be paid back by the end of the year. If funds were not available by years end, the Council could authorize an additional six months on the loan.

MOTION:	Charlene Knispel	TO: Approve temporary loan to Children's
SECOND:	Larry Teghtmeyer	Psychiatric Fund in the amount of \$34,997.59
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	in order to process claim due Sept. 1, 2006.
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF WAGE COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTION:

Brad Tandy, Wage Committee Member presented the Wage Committee report. Tandy noted that Council Member Larry Teghtmeyer, Commissioner Brad Jackson and he made up the Wage Committee along with County Administrator Ron Robinson and County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell. He stated the Wage Committee had met on six different occasions in preparation for the preliminary budget meeting and he thanked the office holders for their presentations.

Tandy stated the following specific recommendations from the Wage Committee:

- **Health Department TB Nurse:** The Wage Committee recommended the TB nurse's wages be based on the wage chart. It was noted the grant was paying less of the wage than what the wage chart indicated.
- **Drainage Board:** Surveyor Dick Kemper had presented a request to realign his office resulting in a decrease in the budget. His request was to elevate the Drainage Secretary to a GIS Technician, elevate the Ditch Research position to Drainage Secretary and eliminate one Ditch Research position.

Kemper also requested part time money be appropriated. Due to the decrease in budget, the Wage Committee considered the request and deemed it acceptable. However they cautioned the Surveyor to continue with the part time wages and not return in the near future to request an additional full time position. After consideration, Kemper requested the changes be implemented in 2006 and such was approved by the Council.

- **Maintenance:** County Administrator Ron Robinson indicated the Housekeeping Supervisor's position needed to be elevated to LTC III Step III due to the level of experience and qualification. The Wage Committee agreed to the change in level.
- **GIS Technician – Auditor's Budget:** The Wage Committee recommended moving the GIS Technician from the Auditor's Budget to the Commissioners Budget. This move would not cause of change of wages for the position it would simply allow both GIS positions to be paid from the same budget.
- **Election Board:** County Clerk Sharon Christner requested the following changes to the Election Board citing difficulty in finding poll workers: Increase Inspectors from \$115.00 to \$120.00; increase Judges from \$95.00 to \$100.00; increase Election Board Members from \$350.00 to \$500.00 and also increase meal allowances from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per person. The Wage Committee recommended the increases be implemented yet this year.
- **Judge's Wages:** The Wage Committee considered the \$5,000 supplemental pay for the judges with a 2007 salary of \$115,282.44 less their health care adjustment of \$2,522.00 bringing their salary to \$113,022.00.
- **Sheriff's Contract:** The Wage Committee recommended the Sheriff's salary be set at \$92,226.00 for 2007 which is 80% of the Judge's wages. Currently the Sheriff's contract is tied to the Judge's wages and the Wage Committee determined it the preferred way to pay the Sheriff.
- **Probation Officers:** Ron Babcock presented information concerning the wage increase for the Probation Officers as established by the State. The Wage Committee agreed the county continue to follow the pay guidelines provided by the State of Indiana.
- **Soil & Water:** Information was presented concerning the request for a new grant position. The position description was sent to Waggoner, Irwin & Scheele for evaluation. The original position was paid \$23,616 as a COMOT IV Step III and would be reclassified as a PAT VI at \$29,148 based on 2006 wages due to the technical nature of the position. The Wage Committee agreed with the changing of the position to a PAT VI.
- **MVH:** Dennis Pletcher, County Highway requested a Truck Driver position be elevated to a Mechanic. The Wage Committee considered the duties of the position and determined it should be elevated as requested.
- **Dispatch:** The Wage Committee was asked to consider adding one Dispatcher due to the illness of one employee. A position will have to be made available for the Dispatcher who is ill when she is able to return to work. One of the positions will be held open until it is determined if she will be returning. Commissioner Truex made a request for the position to be created. The Wage Committee considered the issue and agreed that the position should be created.
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MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve the recommendations of the
SECOND: John Kinsey Wage Committee as presented.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TREASURER'S 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

County Treasurer Kent Adams presented his budget. Councilman Teghtmeyer noted the letter of explanation attached to Adam's budget request was helpful.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve budget as presented with
SECOND: Tom Anglin exception of 3% wage increase.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN COMMISSION'S 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Area Plan Director Dan Richard appeared before the Council to present his budget. Richard noted he did request increases in legal services and mileage and travel. Richard also shared that due to some glitches in his department's software; he has requested a new software program similar to what the Health Department is now using. He stated the approximate cost for the software was \$23,400.00 and it was his understanding this request was in the Commissioners budget under the Computer Maintenance line.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve budget as presented with 3%
SECOND: Brad Tandy wage increase.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY MVH#1 (204-050) 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Dennis Pletcher, Superintendent presented the highway budget. It was noted the Council would look at all of the MVH budgets at this time. Council member Larry Teghtmeyer questioned Pletcher regarding the revenue to support the department and Pletcher responded that he was not at all comfortable with the revenue citing a decrease over the last four years. Pletcher went on to state the department has already cut back on services due to the rising cost of supplies and decreased revenue.

Teghtmeyer voiced concerns from the Budget Committee regarding the request for trucks, not only for the Highway but vehicles requested by many departments noting these purchases have a trickle down effect on the budget with increased insurance, maintenance and fuel costs.

Pletcher stated he had included trucks on both the MVH General Fund as well as the Major Moves Fund in hopes that it might be possible to budget for them in at least one of the budgets. Pletcher noted beginning next year, new EPA mandates will take effect causing an additional cost to new truck purchases. He went on to say that he had been contacted by a vendor who informed Pletcher that he had two openings that would allow Pletcher to purchase the trucks before the mandates went into effect.

Council member Bob Sanders questioned if the new trucks were a necessity at this time. Pletcher indicated the department is using trucks that range from 1980 thru 2004. He also noted they try to keep the trucks in service until they reach 400,000 miles. As to whether the trucks were needed, Pletcher responded it was a matter of replacing as you go or waiting until you do not have a choice. He also noted the department tries to have three spares at all times in order to cover snow plowing and summer work.

Teghtmeyer noted this budget is different from the general budget in that the County is not establishing tax rates in order to generate revenue. He also pointed out he had received information about possible grants and questioned if Pletcher could investigate the possibility of obtaining those monies. Pletcher responded that he also had received that information and he would look into it.

Pletcher requested an increase in garage and other motor supplies citing a leak in the roof at the garage that would need attention.

Further discussion ensued relating to the variables that were causing the increased costs to the Highway Department.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve MVH budget as presented with a
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	truck inventory and maintenance report
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	submitted as soon as possible.
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY MVH#2 (204-051) 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Dennis Pletcher, Superintendent presented the MVH #2 budget.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY MVH MAJOR MOVES (204-052) 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Dennis Pletcher, Superintendent presented the MVH Major Moves budget. Pletcher stated it was his understanding this money could be used for supplies, equipment or vehicles. Council member Teghtmeyer then stated he would prefer to see the trucks removed from the Major Moves budget so that the State could see that money was being used solely for road improvements.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve budget with the removal of line
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	44022 (Trucks).
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY LOCAL ROAD AND STREET (205) 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Dennis Pletcher, Superintendent presented the Local Road and Street budget.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF CUMULATIVE BRIDGE (206) 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Dennis Pletcher, Superintendent presented information regarding the Cumulative Bridge budget.

He stated this account was used when rebuilding bridges, small structures, etc. Pletcher noted this fund ideally would operate on a budget of \$750,000.00 but it was only possible to raise 1/3 of that amount.

It was noted this fund would need to be addressed in 07/08 for a possible tax levy in 2008 as it was too late to do for the 2007 budget. Other possibilities for 2007 would be to use EDIT money to help this fund.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve the budget as presented.
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	

MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (203) 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Bob Weaver presented his budget for 2007 citing the biggest change is the addition of the TB Grant. Weaver stated the TB Nurse would be paid from the grant for ½ of the year and paid through the County Health budget for the remainder of the year.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Brad Tandy
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HEALTH MAINTENANCE GRANT (230) 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Bob Weaver presented his Health Maintenance Grant budget. Council member Teghtmeyer questioned Weaver as to how many vehicles the department currently has. Weaver responded they currently have two. Teghtmeyer stated the Council would like to see the inventory, maintenance records as well as projected replacement plan for these vehicles also.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve budget with the line 44041
SECOND: Brad Tandy (Trucks) removed and requested amount be
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 added back in to operating balance.
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF PRENATAL (260) BUDGET REQUEST:

Bob Weaver presented the Prenatal Grant Budget.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Brad Tandy
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF WELL CHILD (280) BUDGET REQUEST:

Bob Weaver presented his budget for Well Child.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approved budget as presented.
SECOND: Brad Tandy
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF PANDEMIC (292) BUDGET REQUEST:

Bob Weaver presented the Pandemic Budget.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Brad Tandy
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TB GRANT (976) BUDGET REQUEST:

Bob Weaver presented his budget for the TB Grant Budget. Weaver stated this grant pays for an outreach worker, benefits for the nurse and outreach worker as well as office supplies. Weaver also noted state health codes mandate the county provide a nurse to investigate and treat possible TB outbreaks/patients.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approved budget as presented.
SECOND: Brad Tandy
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Emergency Management Director, Ed Rock presented the budget. Rock noted some of the line items had been moved this year to be in alignment with the State but this budget was similar to last year .

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Brad Tandy
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING (710) 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Emergency Management Director, Ed Rock, presented the budget. No changes were noted in this budget from the previous year.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Brad Tandy
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF CLERK'S 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Clerk of the Courts Sharon Christner presented the Clerk's budget stating the only increase was for their maintenance agreement on the postage machine. Christner noted a significant decrease in check sorting due to the decline in activity. Christner went on to say that beginning in January 2007 the State will be taking over most of the support payments (all forms of checks) with the Clerk's office only handling cash payments.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: John Kinsey
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTION BOARD 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Clerk of the Courts Sharon Christner presented the budget. Christner stated there was a decrease in the 2007 budget due to the fact that only city elections will be held therefore reducing the precincts involved. Christner also noted the increases as approved by the Wage Committee. Overtime was added to the budget to compensate the Voter Registration Clerk thru overtime instead of a per diem since she is doing similar work to her daily job.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Charlene Knispel
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF VOTER REGISTRATION 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Clerk of the Courts, Sharon Christner, presented the voter registration budget noting there were no changes from last year's budget.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Bob Sanders
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF CORONER 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

John Sadler, County Coroner, presented the Coroner's budget. Sadler stated there was very little in the way of changes in his budget. It was noted that since the Coroner does have a vehicle, he should submit any maintenance records, etc. for the Council's review.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: John Kinsey
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY SURVEYOR 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Dick Kemper presented the County Surveyor's budget. Kemper thanked the Council and Wage Committee for their recent approval of his request for changes in job classifications as well as the realignment of personnel in his office. Kemper then stated the only increases in his 2007 budget request were for gas/oil and for the Ass't. Surveyor's mileage.

