

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL

January 10, 2008

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2008 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 - *Absent*
Marsha McSherry, 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 2008 ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Council President Harold Jones called for nominations to elect the 2008 Council officers. Councilman Larry Teghtmeyer made a motion to retain the 2007 officers for 2008.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Retain the same officers as 2007 with
SECOND:	John Kinsey	Jones as President and Anglin as Vice
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	President.
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT - PROBATION:

Ron Babcock, Chief Probation Officer, appeared before Council to request an additional appropriation to correct 2008 salaries. Babcock stated there had been an error with the two salaries when the budget was approved as they did not meet minimum mandated salary guidelines. Auditor McSherry noted Council had approved a salary amendment for these positions at their December meeting.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve additional appropriations for
SECOND:	John Kinsey	\$6,770.00 to 100-11156-000-043 Probation #6
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	\$6,085.00 to 100-11157-000-043 Probation #7
MOTION CARRIED		\$ 700.00 to 100-31046-000-043 CASA

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION TO CLEAN UP ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR END:

Marsha McSherry, Auditor, presented a resolution for Council's approval that would allow her to complete necessary transfers to complete year end account clean up. Jones noted this resolution was an annual declaration that was normally approved at the December meeting but had not been prepared at that time...

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve resolution to allow Auditor to
SECOND:	John Kinsey	make necessary transfers to clean up year end
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	accounting.
MOTION CARRIED		

Resolution 07-12-13

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF KOSCIUSKO COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITOR'S BUREAU APPOINTMENTS:

President Harold Jones stated it was necessary for Council to appoint new members to the KCCVB Board. Jones stated he had reviewed the requirements regarding the appointments and noted there were restrictions and guidelines on who would be eligible to be appointed. He reported one Republican and one Democrat was needed and suggested Rebecca Kubacki and Linda Zimmerman be appointed. Councilman Teghtmeyer agreed that both women met the guideline requirements.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Appoint Rebecca Kubacki and Linda
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	Zimmerman to serve on the Convention &
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	Visitors Bureau Board.
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF HAMILTON COUNTY HANDOUT:

Council President Jones presented a handout from Hamilton County regarding their county Visitor's Bureau. Jones suggested Council members read over the material as there were many good ideas and felt that many of those would fit well with Kosciusko County.

IN THE MATTER OF SUE ANN MITCHELL PLAQUE OF RECOGNITION:

President Jones stated a plaque of recognition had been presented to outgoing Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell for her years of service to the county at her open house on December 19th.

IN THE MATTER OF ASSESSOR COMPLIANCY:

Councilman Bob Sanders referenced a letter he received dated December 6, 2007 regarding the Assessor’s compliancy and apologized for his absence at the December meeting to address the issue at that time. Sanders questioned if the issue had been addressed then and at what point can Council step in and take action.

President Jones stated the matter had been addressed at the December meeting noting Assessor Renier is planning on having data submitted this month. Discussion continued regarding the many issues involved and relating to compliancy matters. Jones reiterated the County is taking this very seriously and provisional tax billing has been discussed. He also noted Council needed to wait until next month to see what Renier has completed according to the “Plan” that she submitted to the DLGF. Council members expressed their frustration with State Officials and the information that is ever changing adding to the problem.

IN OTHER MATTERS:

Council member Bob Sanders reported that he had made the decision to run for another term. Council members supported Sander’s decision. It was noted that Councilman Anglin and Teghtmeyer’s seats were also up for election.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL
February 14, 2008**

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

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| Harold Jones | Charlene Knispel |
| Tom Anglin | Larry Teghtmeyer |
| John Kinsey | Brad Tandy |
| Bob Sanders | Marsha McSherry, 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 Rocky Goshert, Sheriff, to have an insurance reimbursement of \$1,220.37 from an October accident, added back to his repairs & maintenance account.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$1220.37 from
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	100-00563-000-000 Reimbursement Ins. to
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	100-35001-000-019 Repairs & Maintenance
MOTION CARRIED		

Brad Tandy joined the Meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF WORK RELEASE ANNUAL REPORT:

Rocky Goshert, Sheriff, also provided the year end Work Release report to the Council for their review. Larry Teghtmeyer commented on how pleased he was to see the revenue for the Work Release Center had increased 25%.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR HIGHWAY:

A request was received from Dennis Pletcher, Highway Superintendent, to have an insurance reimbursement of \$764.70 for damages to truck #12 added back to his repairs & maintenance account.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve transfer of \$764.70 from
SECOND:	John Kinsey	204-00563-000-000 Reimbursement Ins. to
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	204-35001-000-050 Repairs & Maintenance
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR HIGHWAY:

A request was received from Dennis Pletcher, Superintendent, to have an insurance reimbursement of \$1689.68 from damages to truck #40 added back to his garage & other motor supplies account.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve transfer of \$ 1,689.68 from
SECOND: John Kinsey 204-00563-000-000 Reimbursement Ins. to
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 204-22036-000-050 Garage & Other Mtr.
MOTION CARRIED Supplies account.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR CLERK:

A request was received from Sharon Christner, Clerk, to use funds from her Document Storage Fund to purchase a trans-mobile filing system. Christner stated the courts have gone through a redistribution of cases and this created a need for additional storage. Christner stated the estimated cost to be \$3748.40.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve \$3,748.40 expenditure from
SECOND: Brad Tandy Document Storage Fee Fund
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 for filing system.
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY AMENDMENT FOR TURKEY CREEK:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, asked Council to approve a wage increase for Christy Doty, who works part time in the Turkey Creek Assessors office. Robinson stated with her qualifications an increase would be merited and he requested the increase be retroactive to January 1.

MOTION: Bob Sanders TO: Approve wage increase for part time
SECOND: Charlene Knispel employee retroactive to January 1, 2008.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF COURTHOUSE UPDATE:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, updated Council on the progress of the carpet being laid in the Auditor and Treasurer’s offices. Robinson also stated the Dome needed to be refurbished due to deterioration. He noted CCD Funds would be used for the project. He also noted the work release building roof leaks and he is getting quotes for the repairs.

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF DONATION FUND RESOLUTION:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, stated when the Sheriff Donation Fund was created a resolution had not been prepared. She requested Council approve a resolution for recording purposes.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve Sheriff Donation Fund
SECOND: Bob Sanders Resolution as presented.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

**Resolution 08-02-14
As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.**

IN THE MATTER OF 2008 SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR PART TIME:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, stated salaries for part time had been set correctly at budget time but were listed incorrectly in the Salary Ordinance. McSherry presented an amendment to correct the Salary Ordinance.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve Ordinance Amendment for Part
SECOND: Bob Sanders Time as presented.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF SOLID WASTE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented the Solid Waste District Inter-Local Agreement, allowing the Auditor to be the Controller for the Solid Waste District. The Solid Waste District pays \$6,000.00 to the County for this service.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve Inter-Local Agreement between
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer Solid Waste District & County as presented.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF VONAGE E-911 TAX BENEFIT:

Marsha McSherry, Auditor, stated the County had received a check in the amount of \$95.85 from the Association of Indiana Counties for November 2007 E911.

IN THE MATTER OF NACO PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARD PROGRAM UPDATE:

Marsha McSherry, Auditor, stated 593 people utilized the program in the month of January with an average savings of \$9.91.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL
March 13, 2008

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2008 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
Bob Sanders - <i>Absent</i>	Marsha McSherry, 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 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR E911:

Marsha McSherry, Auditor, presented an additional appropriation for Dispatch. McSherry stated this was for a dispatcher position that had been omitted at budget time. McSherry went on to explain the budgets are given to the department heads before the budget hearings for them to review and then again after the budget has been approved. She stated this position was overlooked on both occasions. McSherry reiterated this was not a new position; it has strictly been omitted from the dispatch budget.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve additional appropriation for
SECOND:	Larry Teghtmeyer	\$37,818.00 to
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	713-11483-000-000 E911 Dispatcher
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF BOWEN CENTER PRESENTATION:

Kurt Carlson, President and CEO of the Bowen Center, gave a brief presentation on the Federal Budget Reduction Act and the potential affect it could have on future services in Indiana. Carlson stated the Bowen Center's goal is to preserve as many of the local services as possible. He went on to say that in order to compensate for the reductions, Indiana legislation has passed Senate Bill 350 (SB350). Carlson stated the bill would allow the State to bill Counties for mental health services. Those services would be the same as what the County had budgeted for. Those dollars would then be qualified for matching State fund dollars. Carlson went on to say other changes in the Medicaid system included what services would now qualify for payment. He noted that if a patient becomes "stable" the mental health care facilities would no longer be able to bill for their services. Carlson added there are many people in Kosciusko County in the county residential programs that would no longer qualify for services. He added this would have a nationwide impact. Carlson concluded the Bowen Center wants to position itself so that services to the County will not have to be cut. He stated the Center is not requesting additional dollars; they merely wanted to give the County a heads up on what was happening in the Mental Health field.

Jay Baumgartner, Vice President Financial Services, presented the Kosciusko County Annual Report of Services Provided for Fiscal Year 2007. Baumgartner stated Kosciusko County had served 3,479 patients during 2007. He noted 1,250 of those patients were children or adolescents. He went on to say 572 patients were referred for services from the court/criminal justice system. Baumgartner added 58% of Kosciusko County's patients have a family income of less than \$20,000.00 per year and 72% have an income of less than \$30,000.00. He stated the Center typically writes off \$0.40 for every \$1.00 billed which totaled approximately \$750,000.00 for the Kosciusko County office for the fiscal year of 2007.