Council President, Harold Jones, thanked Kemper for looking into a way to realign his office that was beneficial to both the Surveyor as well as the County.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Tom Anglin
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF DRAINAGE BOARD 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Dick Kemper County Surveyor presented the budget for the Drainage Board. Kemper stated there were no changes to the budget from last year. It was noted the position changes approved earlier regarding the realignment of duties were not reflected in the budget presented.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve budget with appropriate
SECOND: Brad Tandy changes in accordance with the Wage
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 Committee's recommendations. .
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION (228) 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Dick Kemper County Surveyor presented the budget for the Perpetuation Fund. Kemper stated this was the first year for presenting an actual budget for this fund. Kemper did note there was an approximate \$70,000.00 balance currently in the fund.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Brad Tandy
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF JAIL 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Sheriff Aaron Rovenstine presented his Jail budget. Items discussed pertaining to the jail budget included the decreased request in medical services and the two jail security positions. Rovenstine stated the jail was able to contract the medical services for the jail this year and it appears there should be a realized savings. He also stated the two jail security officers were paid through funds received for housing misdemeanants; however there was a cap on the amount that could be collected through County Corrections. Therefore, those positions were paid through county general and money would be transferred from County Corrections to reimburse county general.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Tom Anglin
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF THE SHERIFF'S 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Sheriff Aaron Rovenstine presented the Sheriff's budget for 2007. It was noted the Animal Control Officer has been moved from the Sheriff's budget to the Commissioner's budget. Rovenstine stated he was not sure how or when that position had been put into the Sheriff's budget, but the responsibility for animal control lies within the County not the Sheriff.

President Jones thanked Rovenstine for the good job he had done with the budget.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: John Kinsey
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT FORFEITURES (306) 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Sheriff Aaron Rovenstine presented the budget for Law Enforcement Forfeitures. Rovenstine stated there would likely be an increase in expenditures "spend it or lose it" in this fund due to regulations regarding unspent money being returned to federal government. A significant decrease was noticed in this budget on line item 32019 – Confidential which was determined to have moved to another budget.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Tom Anglin
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY CORRECTIONS (243) 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Sheriff Aaron Rovenstine presented the County Corrections budget. This fund had been previously discussed with the Jail budget. It was determined the maximum appropriation would be set at \$55,415.00 for this fund because that is all the money that will be available. .

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve reduced budget with a
SECOND: Charlene Knispel maximum appropriation of \$55,415.00.
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM (713) 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Tom Brindle, Chief Dispatcher presented the 911 budget. Brindle went on to say this fund will be under funded within the next year or so. Discussion ensued regarding possible means of additional funding. One of the ideas included implementing it into the property taxes in order to cover a larger tax base. However, legislation would need to be changed in order to enable this type of funding. It was noted this is not a situation unique to only Kosciusko County. Every county that operates a 911 system is in the same predicament. Brindle went on to say that he recently met with 32 other 911 Directors within the State in order to brainstorm for ideas to relieve the funding crisis. Brindle noted that Kosciusko County is more or less the lead county in spearheading possible funding alternatives.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Charlene Knispel
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF MAINTENANCE 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Don Taylor, Maintenance Supervisor, presented the Maintenance budget. Taylor reported increases in budget items, many related to the Work Release Center. Taylor noted he was over budget in 2005 and most likely will be again in 2006, therefore the requested increases in his 2007 budget.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Bob Sanders
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

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

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ATTEST: _____
BRAD TANDY

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LARRY TEGHTMEYER

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL
Tuesday, August 29, 2006

The Kosciusko County Council met for their preliminary budget meeting on Tuesday, August 29, 2006 at 6:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones, President	Brad Tandy
Tom Anglin	Charlene Knispel
Larry Teghtmeyer	Bob Sanders
John Kinsey	Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer by John Kinsey.

IN THE MATTER OF WAGE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Brad Tandy, Wage Committee Member reviewed the Wage Committee report. Tandy noted that Council Member Larry Tegtmeyer, Commissioner Brad Jackson and he made up the Wage Committee along with County Administrator Ron Robinson and County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell. He stated the Wage Committee had met on six different occasions in preparation for the preliminary budget meeting and he thanked the office holders for their presentations.

Tandy stated the following specific recommendations from the Wage Committee:

- **Health Department TB Nurse:** The Wage Committee recommended the TB nurse's wages be based on the wage chart. It was noted the grant was paying less of the wage than what the wage chart indicated.
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- **Maintenance:** County Administrator Ron Robinson indicated the Housekeeping Supervisor's position needed to be elevated to LTC III Step III due to the level of experience and qualification. The Wage Committee agreed to the change in level.
- **GIS Technician – Auditor's Budget:** The Wage Committee recommended moving the GIS Technician from the Auditor's Budget to the Commissioners Budget. This move would not cause of change of wages for the position it would simply allow both GIS positions to be paid from the same budget.
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- **Judge's Wages:** The Wage Committee considered the \$5,000 supplemental pay for the judges with a 2007 salary of \$115,282.44 less their health care adjustment of \$2,522.00 bringing their salary to \$113,022.00.
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IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY EXTENSION 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Joan Younce, Extension Office Director, presented the Extension Office budget. Younce stated she had requested a \$5,000.00 increase in contractual services with Purdue and noted this covered not only salaries, but benefits as well as professional development and resource development. Younce went on to say that a new youth educator had been hired and would start September 5th therefore the county had only been without an educator since April.

Council member Brad Tandy questioned Younce as to why more money should be allocated for contractual services when the county had been without an employee for 4 months noting this appeared to be the case in others years also.

Younce stated the unspent money (while there was no youth educator in employ) was being held by Purdue in a fund earmarked for Kosciusko County and if requested could be returned to the County. Younce also said if the money was not requested it was not lost, but could be used for emergency purchases such as new equipment if the County could not provide at the time. Younce went on to say she would request the unspent money be returned to the county.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve budget as presented noting
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	unspent monies being held by Purdue will be
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	returned to the County
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF PROSECUTOR’S 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Prosecutor Steve Hearn presented the Prosecutor’s budget. It was noted there were very little changes in the budget from the previous year.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve prosecutor’s budget as presented.
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF TITLE IV D 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Steve Hearn, Prosecutor, presented the IV D budget. It was noted there were very little changes to the Title IV D budget from the previous year also. However Hearn did note that after he took office he implemented a pretrial diversion and infraction deferral program that has generated \$129,000.00 in user fees of which \$42,000.00 has gone back into the county’s budget. Hearn also stated he had implemented a seizure program and although it was an unusual case, the County has taken in \$326,000.00 this year that has been put back into the operating budget for the drug task force. Hearn noted through these various programs his office has been able to assist other agencies as well.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND:	John Kinsey	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF RECORDER'S 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

LaShawn Brumfield, Kosciusko County Recorder, presented her budget stating there were no changes for 2007.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Tom Anglin
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Mike Barnett presented the Service Officer's budget for consideration.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as requested.
SECOND: Bob Sanders
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF SOIL AND WATER 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Darci Zolman appeared before the Council to present the Soil and Water budget. Council President Harold Jones shared with Zolman the Council's recommendation to approve a change in job description for the program assistant.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF SOIL AND WATER GRANT (978) 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Darci Zolman also presented the Soil and Water Grant budget noting this was a "pass through" only grant that covers all expenses.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: John Kinsey
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF CIRCUIT AND SUPERIOR COURT I 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Judges Rex Reed and Duane Huffer presented the budget for Circuit and Superior I courts. It was noted the overall budget request had decreased approximately \$800.00 due to a realignment of positions.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Brad Tandy
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF ADULT PROBATION USER FEES (248) 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Probation Officer Ron Babcock presented the Adult Probation User Fee budget for 2007. It was noted that even with the state mandated salary increases for the officers there was an overall decrease in the budget requested for the Adult Probation User Fee Fund due to a realignment of positions.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as requested.
SECOND: Charlene Knispel
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF JUVENILE PROBATION USER FEES (249) 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Ron Babcock presented the Juvenile Probation User Fee Budget for approval.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve the budget as requested.
SECOND: Tom Anglin
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF SUPERIOR COURTS II & III 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Judge Jarrett and Judge Sutton presented the budget for Superior Courts II & III. Judge Jarrett stated there has been an increase in the number of people requesting pauper counsel and it is likely there will be a shortfall in the 2006 budget for this item. Therefore, the Judges requested an increase to their budget for

2007 to cover those costs. Judge Jarrett also noted the judges try to recoup fees for pauper counsel as much as possible through plea agreements.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve the budget as presented.
SECOND: Brad Tandy
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF DRUG & ALCOHOL FUND (284) 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Judge Jarrett and Judge Sutton presented the Drug and Alcohol budget request. They noted all in house expenses for the program are paid through this fund. Fees collected through this fund are also used to pay for benefits for the KCADP positions and it is their hope to be able to move one of the KCADP Case Managers positions to this fund in the future.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve the budget as presented
SECOND: Tom Anglin
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF WELFARE DEPARTMENT (241) 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

County Family and Social Services Director, Peggy Shively presented the budget. Shively commented that her budget request last year was a shot in the dark and this year's budget request is as realistic as she can get it thus the decreased request. Council members thanked Shively for the information she had given them earlier explaining the department's requests.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as requested.
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC (291) 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

County Family and Social Services Director, Peggy Shively presented the budget. A substantial increase in the requested budget was noted. Shively stated the County has no control over this fund in that it is parent's decision/right to send their child for psychiatric treatment and there are a limited number of facilities that take these children. Many times she does not know what children have received treatment until she receives the bill. It was also noted this obligation by the county was originated without the county having an operating balance, therefore creating a borrow/payback type situation.

MOTION: Bob Sanders TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: John Kinsey
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ASSESSOR'S GENERAL 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

County Assessor Laurie Renier presented her budget. It was noted there were no changes from the previous year's budget.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL REASSESSMENT (275) 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

County Assessor Laurie Renier presented the Commercial/Industrial budget for consideration.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Charlene Knispel
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ASSESSOR'S REASSESSMENT (275) 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

County Assessor Laurie Renier presented the Reassessment budget. Renier stated she had requested additional money for computer software. Renier went on to say within the next two years software integration will be happening tying the Assessor, Auditor, Recorder and Treasurer's offices together. Renier also stated she has requested an itemized bill for her assessing software user fees due to an unexplained increase. She is hopeful she will receive a reduction on billing for current services.

Council member Larry Teghtmeyer questioned Renier if the county could choose their own software and Renier stated they could, however there are not many choices as the larger software companies continue to purchase the smaller companies. It was also noted by Renier and County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell, the state can mandate what software all counties must use and the county must be prepared to make a change if necessary with little notice.

Council member Bob Sanders questioned if all offices were using the same software would the county be able to negotiate a better contract for user fees. Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, stated the offices had been with one company for a time and had experienced price gouging. Further discussion ensued regarding software options.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve budget with the exception of
SECOND: Tom Anglin line item 44003 to be reduced to \$60,000.00.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF ASSESSOR'S EDUCATION/SALES DISCLOSURE FUND (276) 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

County Assessor, Laurie Renier presented the budget stating there were no changes from 2006.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve the budget as presented.
SECOND: John Kinsey
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF CLAY TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Clay Township Trustee Assessor, Ben McKrill presented the Clay Township Assessing budget. It was noted that after serving as trustee for 33 years, this would be McKrill's last year. The Council thanked McKrill for his dedication and time.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: John Kinsey
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF ETNA TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

The Council considered the Etna Township Assessing budget. It was noted that five additional days had been requested for assessing duties.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve budget as presented with 5
SECOND: Tom Anglin additional days for assessor.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Franklin Township Trustee Assessor, Trillia Gearhart presented the Franklin Township Assessing budget. No changes were noted in the budget for 2007.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Brad Tandy
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF HARRISON TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Harrison Township Trustee Assessor, Jim Moyer presented the Harrison Township Assessing budget and requested an additional five days for assessing duties.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve budget as presented with the
SECOND: Tom Anglin addition of five days for assessing duties.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

The Council considered the Jackson Township Assessing budget.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Jefferson Township Trustee Assessor, Terry Zimmerman presented the Jefferson Township Assessing budget.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Larry Tegtmeyer
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF LAKE TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

The Council considered the Lake Township Assessing budget.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Brad Tandy
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF MONROE TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

The Council considered the Monroe Township Assessing budget.

MOTION: Larry Tegtmeyer TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Tom Anglin
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Prairie Township Trustee Assessor, Julie Goon presented the Prairie Township Assessing budget. Goon requested an additional ten days for assessing duties. Council member Charlene Knispel questioned why Goon felt more days were necessary. Goon replied due to the new laptop computers, personal property had been entered on both the computer and maintained manually therefore, the additional time had been needed. Goon also stated she felt the workload would not be any less next year.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as presented with 10
SECOND: Charlene Knispel additional days for assessing duties.
AYES: 5 NAYES: 2
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

The Council considered the Scott Township Assessing budget.

MOTION: Larry Tegtmeyer TO: Approve budget as presented with 3
SECOND: John Kinsey additional days for assessing duties.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF SEWARD TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

The Council considered the Seward Township Assessing budget.

MOTION: Larry Tegtmeyer TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Tom Anglin
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF VANBUREN TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

The Council considered the VanBuren Township Assessing budget. County Auditor Sue Mitchell stated Pat Hurd was unable to attend the meeting due to illness, but had telephoned and asked that Mitchell express her appreciation to the Council for their past support. Mitchell noted this would be Hurd's last year as trustee.

MOTION: Larry Tegtmeyer TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Tom Anglin
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

The Council considered the Washington Township Assessing budget.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Brad Tandy
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF PLAIN TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Newly appointed Assessor, Susie Stookey presented the Plain Township budget for approval.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Tom Anglin
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TIPPECANOE TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Tippecanoe Township Assessor, Dorothy Biesemeyer presented the Tippecanoe Township Assessing budget.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TURKEY CREEK TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Turkey Creek Township Assessor, Patty Gammieri presented the Turkey Creek Township Assessing budget. Gammieri noted the only increase requested was for utilities.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Tom Anglin
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF WAYNE TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2007 BUDGET REQUEST:

Wayne Township Assessor, Kristy Mayer presented the Wayne Township Assessing budget.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Brad Tandy
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF AUDITOR'S BUDGET 2007 REQUEST:

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell presented the Auditor's budget. Mitchell noted the following changes in her budget: re-establish a back room supervisor position, remove the GIS Coordinator from Auditor's budget and place in Commissioners budget, an increase in mileage and a decrease in training and seminars.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as requested.
SECOND: Charlene Knispel
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF PLAT BOOK FUND (274) BUDGET 2007 REQUEST:

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell presented a budget for the plat book fund. Mitchell stated the Recorder had paid to have some of the books rebound this year from her Records Perpetuation Fund also. Mitchell noted this should finish up rebinding the books, making them a more manageable size to handle.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as requested.
SECOND: Brad Tandy
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY COMMISSION'S 2007 BUDGET:

Commissioner Brad Jackson presented the Commissioner's budget noting the Animal Control Officer and the GIS Coordinator positions had been moved to the Commissioners budget. Jackson stated there were increases in computer cartridges, legal services and recodification of ordinances. Other items addressed included moving computer maintenance to the CCD Fund and the Not for Profits. Jackson stated the Commissioners felt the NFP should not receive a greater increase than county employees. Therefore, it was

the Commissioners recommendation, the Non for Profits receive a 3% increase on what they received in 2006 or their requested amount, whichever is less.

Council members questioned the significant increase requested for telephones. County Auditor Sue Mitchell stated the new telephone system that was installed last year is saving the county, however many offices have purchased cell phones and those are attributing to the higher phone costs. Council instructed Jackson to have the Commissioners look into the cell phone usage and possible ways to curtail costs.

MOTION: Larry Tegtmeyer TO: Approve the 1000 and 2000 accounts as
SECOND: Tom Anglin presented.
AYES: 6 NAYES: 1
MOTION CARRIED

Discussion continued regarding the 3000 accounts at which time Council member Tom Anglin stated he would like to withdraw his second to the previous motion as well as his vote regarding the 1000 and 2000 accounts. It was determined that a new motion would be needed.

MOTION: Larry Tegtmeyer TO: Approve the 1000 and 2000 accounts as
SECOND: Brad Tandy presented.
AYES: 3 NAYES: 4
MOTION DID NOT CARRY

Further discussion regarding the 1000 accounts ensued.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve the 1000 accounts with the
SECOND: Charlene Knispel removal of line item 11484 (Auditor Elect
AYES: 5 NAYES: 1 position)
ABSTAINS: 1 – Bob Sanders
MOTION CARRIED

It was noted by Council member Brad Tandy that the Wage Committee had recommended the Auditor Elect position be created, however the Wage Committee did not recommend a salary. Council President Harold Jones stated the position had been approved by the Council when they approved the Wage Committee's recommendation; however funding did need to be established. Jones also noted the salary ordinance for this position could be determined at the September 14th Budget Adoption meeting.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve the line item 11484 (Auditor
SECOND: Larry Tegtmeyer Elect) with a projected budget of \$35,000.00
AYES: 6 NAYES: 1 with the understanding the salary ordinance
MOTION CARRIED will address the salary prior to the final
adoption on September 14, 2006.

The Council moved on in reviewing the Commissioner's budget noting the 3% increase for the Not for Profit organizations.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve the 2000 and 3000 accounts
SECOND: Tom Anglin through 35001 with a 3% increase for the
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 Animal Shelter.
MOTION CARRIED

Council then considered the remainder of the Commissioner's budget request. Council member Bob Sanders took issue with the proposed 3% increase for the Home Health Care stating they needed the entire amount requested (\$47,500.00) to stay afloat and their request was for what they had received in 2005. It was noted they had only requested \$40,000.00 for 2006.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve the 3000 accounts with the 3%
SECOND: Bob Sanders increased as proposed by the Commissioners
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 with the exception of Home Health Care (Line
MOTION CARRIED Item 36028).

Councilman Sanders continued the discussion regarding the Home Health Care stating additional funding possibilities should be looked into further throughout the coming year.

MOTION: Bob Sanders TO: Approve Commissioners to appropriate
SECOND: John Kinsey Home Health Care's request of \$47,500.00
AYES: 5 NAYES: 2 for 2007.
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve the 4000 accounts of the
SECOND: Charlene Knispel Commissioner's budget request as presented.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET:

Commissioner Brad Jackson presented the Cumulative Capital Development Fund budget noting an increase in contractual services. Jackson stated this would cover fees for environmental studies conducted as well as engineering fees pertaining to the proposed Western Alternative Route. Jackson stated these fees needed to be paid by the County and then could be partially reimbursed through federal funds. It was also noted this was for Phase I only.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve budget with the removal of line
SECOND: Charlene Knispel item 35005 (Computer Maintenance to be paid
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 out of the general fund) as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF EDIT FUND BUDGET:

The Council then considered the EDIT budget noting these funds will be used pay the bond payment due on the Justice Building.

MOTION: Larry Tegtmeyer TO: Approve budget as requested.
SECOND: Tom Anglin
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF CUM JAIL BUDGET:

Commissioner Brad Jackson presented the Cum Jail budget.

MOTION: Larry Tegtmeyer TO: Approve budget as presented with the
SECOND: Tom Anglin condition that Council review the proposed
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 plan for purchasing vehicles and also approve
MOTION CARRIED the number of vehicles to be purchased .

IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL BUDGET:

President, Harold Jones presented the County Council budget noting there were no changes from 2006.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as presented.
SECOND: Brad Tandy
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF RAINY DAY FUND BUDGET:

The Council considered the Rainy Day Fund budget. It was noted this fund is tied to the Redevelopment Commission.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as requested.
SECOND: Bob Sanders
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF PROSECUTOR STIPEND:

Council member Brad Tandy noted the Wage Committee had recommended the county supplemental amount of \$5,000.00 per Judge should be continued and Tandy stated the Prosecutor should have been included in that also.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve supplemental salary of
SECOND: Tom Anglin \$5,000.00 for the Prosecutor.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

Auditor Sue Mitchell concluded any items that might have been missed during the budget hearings could be addressed at the Thursday, September 7th meeting. She also reported she would have final figures available for the Council to review.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL

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JOHN KINSEY

CHARLENE KNISPEL

BOB SANDERS

ATTEST:

BRAD TANDY

SUE ANN MITCHELL, AUDITOR

LARRY TEGHTMEYER

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL

Thursday, August 31, 2006

The Kosciusko County Council met for their final budget hearing meeting on Thursday, August 31, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones, President- <i>Absent</i>	Brad Tandy
Tom Anglin	Charlene Knispel
Larry Teghtmeyer - <i>Absent</i>	Bob Sanders
John Kinsey	Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Tom Anglin. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer by John Kinsey.

The budget hearing was opened. There were no taxpayers present at the meeting other than county employees and there were no objections to the proposed budget.

IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET CUT REVIEW:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, reviewed the reductions made by Council to the projected 2007 budget.

- County General – reduction of \$358,123.00 based on the Wage Committee’s recommendation of a 3% increase for full and part time employees –vs- the individual department requests.
- MVH – reduction of \$259,041.00 based on the removal of \$250,000.00 for trucks from the Major Moves location and the proposed 3% salary increase.
- CCD – reduction of \$100,000.00 for removal of computer maintenance. It was noted that computer maintenance was budgeted into the Commissioners budget.
- Health – reduction of \$22,732.00 which was the 3% salary increase –vs- the department request and also removal of vehicle request.

Mitchell concluded this was a \$739,896.00 total reduction to the 2007 budget.

IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUDGET NOTES:

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell also noted the following information regarding the various funds:

- There has been an increase in the operating balance due to increased interest rates.
- Actual assessed values have not yet been determined; therefore the proposed tax rate is high.
- The Health budget does show an increase even with the reductions due to the addition of the TB nurse and program. It was noted the County has no control over those items as they are mandated by the State.
- MVH should be receiving two installments of \$828,000 for Major Moves. Without these two payments there would be a \$0.00 operating balance by the end of '07. Mitchell noted the budget was ok for the remainder of 2006 and 2007 but there is no guarantee the Major Moves money will continue past 2007. Mitchell also stated a wheel tax may be the only option available to ease the

funding crisis. She also noted LTAP has a wonderful presentation that explains the wheel tax and it could be beneficial in helping to educate the Council as well as the public on how the wheel tax works.

- Local Roads & Streets (LRS) is strictly funded by the gas tax and this fund may only be used to purchase actual materials.
- Cum Jail – Mitchell stated that by 2008 there will not be enough in this fund to purchase cars.
- Cum Bridge – Mitchell noted there was concern regarding this decreasing fund. It was also noted this fund must cover the repairs of all small structures including those located in towns because everyone in the county is taxed and therefore the County is responsible for all structures.
- CCD – Mitchell stated that even though the CCD fund has been used to pay for the Work Release Center as well as payments on the Justice Building, and the balance in this fund has continued to build.
- Reassessment – operating balance continues to build
- 911 – Mitchell stated by the end of 2007, all monies in this fund will be spent. She also stated monies are available in the general fund for additional if needed.

Mitchell concluded her presentation of the budget stating the max levy has not been established as the County has not received the percentage to be collected. She added the Cardinal Center and CCD funds are outside of the freeze.

IN THE MATTER OF 911 FUNDING:

Council members continued to discuss possible solutions to ease the funding crisis for 911. All members were in agreement that the 911 Center was a valuable asset to the County. It was also noted that this matter is statewide problem due to increased cell phone usage and that many counties are funding the 911 system through their General Fund. Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell stated something must be done in 2007 so that 911 can continue to operate. It was also the general consensus of the Council that 911 should be moved to the General Fund allowing a possible percentage of property tax monies to be used to help fund the 911 system.

IN THE MATTER OF INVESTMENTS:

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, noted Kent Adams, County Treasurer has done a good job for the County with its investments and pointed out the County needs to continue to be aggressive in the investing on all funds.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Vice President Tom Anglin then opened the floor for comments from the public.

County Assessor Laurie Renier suggested the buggy plate fee be increased if a wheel tax was implemented by the County. Council members Bob Sanders and Tom Anglin both were in favor of that possibility as those vehicles also create wear and tear on the roads.

Renier said she felt if additional 911 fees were to be established and implemented, they should be fair to everyone, noting the county has many apartment buildings and renters would not be affected by a possible property tax increase. She also stated that many of the renters use cell phones and therefore contribute very little toward the 911 funding. Renier was not opposed to the additional tax; rather questioned if there were a way to encompass everyone residing in the County.

The Council members thanked Renier for her comments and noted she brought some valid questions to the table. It was also noted they did not feel there would be negative public feedback if 911 fees were increased as it is a needed service.

Council member Bob Sanders then questioned the possibility of subdivisions contracting their garbage services in an order to alleviate the excessive wear on those roads caused by the many trucks now servicing each division. Further discussion ensued regarding the matter with Council member John Kinsey stating the county could not interfere with free enterprise.

County Assessor Laurie Renier also stated she had not meant to offend anyone when she introduced the idea of having Tax Management Associates (TMA) audit personal property submitted to her office. Renier noted her office does not have the personnel qualified to do personal property audits and therefore was entertaining the idea of having a professional auditing firm look at personal property. According to information provided by TMA, they projected estimated revenue of \$2,128,110.00 to the county if TMA completed an audit with a cost of approximately \$682,400.00 to the county for TMA's services. Renier also stated those fees could be paid out of Reassessment.

Council member Bob Sanders commented it was important to maintain good will between the county and the local businesses and expressed concern regarding how this type of audit might affect those relationships. Council member Brad Tandy questioned if there were other personal property firms that performed this type

of auditing services. Renier stated TMA is the only company that has contacted her and she had not looked into other possible companies.

Councilman Tandy went on to say he had spoken with Biomet's CPA, Tom Bauters who has worked for other businesses in other cities and felt that TMA was a hostile company when they were performing their audits.

In conclusion, Council Vice President Anglin thanked Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor and her staff for their work and efforts in providing the budget information to the Council and stated final budget adoption would take place at the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 14, 2006.

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

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BOB SANDERS

ATTEST: _____
BRAD TANDY

SUE ANN MITCHELL, AUDITOR

LARRY TEGHTMEYER

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL
Thursday, September 14, 2006

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones	Charlene Knispel
Tom Anglin	Larry Teghtmeyer
John Kinsey	Brad Tandy (absent)
Bob Sanders	Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer by John Kinsey.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR RECORDER:

A request was received from LaShawn Brumfield, County Recorder, to transfer money from her Part Time account to the Chief Deputy Recorder account. It was noted the Chief Deputy will reach her 8th anniversary date on November 16th and accrue 15 days of paid vacation. Due to the Chief Deputy taking office as the elected office holder on January 1, 2007, any unused vacation days must be cashed out and paid to her at the end of the year.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$1,036.26 from
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	100- 11301-000-016 Part Time to
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	100- 10076-000-016 Chief Deputy Recorder
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR CLERK:

Sharon Christner, County Clerk, presented three requests to transfer monies stating these were warranted due to the Wage Committees recommendation. The first request was to transfer money from her Part Time Account to Overtime. This would allow the Voter Registration Deputy to receive overtime instead of a per diem on election days as this is in line with her normal duties. The second and third requests were to transfer monies from the Absentee Confined Board to the Inspectors and Judges. This would allow for a daily rate increase of \$5.00 for each judge and inspector.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve transfer of \$230.00 from
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer 100- 11301-000-012 Part Time to
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 100- 11401-000-012 Overtime
MOTION CARRIED

Transfer of \$305.00 from
100-11306-000-012 Absentee Confined Bd. to
100-11307-000-012 Inspectors

Transfer of \$610.00 from
100-11306-000-012 Absentee Confined Bd. to
100-11308-000-012 Judges

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT FORFEITURES:

Aaron Rovenstine, County Sheriff presented a transfer request with the hope that funds collected through seizures can be spent by the County rather than be turned back into the Federal government. According to law, 65% of seized funds are under the jurisdiction of the Federal government while 35% remains in the County. Of that 65%, the ICJI must give their approval before those monies can be spent and if they are not spend within the budget year they revert back to the Federal government. Rovenstine went on to say that 2006 has not been a typical year in the fact that approximately \$300,000.00 was seized in one operation. Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, noted the funds could possibly be divided into different locations allowing the Council to approve expenditures as needed. As for the 65% the federal government controls; there are explicit ways it can be spent. It was noted that a list has been prepared of possible purchases if approved by the ICJI. Included on this list were three vehicles. Rovenstine stated these would not be replacement vehicles and two of the three would be given to other towns if they were willing to accept them. Those towns would then be responsible for insurance, equipment and maintenance of the vehicles. Council member Bob Sanders questioned Rovenstine on why the federal government was entitled to a percentage of seized funds. Rovenstine responded the Federal government has a right to a portion of seized funds based on grants they have provided.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve transfer of \$176,332.86 from
SECOND: Bob Sanders 306-02272-000-000 Law Enforcement FF to
AYES: 4 NAYES: 2 306-02272-000-053 Law Enforcement FF
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF LIAISON FOR SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENET:

In other matters regarding the Sheriff’s Department, the possibility of a liaison between the County Council and Sheriff was discussed and all members of the Council were in agreement that it would be a positive move to have a liaison.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Appoint Harold Jones and Bob Sanders to
SECOND: Charlene Knispel act as liaisons between the County Council and
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 the Sheriff.
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING:

A request was received from Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, to transfer money from Education and Training to Training. It was noted the transfer was needed to move the appropriation to an account that corresponds with the titles on the grant.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve transfer of \$4,520.23 from
SECOND: Tom Anglin 710-11412-000-007 Educ. & Training to
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 710-11510-000-007 Training
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR JAIL:

Sheriff Aaron Rovenstine requested an additional appropriation to cover inmate medical expenses. It was noted these expenses were incurred earlier in the year before the current medical provider was contracted. It was noted the inmate medical contract is saving the county money while providing required services.

MOTION: Bob Sanders TO: Approve additional appropriation for
SECOND: Tom Anglin \$60,000.00 to 100-36038-000-013
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 Medical for Prisoners
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR HIGHWAY:

Dennis Pletcher, Highway Superintendent, requested an additional appropriation to repair the Highway Garage roof and breezeway between the buildings. Pletcher stated he had received estimates and felt the lowest quote was a fair price. Pletcher also noted the work would be guaranteed for 15 years. This would include repairing the roof but not replacing the roof. It was determined repairing would be more cost effective at this time given the 15 year guarantee.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve additional appropriations subject
SECOND: John Kinsey to Commissioners approval for
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 \$46,000.00 to 204- 35011-000-050
MOTION CARRIED Building Repair

IN THE MATTER OF LOUIS DREYFUS PROJECT:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, presented information regarding the Louis Dreyfus project. Mitchell stated figures for the deceleration lanes to be constructed at the facility had originally been estimated at a cost of approximately \$250,000.00. However, construction estimates from the highway had come in at approximately \$450,000.00. Mitchell noted it would be necessary to hold a joint meeting with the Development Commission and Redevelopment Commission to redo the paperwork regarding the TIF percentage. It was noted the joint meeting would be held at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting date to amend the previous documents.

IN THE MATTER OF CORONER PER CALL RATE:

President Jones opened the hearing for the adoption of the 2007 budget. Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, recapped the budget meetings noting the only item overlooked was the Coroner's per call rate. It was determined the rate should remain the same as the previous year.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve Coroner per call rate of
SECOND: Bob Sanders \$100.00, the same as 2006.
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF 2007 BUDGET ADOPTION:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, reviewed the 2007 budget figures noting there was room for cuts in the operating budget if the max levy is still over.

MOTION: Charlene Knispel TO: Approve 2007 budget as presented.
SECOND: Bob Sanders
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF 2007 SALARY FOR AUDITOR ELECT:

The Council then discussed the salary ordinance noting the only salary not previously approved was the Auditor Elect salary. Council member John Kinsey stated there were many different opinions regarding the position and the salary, however because the Council had already approved the Wage Committee's recommendations, he felt the Council should stay with that recommendation. Councilman Larry Teghtmeyer stated the Auditor Elect will be working a full time schedule and that the year of training will be beneficial for her as well as the County. Councilman Bob Sanders added the Council had already approved the position based on the Wage Committee's recommendation but he wanted to make it clear that he felt the Auditor Elect should not receive a higher salary than the current Chief Deputy. Sanders went on to say he felt this could possible create dissention in the office. He also noted that the maximum term the current Auditor Elect could serve was seven years and at the end of her term, the incoming Auditor at that time would not have the opportunity to train therefore, it was necessary to keep knowledgeable people in the office. Sanders did question who would be responsible and hold the Elect accountable for days worked. It was noted the County Administrator would be responsible for the Auditor Elect position. Sanders stated his

comments were not a personal attack on the Auditor Elect or meant to offend, he merely cautioned the guidelines be followed for spending the County's money.