Steve Possell, Kosciusko County Director, expressed his concern regarding the trickle down effect the Federal Budget Reduction Act could have on the services provided to the children of the County.

IN THE MATTER OF MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE WAGE INCREASE:

County Administrator Ron Robinson presented a salary increase request for a maintenance employee. Robinson stated the employee had left employment due to a health related matter. He has since returned to work; however when he returned his wages were lower than his total years experience would have been had he not left employment. Robinson requested the wage increase to adjust his salary to his total year's experience.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve salary increase for maintenance
SECOND: John Kinsey employee as requested.
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES/NAPPANEE LIBRARY:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented Conflict of Interest Disclosures from the Nappanee Library for Rebecca Lehman and Brad Newcomer. McSherry noted both provided services to the library and each served on the library board.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve Conflict of Interest Disclosures
SECOND: Tom Anglin as presented for Rebecca Lehman and Brad
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 Newcomer.
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TURKEY CREEK SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:

Auditor Marsha McSherry presented a salary ordinance amendment for Council's approval. McSherry stated this was for a part time employee's wage at Turkey Creek and Council had approved the increase at their February meeting, however the paperwork had not been prepared for their signature at that time.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve salary ordinance amendment for
SECOND: Brad Tandy part time Turkey Creek employee as presented.
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF WARSAW REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS, LLC/ SB-1 FORM:

Marsha McSherry, Auditor, presented Warsaw Real Estate Holdings, LLC's SB-1 Form for Council's approval. McSherry noted Council had approved the abatement for Warsaw Real Estate Holdings at their June 2007 meeting. She added their SB-1 Form was part of their annual paperwork that must be submitted and approved by Council.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve SB-1 Form as presented.
SECOND: John Kinsey
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF VONAGE E-911 TAX BENEFIT:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, stated the County had received a check in the amount of \$96.41 from Vonage for December 2007 E911 collections.

IN THE MATTER OF PROVISIONAL TAX BILLING FOR 2008:

Auditor Marsha McSherry stated the County had received approval from the Department of Local Government Finance to proceed with a provisional tax billing for 2008 spring collections. It was noted this would benefit local units as tax revenue would be available.

IN THE MATTER OF PROPERTY TAX RELIEF UPDATE:

Harrison Township Assessor/Trustee Jim Moyer gave a brief update on the latest news regarding the property tax relief bill being hammered out by State Legislators. Moyer stated the Indianapolis Star had reported a property tax agreement had been reached and would most likely be voted on, March 14, 2008. Moyer went on to say that his understanding of House Bill 1001 was the bill would eliminate all township assessors that have less than 15,000 parcels in their townships which included all of Kosciusko County's assessors, and would go into effect June 30, 2008. He added the bill also stated all assessors must have a Level II certification by June 30, 2009. Moyer went on to say the property tax bill included the 1%, 2% and 3% tax caps previously discussed by lawmakers.

Councilman Anglin stated he hoped there were financial records to document the cost to the county over the years for the assessors to do their jobs as he felt certain those costs would likely double or triple in the coming years.

IN THE MATTER OF PROPERTY TAX RELIEF UPDATE CONTINUED:

Discussion continued on the issue with Councilwoman Knispel questioning the impact this will have on the County Assessor. Moyer stated according to the wording of House Bill 1001 “all township responsibilities will transfer to the County Assessor”. Knispel noted there were differences in the House Bill and the Senate Bill and said there was the possibility the County’s responsibility to appoint someone as County Assessor would be taken away. Discussion continued as to what work would be completed by June 30th. Moyer stated most township work for 2008 should be completed by that time.

IN OTHER MATTERS:

Council President Jones introduced Wabash County Councilman Mike Ridenour who was in attendance. Ridenour stated he was attending the meeting to see how Kosciusko County’s meetings were conducted. He also noted he was running for the District 22 State Representative seat.