Councilman Anglin stated he would vote for the salary even though he was not in favor but he would have much explaining to do regarding his vote.

MOTION:	John Kinsey	TO: Approve 2007 Auditor Elect salary of
SECOND:	Larry Sanders	\$35,000.00 as presented with the
AYES: 5	NAYES: 1	understanding the Auditor Elect would be a
MOTION CARRIED		full time employee to be held accountable by
		the County Administrator.

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2007 SALARY ORDINANCE:

The Council then approved the 2007 salary ordinance as presented.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve 2007 Salary Ordinance as
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	presented.
AYES: 5	NAYES: 1	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF 911 FUNDING:

The Council discussed the need to look at possible alternate funding ideas for 911. It was the general consensus that increased land line fees would not generate the monies needed. It was noted that Legislation would need to be addressed soon in order for changes to be made in a timely manner. Further discussion ensued regarding the matter.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL

HAROLD JONES, PRESIDENT

TOM ANGLIN, VICE PRESIDENT

JOHN KINSEY

CHARLENE KNISPEL

BOB SANDERS

ATTEST: _____
BRAD TANDY

SUE ANN MITCHELL, AUDITOR

LARRY TEGHTMEYER

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL
Thursday, October 12, 2006

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones	John Kinsey	Charlene Knispel	Brad Tandy - <i>Absent</i>
Tom Anglin	Bob Sanders	Larry Teghtmeyer	Sue Ann Mitchell,
			County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer by John Kinsey.

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION IN REGARDS TO LOUIS DREYFUS PROJECT:

The Economic Development Commission, the Redevelopment Commission and the Council conducted a special joint meeting prior to the Council beginning their regularly scheduled meeting. County Attorney Mike Miner turned the meeting over to Attorney Lisa Lee, Bond Council for Ice Miller.

Lee began by thanking everyone for convening in a special meeting to approve the amended resolutions regarding the bond issuance. Lee stated at the August meeting, the Economic Development and the Redevelopment Commissions as well as the Council had approved the parameters for the bond issuance. Lee also stated that it was noted at that time if those parameters exceeded what was approved, it would be necessary to hold another joint meeting to allow an increase in the bond issuance amount. Lee went on to say the original issuance was \$5,700,000.00 but due to the increased cost of the acceleration/deceleration lanes that need to be constructed, the bond issuance needed to be increased to \$5,975,000.00. Lee noted the increased bond issuance would protect the county from having to pay any shortfall associated with the construction of the accel/decel lanes. Lee stated of the additional \$275,000.00 approximately \$200,000.00 would be used for the lanes and the remaining \$75,000.00 would be used for professional fees. Lee also stated that any money left in the construction account would be used to pay down the bonds.

Lee first addressed the Economic Development Commission and presented an amended resolution for their approval. Lee noted the amended resolution would reflect the change from \$5,700,000.00 to \$5,975,000.00. She also stated the amended resolution would allow for changes to the trust indenture, the loan agreement and the purchase agreement. Lee went on to say the only change to the purchase agreement was the issuance amount. The definition of TIF would be finalized in the trust indenture and loan agreement to reflect the increased bond issuance and now be finalized at 87.4%.

MOTION:	Harold Jones	TO: Approve amended resolution as presented.
SECOND:	Michelle Boxell	(In reference to Resolution of Kosciusko County Economic Development Commission
AYES: 3	NAYES: 0	Recorded August 29, 2006 in the Office of the Kosciusko County Recorder Record No. 200600011884)
MOTION CARRIED		

Lee then presented the Council with an amended resolution to reflect the change in the bond issuance amount. Lee noted this resolution also approves the trust indenture, the loan and bond purchase agreement.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve amended resolution as presented.
SECOND:	John Kinsey	(In reference to Resolution No. 06-08-10-Dreyfus
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	Recorded August 29, 2006 in the Office of the Kosciusko County Recorder Record No. 200600011886)
MOTION CARRIED		

In conclusion, Lee addressed the Redevelopment Commission noting the resolution previously approved by the Commission specifies the TIF percentage allowed. The amended resolution reflects the increased percentage allowed (87.4%).

MOTION:	Bill Warren	TO: Approve amended resolution as presented.
SECOND:	Larry Teghtmeyer	(In reference to Resolution No. 06-08-10-Dreyfus 1
AYES: 4	NAYES: 0	Recorded August 29, 2006 in the Office of the Kosciusko County Recorder Record No. 200600011885)
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE, INC. PRESENTATION:

Sheriff Aaron Rovenstine introduced Les Singleton, Regional Account Manager for Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc. to give a brief presentation regarding the jail medical services provided by their company. Singleton began by noting that Advanced Correctional Health Care only provides inmate medical services, they do not service other types of business organizations. Singleton stated the goals of ACH were to increase the quality of healthcare, control the cost of healthcare to the county and reduce the risk and liability to the county. He went on to say ACH has implemented their own medical protocol that is in layman's terms and their program is designed to increase efficiency of the facility by reducing medications required and allowing nurses to be trained to perform dental screenings therefore reducing the outsourcing of dental procedures. Singleton presented other information regarding the program and noted the county has realized a \$79,000.00 savings to date with ACH. Singleton projected an annual savings of approximately \$122,000.00 to the county by contracting with ACH.

Singleton stated ACH would like to offer the county a multiple year contract that would lock in a (no more than) 3% annual increase. Singleton noted current health care costs continue to increase at a rate of 8% -

10% annually. He also noted that ACH currently services 41 of the State's 91 county jails and ACH feels if they are doing a good job, people will recognize that.

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, noted in 2005 the county spent \$276,000.00 in inmate medical. She stated the County will see a significant financial benefit by contracting ACH for their services.

Sheriff Aaron Rovenstine stated the local physicians have done an excellent job for the county but feels the medical care required for inmates has grown to a level that now exceeds what they are able to provide.

IN THE MATTER OF KCODE REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING:

A request was received from Heather Desenberg, KCODE Coordinator, for additional funding. Desenberg stated she had assumed the Administrative duties in January of 2006 and has tried to be involved in all aspects of the organization's projects as well as the development of a web page. Desenberg stated she attends monthly meetings in Indianapolis as well as Fort Wayne and has also depleted the mileage allotment. Desenberg's request was for additional funds to cover costs through the end of the year.

Council members questioned what KCODE's function was and Desenberg responded that they fund grants to help different organizations educate the public about the danger of drugs and alcohol. KCODE is also responsible for the meth billboards that are throughout the County.

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell stated monies collected through the courts are used to fund KCODE and to date, \$67,874.00 has been collected. Mitchell also noted KCODE has money available; however they need Council's approval of the additional before they can submit their request to the State.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve additional funding request for
SECOND: Bob Sanders submission to State.
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR SHERIFF:

Sheriff Aaron Rovenstine requested an additional appropriation for gas/oil to cover expenses for the remainder of 2006.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve additional appropriation for
SECOND: John Kinsey \$60,000.00 to 100-22003-000-019 Gas/Oil
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC:

A request was received from Peggy Shively for an additional appropriation to pay the balance of the April – June billing.

MOTION: Bob Sanders TO: Approve additional appropriation for
SECOND: Charlene Knispel \$3,443.00 to 291-37028-000-000
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 Children's Residential Treatment
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR MAINTENANCE:

A request was received from Don Taylor for additional appropriations for gas and electric. Due to rising utility costs these funds are depleted.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve additional appropriations for
SECOND: Bob Sanders \$ 45,000.00 to 100-34002-000-006 Gas
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 \$100,000.00 to 100-34003-000-006 Electric
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

A request was received from Ed Rock to transfer \$1,500.00 from Emergency Services to Gas/Motor Oil to cover gas expenses.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve transfer of \$1,500.00 from
SECOND: Tom Anglin 100- 31007-000-007 Emergency Services to
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 100- 22003-000-007 Gas-Motor Oil
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR CORONER:

A transfer of funds was requested to cover shortfall in the Deputy Coroner account.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve transfer of \$1,000.00 from
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer 100- 32003-000-010 Mileage/Fuel/Travel to
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 100- 11708-000-010 Deputy Coroner
MOTION CARRIED AND

Approve transfer of \$700.00 from
100-11513-000-010 State Meetings to
100-11078-000-010 Deputy Coroner

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR HIGHWAY MVH:

A request was received from Dennis Pletcher to transfer \$900.00 from Trucks to Other Equipment to cover expense of two pole pruners that had to be replaced.

MOTION:	John Kinsey	TO: Approve transfer of \$900.00 from
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	204-44022-000-050 Trucks to
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	204-44017-000-050 Other Equipment
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, reported negotiations have been completed regarding employee medical insurance. Robinson was pleased that there would not be a change in premiums and nothing had been removed from the policy. Changes did include a new third party administrator as well as a local consultant. Robinson noted these changes should be a cost savings to the County. He also noted that meetings would be held on October 25th for all county employees who have insurance to hear a presentation on changes that will take effect on January 1, 2007.

IN THE MATTER OF MAINTENANCE AND HOUSEKEEPING:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, reported that he has been able to negotiate with three vendors for better prices on paper towel and toilet paper. Robinson stated that he is currently negotiating on chemical prices as well as light bulbs. Robinson noted the County should see a cost savings due to the lower pricing.

IN THE MATTER OF JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND SALARIES:

County Administrator Rob Robinson reported that he has been working on job descriptions and salaries as requested by the Wage Committee. Robinson noted that it has been some time (1995) since these were reviewed as a whole. He also noted that he and Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor have met with Kent Irwin of Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele and Associates, Inc. and hope to have the descriptions and salaries completed by May 1, 2007 so that the Wage Committee will have the information before budget time.

IN THE MATTER OF DRAIN PIPE REPAIRS:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, reported there have been some problems with water leaking inside the Courthouse when there are heavy rains. Robinson stated that it was determined there are two drain pipes that have deteriorated causing the problem. He also stated that repairs will be made after hours in order to avoid disruptions to the workday. Robinson noted he did not have prices yet on the repairs.

IN THE MATTER OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS FOR FALL TAX PAYMENTS:

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell reported that credit card payments will be accepted for the fall tax payments. Mitchell stated payments may be made online or by phone with a credit/debit card. However, credit/debit card payments cannot be accepted over the counter. Mitchell noted a news release will be published soon explaining the credit card procedure.

IN THE MATTER OF COIT MONIES:

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell stated she had received information from the State regarding the COIT money. Mitchell noted the COIT money has increased \$400,000.00, therefore the budget should be alright and there should be no need to cut into the operating balance.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY TAX SALE:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, noted there will be a county tax sale held in the Courtroom on Friday, October 27th beginning at 10:00 AM. Properties that have three tax payments past due are offered for sale for the tax dollars due plus fees. Mitchell noted there have been many calls to the Auditor's Office this year regarding the sale.

IN THE MATTER OF TAX BILLS FOR 2007:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, stated that due to trending, there is a good chance that the 2007 tax bills will not be able to be distributed on time. Mitchell stated there are several steps involved in the trending process and at this time there is still a lot of work to be completed. Mitchell noted it may be necessary to do provisional billing if the deadline cannot be met. She also noted that she had spoken with all of the taxing

units including the school districts and they must have their money by June 30th in order to meet their bond obligations.

IN THE MATTER OF 911 FUNDING:

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell reminded Council of the shortfall of funding for 911. Mitchell noted it would be necessary to find an additional \$433,000.00 to cover 2007 expenses. Mitchell stated if phone bills were increased that should take care of 2007, however it was imperative to act on this issue soon. Councilman John Kinsey stated he had spoken with Senator Meeks regarding this matter but felt the discussion went nowhere.

Councilman Larry Teghtmeyer noted he had spoken with Mitchell about the possibility of using Cum Capital Development money to fund shortfall for 2007 and work on contacting the legislators in regards to implementing an additional tax (property taxes). Teghtmeyer stated that land line usage is decreasing and it may not be feasible to rely on those fees to fund the system indefinitely. He also suggested that Mitchell draft a letter for the next Council meeting regarding the possible implementation of a tax to fund 911. Mitchell noted it would also be wise to maintain the land line phone fees for one – two years in order to build a cushion for 911 funding.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL

Harold Jones, President

Tom Anglin, Vice President

John Kinsey

Charlene Knispel

Bob Sanders

Brad Tandy

Larry Teghtmeyer

ATTEST:

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL

Thursday, November 9, 2006

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, November 9, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones
Tom Anglin

John Kinsey
Bob Sanders

Charlene Knispel
Larry Teghtmeyer

Brad Tandy
Sue Ann Mitchell,

County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer by John Kinsey.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EXTENSION YOUTH EDUCATOR:

Joan Younce, Extension Director, introduced the new Youth Educator Sarah Duhamell to the Council. Duhamell stated she was raised in Wabash County and had earned her bachelors degree from Manchester College and her masters from Ball State University. Duhamell noted that while her background was in environmental education she is excited about working in the Agricultural field and with the youth of the county.

IN THE MATTER OF REFUND FOR YOUTH EDUCATION POSITION:

Joan Younce stated at the budget hearings held in August, the County could request a refund from Purdue for the unspent portion of the former Youth Educator’s salary. Younce noted that she had received the wage reimbursement check in the amount of \$10,963.65 and presented it to the Council.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR VETERAN’S SERVICE OFFICER:

A request was received from Mike Barnett, Service Officer, for an additional to cover conference expenses not appropriated for 2005 in error.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve additional appropriations for
SECOND: John Kinsey \$418.21 to 100-11508-000-018
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY:

A request was received from Steve Hearn, Prosecutor, for additional to cover a shortfall in payroll for the prosecutor’s office as well as for Title IV-D for 2006. It was noted that the appropriations will actually be transferred from the Pre-Trial Diversion Fund.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve additional appropriations for
SECOND: Brad Tandy \$33,523.50 to 100-10072-000-015
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 \$440.00 to 100-11301-000-015
MOTION CARRIED \$1,846.00 to 100-11301-000-022

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR ASSESSOR:

A request was received from County Assessor Laurie Renier to transfer funds to cover a shortfall in payroll for 2006 and to cover overtime expenses incurred due to the trending process. It was noted that trending is basically a reassessment based on figures (sales disclosures) and is a time consuming task.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve transfer of \$1.00 from
SECOND: Bob Sanders 100- 11052-000-003 R/E Deputy to
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 100- 10003-000-003 County Assessor
MOTION CARRIED Approve transfer of \$3,000.00 from
100-11301-000-003 Part time to
100-11401-000-003 Overtime

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR TREASURER:

A request was received from Kent Adams to transfer funds to his part time account to be used if needed to cover year end staffing to ensure all tax payments were posted so the information may be given to the Auditor’s Office for a timely December distribution to all taxing units.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve transfer of \$2,600.00 from
SECOND: John Kinsey 100- 10263-000-038 Deputy to
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 100- 11301-000-038 Part Time
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SURVEYOR:

A request was received from Dick Kemper, Surveyor, to transfer funds from his maps account to his road school account for continuing education in ESRI Arc Map Software for his GIS technician.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve transfer of \$300.00 from
SECOND: Brad Tandy 100- 22032-000-021 Surveyor Maps to
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 100- 11518-000-021 Road School
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SUPERIOR COURTS 2 AND 3:

A request was received from Judges Jarrett and Sutton to transfer funds from a secretary/bailiff account to the pauper counsel account. It was noted expenditures are exceeding the budget set for pauper counsel which is beyond the judges' control. It was also noted that currently there is no one being paid from the secretary/bailiff account as it is an open position.

County Auditor, Sue Ann Mitchell, added that the county does receive reimbursement from the State for these fees.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve transfer of \$28,500.00 from
SECOND: Tom Anglin 100-10283-000-044 Sup 3 Secretary/Bailiff to
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 100-11326-000-044 Pauper Counsel
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER FOR AUDITOR:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor requested a transfer to cover mileage expenses. Mitchell noted that she had made several trips to Indianapolis to attend various meetings and also had additional staff members attend the Auditor's conference this year.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approver transfer of \$1,000.00 from
SECOND: John Kinsey 100-11508-000-005 Per Diem Meetings to
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 100-32003-000-005 Mileage/Fuel & Travel
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER FOR DNR GRANT:

A request was received from Sheriff Aaron Rovenstine to transfer funds from the personnel account to miscellaneous. It was noted this is the Marine Grant but no other information was available regarding the request.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve transfer of \$1,050.00 from
SECOND: John Kinsey 953-11706-000-000 Personnel to
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 953-32037-000-000 Miscellaneous
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER FOR COUNTY HIGHWAY:

A request was received from Dennis Pletcher, Highway Superintendent, to transfer funds from drainage to training and seminars.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve transfer of \$500.00 from
SECOND: Tom Anglin 204-36043-000-050 Drainage
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 204-36003-000-050 Training & Seminars
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER FOR EMERGENCY PLANNING:

A request was received from Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director to transfer funds to cover shortfall.

MOTION: Bob Sanders TO: Approve transfer of \$560.00 from
SECOND: Brad Tandy 710-31007-000-000 Emergency Planning to
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 710-22012-000-000 HazMat Response Equip.
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF ATTENDANCE OF ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEN REQUESTING TRANSFERS OR ADDITIONALS:

Council member Charlene Knispel stated that she felt the elected officials and department heads should be in attendance at the Council meetings if a request for a transfer or additional has been made. Knispel also stated that many of the requests received are vague and would like to have further clarification on what the requests are for. Additional discussion ensued among the Council members regarding the matter and whether a specific dollar amount was warranted that would require attendance. After further debate it was the consensus that all transfers and additional requests would require an elected official/department head or their designee to be in attendance at the Council meeting. It was also noted by the Council that purchases should not be made if funds are not available at that time and it would be wise to remind all elected officials and department heads of this policy. The Council instructed Mitchell to write a letter addressing this matter that could be sent to all department heads and elected officials.

MOTION: Charlene Knispel TO: Approve a motion that requires elected
SECOND: Tom Anglin officials/department heads or their designees to
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 appear before the Council when requesting a
MOTION CARRIED transfer or additional appropriation.

IN THE MATTER OF WARSAW SCHOOL DISTRICT/TRENDING CONCERNS:

Warsaw Community Schools Superintendent Rob Hayworth and WCS Chief Financial Officer Kevin Scott addressed the Council regarding the possible impact that “trending” may cause to the school corporation.

Superintendent Hayworth gave a brief recap on the trending process and stated the Assessors are working hard to complete the trending process but it is a tedious and time consuming task. Hayworth stated his fear is the process will not be completed in a timely manner to make the June 30th settlement distribution. Hayworth went on to say that once the trending is completed it must be approved by the DGLF and that could take two weeks or longer. After the DGLF approves the trending, Form 11 must be sent out to taxpayers who have 45 days to return. Certified assessed values must then be calculated by the County Auditor after applying all exemptions. The Auditor will submit the Certified Assessed values to the DLGF and at that point the DGLF will then set tax rates. Hayworth expressed concern that the April 25th deadline for rates will not be met and if provisional tax bills are sent, the financial impact will be felt by all school districts in the county.

WCS Chief Financial Officer Kevin Scott then addressed the Council. Scott stated that all school districts submitted their budgets for 2007 based on a normal tax billing. He noted that if provisional bills have to be sent in order to meet the June 30th distribution, it will help; however with the reduced settlement, the amount of interest that will be lost could be equal to the salary of one teacher. Scott also stated this in turn would impact 2008 budgeting and the school district would likely file an appeal for the shortfall. Scott did note this was based on if the tax billing was not completed timely.

Both Scott and Hayworth requested the Council provide any available resources to assist with the trending in order to have a timely tax billing. They both stressed this will be an ongoing process and there are additional resources that could relieve the added workload of the Assessor.

They thanked the Council for their time and consideration and also invited members to attend the Flyover at Harrison Elementary on Monday, November 13th at 9:00 AM in honor of Veteran’s Day.

Council President Jones noted the Council is aware of the issues and appreciated the information provided by Hayworth and Scott.

Jim Moyer, Harrison Township Assessor/Trustee stated several of the township assessors had met with County Assessor Laurie Renier to see what they could do to help with trending. Moyer noted that AV’s are extremely high and they are trying to make as fair as possible. Moyer went on to say that is also adding to the workload as township assessors review the data.

Further discussion ensued with the following items noted:

Councilman Bob Sanders stated the sales disclosures are misleading and there if no way to protect the long term homeowner or the elderly. Councilman Larry Teghtmeyer expressed concern that if the trending process was outsourced there would be no one to looking out for the taxpayer. Other council members agreed that outsourcing could have an adverse effect on taxpayers.

IN THE MATTER OF THE TRENDING ISSUE CONTINUED:

Councilman Tom Anglin noted the township assessors are the grassroots of the County and know their taxpayers better than anyone else. Council member Charlene Knispel expressed concern that there were only one or two people in the Assessor’s office working on the trending and perhaps the Council should address all elected officials and stress that they use all sources available to them in order to finish projects in a timely manner. She also noted the County has always prided itself on doing its own work, but this project may be bigger than what one person or office can handle.

Councilman Teghtmeyer stated he would like to have someone report back on the progress of the trending on or before the December 14th Council meeting. He also noted the Council needed to send a message that they would support extra staff being hired to get the job done as soon as possible.

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell noted that the entire process may have snowballed due to information not being submitted by township trustees in a timely manner. Mitchell did note this was not the case for all trustees/assessors. She also noted that currently only 15 counties have had their trending approved, with 45 counties waiting on approval and 30 counties that still have not finished their trending.

Council members Knispel and Anglin stated the matter needed to be addressed and the offices should not cover for those employees that are not completing their work on time. It was also noted that salaries could be suspended for township trustees/assessors that do not meet deadlines for filing proper paperwork on time. Councilman Teghtmeyer suggested the process be reviewed after the first of the year. Teghtmeyer reiterated that he felt it was important to send a message of cooperation in helping to see that the trending process be completed as quickly as possible.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Support the hiring of additional staff to
SECOND: Charlene Knispel help Assessor complete the trending process.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF JOB DESCRIPTION REEVALUATIONS:

County Administrator Ron Robinson reported he has been meeting with Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele and Associates to reevaluate the job descriptions for all offices. Robinson stated he would keep the Council informed on what was being discussed and possible changes needed.

IN THE MATTER OF MAINTENANCE ITEMS:

County Administrator Ron Robinson noted the drainage issue at the Courthouse has been resolved and barring anything unforeseen that should eliminate the leaks. Robinson also stated the work release is finished, however there are small items that keep cropping up.

IN THE MATTER OF HOURS CONSIDERED FOR DAILY PAY RATE:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, addressed the matter of hours versus days for pay of part time employees. Robinson noted the county has employees that work part time in various offices throughout the day and go home and also work for the township trustees. These employees are paid an hourly rate while working in an office during the day, and then are paid a daily rate if they work in the evening. In order to avoid a "ghost employment" type situation, daily rates need to specify how many hours are required. Robinson stated that in order to protect the individual as well as the County it would be wise to establish the number of hours that will be used when basing a pay on a daily rate and suggested it be set at 7.5 hours. Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell presented a salary ordinance amendment that specified the number of hours be set at 7.5 for daily rate of pay.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve salary ordinance amending
SECOND: Bob Sanders number of hours to be worked for daily rate
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 pay as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS FOR ELECTION DAY:

County Administrator Ron Robinson reported that while most county employees do not work on Election Day, those employed in the Clerk's office do work. Robinson noted that those employees will receive overtime or compensatory time at one and half time their hourly rate for hours worked in excess of forty.

IN THE MATTER OF 911 LETTER REGARDING FUNDING:

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell provided the Council with a copy of the 911 letter that had been sent to the State Legislators regarding the decreasing funds for 911 due to fewer and fewer land lines. Mitchell stated she and Tom Brindle, 911 Director, attended a meeting along with seven other county dispatch directors. All are having the same problems regarding funding. Mitchell also noted that increasing the land line fee to \$2.00 would only fix the problem for approximately three years. Mitchell went on to say that there will be a shortfall of \$440,000.00 for 2007 in the 911 Fund. She noted the County does have other money available to fund this for one year, but the problem will still exist.

Council member Bob Sanders questioned if because the County does have one of the state of the art systems in the country and it exceeds state standards is there a possibility that the State would make the County change systems.

County Administrator Ron Robinson stated the County does have a state of the system but because the County maintains the system there would be no reason to change. Robinson went on to say that much of the equipment and software has been obtained through the efforts of Brindle and the GIS Director as well as various vendors who would like the County to try their product(s).

Council member Charlene Knispel questioned if there would come a time the State would require all 911 calls to be routed through one dispatch center; possibly located in Indianapolis. Robinson stated he did not think that was likely however there is legislation in place regulating there be only one dispatch center per county. Further discussion ensued regarding funding of the 911 Center.

Further discussion took place among Council members regarding the options available to increase the funds for 911. Most members agreed that the idea of implementing the increase into property taxes was the direction they would like to pursue. However, it was also noted that 2008 would be the earliest that any money could be generated through property taxes and the need was still a need to cover the shortfall for 2007.

IN THE MATTER OF HOME TOWN MATTERS MEETING:

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, reported there would be meeting held on November 15th at 7:00 pm in the basement of the Justice Building regarding the Home Town Matters Program. Mitchell noted that this program is sponsored by IAC (Indiana Association of Cities and Towns). Mitchell stated it would be beneficial if every taxing unit in the county would have someone in attendance as the issues addressed affects all units.

Warsaw City Mayor Ernie Wiggins addressed the Council regarding the Home Town Matters and also encouraged everyone to attend the meeting. Wiggins also suggested Council members use any influence they may have with legislators to see if changes can be made regarding property tax relief issues; i.e. the Circuit Breaker Law and trending. Wiggins expressed concern that due to the change in legislators after the election there may be issues that may fall to the wayside if state elected office holders do not push for changes.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSTRUCTION ON DURBIN STREET:

A patron from the audience spoke to the Council regarding construction that was taking place on Durbin Street. It was noted this was a matter for the City Council and Council President Jones instructed the patron to take his concerns to the City Council meeting or Mayor Wiggins.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL

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John Kinsey

Charlene Knispel

Bob Sanders

Brad Tandy

Larry Teghtmeyer

ATTEST:

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL

Thursday, December 14, 2006

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones

John Kinsey

Charlene Knispel

Brad Tandy - *Absent*

Tom Anglin

Bob Sanders - *Absent*

Larry Teghtmeyer

Sue Ann Mitchell,

County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer by John Kinsey.

IN THE MATTER OF CARDINAL CENTER GRANT MATCH REQUEST:

Randy Hall, representing Cardinal Center Director Jane Greene, appeared before the Council to request approval of a resolution that would allow grant application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for the replacement of the HVAC system at the Center. Hall stated that through the Community Focus Fund grant that had been obtained, the CCI had been able to hire Havel to conduct a technical engineering study of the current HVAC unit. At this time it is the recommendation of Havel to replace the entire infrastructure at an estimated cost of \$682,000.00. This would also include energy saving features such as windows, lighting, etc. Hall went on to say their intent was to apply for a Community & Rural Affairs grant for half of the cost and there would be a 50% chance the grant would be received. Hall stated they were also going to request \$250,000 from the K21 Foundation, leaving Cardinal Center's share at \$81,000.00. Hall noted the grant they were applying for was based on points and in order to meet point requirements for the grant application; they were requesting a \$10,000.00 pledge from the County. Hall went on to say that if they did not receive the grant, they would not replace the entire infrastructure but would take care of only the HVAC as it was their top priority.

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell noted the Commissioners had already approved the request and it would not be necessary to ask for an additional appropriation as funds were available.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve resolution requesting \$10,000.00
SECOND: Tom Anglin pledge from County for grant application.
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF NATURE'S FUEL, LLC ABATEMENT REQUEST:

Attorney Steve Snyder, representing client, Nature's Fuel, LLC presented documents to the Council regarding Nature's Fuel's request for tax abatement on personal property to be located at the Atwood site. Snyder stated approximately \$3.2 million dollars of personal property would be installed at the site pending a zoning matter and the abatement approval.

Snyder stated that Nature's Fuel manufactures fuel pellets for stoves. There are two types of pellets; sawdust mixed with binders and bio-waste mixed with binders. Nature's Fuel has a patent pending on the process that mixes bio-waste (cornstalks) with binders. The product has a higher BTU than that of the sawdust pellets and the bio-waste supply is renewable unlike the sawdust. Snyder stated the projected demand for 2008 will be 800,000 tons of pellets. He also noted a portion of the equipment would be portable and therefore could be taken to sites; with a portion of the processing done at the site. Snyder stated there would be no pollution as the products are natural and will be mixed and pressed. It was noted that a portion of the building would be utilized as a warehouse and for shipping. Snyder went on to say there would be approximately 20 employees hired in 2007 with an additional 19 hired in 2008 and 12 more in 2009 with wages totaling over two million dollars plus benefits.

Snyder stated the proposed site is now vacant and is zoned Industrial III. He then requested approval of the declaratory resolution.

Councilman Larry Teghtmeyer asked Snyder how Nature's Fuel production would affect the community environmentally and Snyder responded there would be no negative effects as all natural products are used. Snyder also noted the product would be brought in by truck and stored inside the facility.

Councilman Tom Anglin asked Jim Moyer, Harrison Township Trustee/Assessor, if he felt there were any negative aspects regarding this facility and Moyer responded he did not think so.

A motion was made by Councilman Tom Anglin to approve the declaratory resolution. Further discussion ensued regarding Nature's Fuel's request for 10 year abatement on personal property with Councilman Teghtmeyer stating that was outside of the normal time frame allowed of five years.

IN THE MATTER OF NATURE'S FUEL, LLC ABATEMENT REQUEST CONTINUED:

Attorney Snyder stated the request was for ten years but they (Nature's Fuel) would settle for five if approved by Council. Snyder instructed County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell to make the necessary changes on the declaratory resolution changing the ten year abatement to five years.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve declaratory resolution for
SECOND: Charlene Knispel Nature's Fuel with the exception of a five year
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 abatement rather than 10 years as requested.
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF KCODE 2007 BUDGET PRESENTATION:

Heather Desenberg, KCODE Director, presented the 2007 budget for approval. Desenberg stated the budget handout gave the breakdown of how the funds would be distributed.

Councilman Teghtmeyer stated there was nothing in the budget for the meth billboards and questioned Desenberg on that matter.

Desenberg responded the billboards were going to be funded by a separate grant and they would be looking into the possibilities of taking the meth billboards and approach in a new direction. Desenberg also noted the three DARE items in the KCODE budget were for materials, booklets and graduation for the elementary schools they service. She also noted the Director's salary had been moved in the budget in order to allow funds to be better disbursed to the three main target areas.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve 2007 budget as presented.
SECOND: John Kinsey
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Bob Weaver, County Health Administrator, requested additional appropriations to cover the cost of replacing the department's software system. Weaver stated maintaining the county's vital records are one of the health department's most important jobs. Weaver went on to say the current software provider has gone out of business and new state regulations for 2007 require local levels to be able to integrate their birth and death records with the State Depository. Weaver noted the software would work with their current computers, so no new hardware would be needed. He also noted the system was expandable and would take all current data with the possibility of digitizing older records at a later date.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve additional appropriations for
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer \$28,500.00 to 203-44012-000-000 Comp.Syst.
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 \$ 7,500.00 to 203-31001-000-000 Contractual
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR KOSCIUSKO COUNTY CONVENTION, RECREATION AND VISITOR'S COMMISSION:

Jan Carter, KCCRVC, presented the 2007 budget for Council approval. Carter noted a significant increase in their contracts citing \$65,000.00 in new projects. She also noted \$34,000.00 to the CCAC in grants. Carter stated there was 17% new growth in 2006 and she expects 17+% in additional growth for 2007. Other points Carter noted included a new computer system that was geared for tourism, new programs, educating the community and signage especially the smaller communities in the county. Carter went on to say the KCCRVC would be investing a portion of their funds this year as they have accumulated enough to do so.

Councilman Larry Teghtmeyer stated he would like to see more local organizations get involved and work together to promote the County.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve additional appropriations for
SECOND: Tom Anglin \$ 5,000.00 to 546-31099-000-000 Admin.
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 \$114,000.00 to 546-31019-000-000 Grants
MOTION CARRIED \$352,950.00 to 546-31075-000-000 Contracts

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR CARDINAL CENTER GRANT APPLICATION:

Ann Mannix, Neighborhood Development Associates, LLC, conducted a public hearing on behalf of the Cardinal Center in requesting approval to submit grant application to the Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Mannix gave a brief recap on the Cardinal Center's HVAC system and the matching funds for the grant that would allow Cardinal Center to meet the point requirements. Being no remonstrance, the public hearing was closed with the Council approving the submission of the grant application.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR INFRACTION DEFERRAL:

Dan Hampton, Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, requested additional appropriations from the infraction deferral account in order to assist with law enforcement efforts and to aid prosecution. Hampton noted Winona Lake PD had requested five stop stick units, Pierceton PD requested three portable breath testers; Syracuse PD requested computers and the Sheriff's department had asked for a tape back up system. Councilman Larry Teghtmeyer asked Hampton for a clarification on how this money could be used and Hampton responded it is regulated by state statute and is to be used to assist in law enforcement. He went on to say that departments can submit a request and the requests are then prioritized by need and submitted quarterly to Council for approval. Hampton also noted that not all requests are filled. Council member Charlene Knispel asked if these requests were simply "wish lists" or if they were legitimate needs. Hampton stated some items are "wish list" items but priority items are considered before those "wish list" items. Hampton reiterated the funds were in place for these appropriations due to fees collected throughout the quarter.

Councilman Teghtmeyer stated that if “wish list” items were being granted, he would like to see the infraction deferral monies be used to help offset cost in the county general budget. Hampton stated the guidelines are very specific on how those funds can be used and he would try to have that information for the Council next quarter.

MOTION:	John Kinsey	TO: Approve additional appropriations for
SECOND:	Larry Teghtmeyer	\$1,969.75 to 268-22034-000-000
AYES: 5	NAYES: 0	Vehicle Supplies
MOTION CARRIED		\$1,601.00 to 268-31082-000-000 Equipment
		\$5,400.00 to 268-32037-000-000 Misc. Equip.
		\$6,500.00 to 268-44012-000-000
		Computer Equipment

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR TREASURER:

Kent Adams, County Treasurer, requested a transfer of funds to cover the lock box costs and to compensate his staff for overtime worked in 2006. Adams stated the billing had come in the current year for the November services and he would like to pay this by year end. He also noted that due to a position being vacant for four months he would like to transfer funds to cover overtime costs.

MOTION:		TO: Approve transfer of \$1,100.00 from
SECOND:		100-11301-000-038 Part Time to
AYES:	NAYES:	100-34014-000-038 Lock Box
MOTION CARRIED		Approve transfer of \$1,900.00 from
		100-111522-000-038 Per Diem/Mileage to
		100-34014-000-038 Lock Box
		Approve transfer of \$2,900.00 from
		100-10263-000-038 Deputy to
		100-11401-000-038 Overtime

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SHERIFF – JAIL BUDGET:

Jim Springer, representing Sheriff Aaron Rovenstine, presented transfer requests to clean up payroll accounts for year end.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$2,100.00 from
SECOND:	Larry Teghtmeyer	100-10176-000-013 Jail Cook to
AYES: 5	NAYES: 0	100- 11173-000-013 Jailer
MOTION CARRIED		Approve transfer of \$900.00 from
		100-10176-000-013 Jail Cook to
		100-11090-000-013 Longevity
		Approve transfer of \$45.00 from
		100-10176-000-013 Jail Cook to
		100-10183-000-013 Jailer
		Approve transfer of \$1.00 from
		100-10176-000-013 Jail Cook to
		100-10141-000-013 Jailer
		Approve transfer of \$2,000.00 from
		100-10176-000-013 Jail Cook to
		100-11301-00-013 Part Time
		Approve transfer of \$1.00 from
		100-11090-000-019 Longevity to
		100-11319-000-019 Clerical

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SHERIFF – DNR GRANT:

A request was received from the Sheriff to transfer funds relating to the DNR Grant. Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, stated she had been trying to get clarification from the DNR if the transfers would be allowable based on the grant parameters but had not heard anything. Mitchell suggested the Council approve the transfer pending approval from the DNR.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve transfer pending approval from
SECOND:	John Kinsey	the DNR
AYES:	NAYES:	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR CLERK:

Sharon Christner, County Clerk requested a transfer to cover the added costs of research books that were needed.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve transfer of \$14.75 from
SECOND: John Kinsey 100- 11511-000-008 Dues to
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 100- 21010-000-008 Legal Directory
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR 1:

Judge Duane Huffer requested a transfer to cover the expense of legal research books that are needed.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve transfer of \$1000.00 from
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer 100-32004-000-043 Legal Expense to
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 100-21010-000-043 Legal Research
MOTION CARRIED Approve transfer of \$1,000.00 from
100-35009-000-043 Maint. Machines to
100-21010-000-043 Legal Research

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SUPERIOR 2 & 3:

Judge Joe Sutton requested to transfer \$7,500.00 from jury per diem to pauper counsel to cover year end expenses.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve transfer of \$7,500.00 from
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer 100-11525-000-044 Jury Per Diem/Travel to
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 100-11326-000-044 Pauper Counsel
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR COUNTY HIGHWAY:

Dennis Pletcher, Highway Superintendent, requested a transfer to cover year end payroll. Pletcher noted an employee retired and was cashed out creating the shortfall.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve transfer of \$1,000.00 from
SECOND: John Kinsey 204-10316-000-051 Truck Driver to
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 204-10317-000-051 Truck Driver
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR COUNTY HIGHWAY:

Dennis Pletcher, Highway Superintendent, requested a transfer from Consultant Engineer to Contractual Services. Pletcher stated three independent contractors have been hired to plow snow in some of the subdivisions and this transfer would cover any year end costs.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve transfer of \$10,000.00 from
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer 204-31042-000-051 Consultant Engineer to
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 204-31001-000-051 Contractual Services
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF FUNDING FOR HIGHWAY:

Highway Superintendent Dennis Pletcher expressed his concern regarding funding of the highway department and advised Council to begin looking at alternative funding. Pletcher stated the proposed budget for 2007 was \$4.5 million and estimated revenue from the State was \$3.5 million. Pletcher noted Major Moves monies received in 2006 and anticipated in 2007 would barely cover the shortfall for one year. Pletcher also noted that he would need to look into software options as what they are currently using is unstable. Pletcher also addressed the Cum Bridge Fund, noting the shortfall. He stressed the need to look into funding options for all of these areas.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR AREA PLAN:

A written request was received from County Administrator, Ron Robinson to transfer payroll funds to compensate an employee due to a level change.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve transfer of \$15,253.00 from
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer 100-11302-000-002 Part Time Plan Ass't. to
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 100-11048-000-002 Ord. Enforcement Officer
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF PTABOA APPOINTMENTS:

Laurie Renier, County Assessor, requested that Charles Ker and Susan Myrick be reappointed to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals for 2007.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve appointments of Charles Ker
SECOND: John Kinsey and Susan Myrick to PTABOA for 2007.
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGE COMMISSION APPOINTMENT:

A request was received to reappoint Kenneth Johnson – Syracuse to the ABC for 2007.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve appointment of Kenneth
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer Johnson to ABC for 2007.
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF KDI REPRESENTATIVE:

It was the recommendation of Council to have Councilman Bob Sanders serve as their representative to KDI for 2007.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve Bob Sanders to serve as
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer Council representative for KDI.
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF SOLID WASTE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

It was the recommendation of Council to have Councilman John Kinsey serve on the Solid Waste Board for 2007.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve John Kinsey to serve on the
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer Solid Waste Board for 2007.
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF WAGE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

It was the recommendation of Council to have Council members Larry Teghtmeyer and Brad Tandy serve on the Wage Committee for 2007.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve Larry Teghtmeyer and Brad
SECOND: John Kinsey Tandy to serve on the Wage Committee for
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 2007.
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD ATTENDANCE:

Council member Charlene Knispel thanked the department heads/elected officials for their attendance at the meeting. Knispel noted that even though there were several requests from the department heads, the meeting had moved along nicely and it was good to see officials that Council may not normally have any contact with.

IN THE MATTER OF YEAR END TRANSFERS:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor presented a year end transfer resolution for the Council’s approval allowing her to transfer any money necessary to have all accounts end the year in the black.

MOTION: Charlene Knispel TO: Approve Year End Transfer Resolution
SECOND: Tom Anglin as presented.
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

**Resolution 06-12-14
Year End Transfers**

WHEREAS, the Kosciusko County Council has made every effort to address requests for transfer of funds at the December 2006 meeting and,

WHEREAS, the year end balances should all end in the black, and,

WHEREAS, the Kosciusko County Auditor is responsible for the disbursement of funds for the County,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that should any account be discovered by the Auditor to end the year in the red, she is authorized by the County Council to make transfers between accounts to accomplish all accounts ending in the black at the January Kosciusko County Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION APPROVED this 14th day of December, 2006.

IN THE MATTER OF NORTHERN LAKES AREA CONCERNED CITIZENS ASSOCIATION:

Lisa Glon, Milford, appeared before the Council on behalf of the NLACCA. Glon stated the NLACCA is not opposed to ethanol plants in general; they are opposed to the proposed site near Milford. Glon passed out informational packets to the Council and noted that she would be attending all Council meetings until this matter is resolved. She also noted that if Council members had any questions they should feel free to contact her.

IN THE MATTER OF TRENDING AND TRUSTEES WORK COMPLETED:

Ben McKrill, Clay Township Trustee, addressed the Council regarding a letter of apology he had received from the Auditor in reference to comments made at the November Council meeting and printed in the newspaper in regards to some trustees not doing their jobs. McKrill wanted to set the record straight regarding the trending and whose responsibility it was. McKrill stated the trustees were only asked to verify the validity of the sales disclosures. They were not asked to help with the trending. He went on to say Assessor Laurie Renier and her staff are working very hard to complete the trending task. McKrill said that it was time to start publicly naming those trustees that did not have their work completed timely in fairness to those who did complete their job on time. He also noted this is not the first time something like this has happened and to be fair to those who are doing their jobs, the names of those who are not should be made public.

Councilman Tom Anglin commented that he had asked for a list of those names at the previous meeting and wanted the list published.

Councilman Larry Teghtmeyer questioned Assessor Laurie Renier on how close they were to completing the trending process.

Renier responded she was not aware that McKrill was going to address the issue, but after reading the article in the newspaper from the November Council Meeting, she had compiled information that she then distributed to the Council in regards to when work had been completed and turned in to her office by the township trustees. Renier also presented a map posted on the DLGF website that shows what counties have completed their trending and turned it in for approval. She also noted that when the opportunity had presented itself, she had spoken with state legislators and representatives about the trending process. Renier stated that many of them do not understand the process or how large of a job it is to have completed in a years time. Renier said it is her hope to have the trending completed by the end of the year and thanked Wayne Township Assessor, Kristy Mayer for her help in completing the data entry needed.

Councilman Teghtmeyer suggested that a team be put together that could meet with Renier after the first of the year to insure that things run more smoothly in the future.

Renier invited the Council members to visit her office anytime to see what trending entails and what other business is being conducted.

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

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ATTEST:

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