IN OTHER MATTERS:

Council President Jones presented handouts to Council members regarding what other counties can use CVB monies for. Jones stated he felt this was a matter the Council needed to look into and address in the coming months.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL
April 10, 2008**

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2008 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 - <i>Absent</i>
John Kinsey	Brad Tandy
Bob Sanders	Marsha McSherry, 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 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR TITLE IV-D:

Prosecutor Steve Hearn requested an additional appropriation of \$10,800.00 for the Title IV-D part time account. Hearn noted this is a transfer of incentive monies collected that are then transferred to cover part time wages.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve additional appropriation for \$10,800.00 to 100-11301-000-022 Part Time
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel	
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY:

Prosecutor Steve Hearn requested a transfer of \$5,000.00 from his Part Time account to his P.A. Paralegal Assistant account. Hearn stated his full time deputy prosecutor had been called for active duty and his part time deputy prosecutor had stepped into the full time position. He went on to say that his Paralegal Assistant was an attorney and had taken on the part time deputy prosecutor’s duties and he felt it fair to compensate her for those duties.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$5,000.00 from 100- 11301-000-015 Part Time to 100- 11097-000-015 PA Paralegal Assistant
SECOND:	Brad Tandy	
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SHERIFF:

Rocky Goshert, Sheriff, requested four insurance reimbursements be added back to his Repairs and Maintenance line. Goshert noted the reimbursements were for accidents that had occurred in January, February and March.

MOTION:	Charlene Knispel			TO: Approve transfer of \$5,120.98 from 100- 00563-000-000 Ins. Reimbursement to 100-35001-000-019 Repairs & Maintenance Approve transfer of \$5,985.18 from 100- 00563-000-000 Ins. Reimbursement to 100-35001-000-019 Repairs & Maintenance Approve transfer of \$1,502.47 from 100- 00563-000-000 Ins. Reimbursement to 100-35001-000-019 Repairs & Maintenance Approve transfer of \$3,244.16 from 100- 00563-000-000 Ins. Reimbursement to 100-35001-000-019 Repairs & Maintenance
SECOND:	John Kinsey			
AYES:	6	NAYES:	0	
MOTION CARRIED				

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR HIGHWAY:

Highway Superintendent Dennis Pletcher requested an insurance reimbursement be added back to his Garage & Other Motor Supplies line. Pletcher also noted this was from an accident to one of the trucks in January.

MOTION:	Brad Tandy			TO: Approve transfer of \$7,571.09 from 204-00563-000-000 Ins. Reimbursement to 204-22036-000-050
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel			
AYES:	6	NAYES:	0	
MOTION CARRIED				

IN THE MATTER OF LAKELAND REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT:

Dave Doctor of the Lakeland Regional Sewer District outlined the timeline of the Regional Sewer District for Council. Doctor noted the Commissioners and Council had approved a petition to establish a regional sewer district in July 2006 that had then been sent to IDEM for consideration. IDEM had conducted a public hearing in fall of 2007 and had signed the order establishing the regional sewer district in March 2008. Doctor stated the order also instructed that a District Board be appointed by the County Commissioners and Council. Doctor requested Bob Sanders, Jim Haney and Stewart Lambert be appointed by Council to serve on the Board. Doctor outlined each of the candidate’s qualifications and noted those appointed, as well as those appointed by the Commissioners would serve staggered terms for their first terms and then serve four year terms after that.

President Jones noted that the three people recommended would be good candidates to fill the board positions. Councilman Sanders noted the great job Doctor had done in putting the Lakeland Regional Sewer District project together.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin			TO: Approve the appointment of Bob Sanders, Jim Haney and Stewart Lambert to the Lakeland Regional Sewer District Board.
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel			
AYES:	5	NAYES:	0 ABSTAIN: 1	
MOTION CARRIED				

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION RECOGNITION:

County Administrator Ron Robinson reminded Council members the County Employee Appreciation breakfast would be held on Friday, April 11th and requested their assistance in serving.

IN THE MATTER OF E911 DISPATCH ORDINANCE:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented the Additional Appropriation Ordinance for the E911 Dispatch position that had been approved by Council at their February meeting. McSherry noted the Ordinance had not been prepared at the time of the February meeting and requested Council members sign the Ordinance at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF VONAGE E911 TAX BENEFIT:

Marsha McSherry, Auditor, stated the County had received checks from the Association of Indiana Counties for January and February E911.

IN THE MATTER OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE/ASSESSOR CONCERNS:

Julia Goon, Prairie Township Trustee/Assessor, addressed the Council regarding the elimination of the local Township Assessors. Goon stated the Township Assessors duties would be done as of June 30, 2008. She added the Township Assessors were looking forward to the County Assessor holding a meeting to discuss the transfer of duties and what effect that would have on the County office. Goon then read a letter written by Senator Tim Skinner regarding HB 1001 and his disappointment in the elimination of township assessor duties. She then questioned the County’s policy regarding employment of Township Trustee/Assessors for full time and part time work, noting the Trustees must resign their Township Trustee position in order to be considered for full time employment in another county office. It was noted Township Trustees could work part time for the County without resigning their Township duties.

In other matters, Goon stated it had been discovered by Ben McKrill, Clay Township Trustee/Assessor that Form 11’s were being mailed out by the County Assessor’s office on Friday, April 11th and approximately 9,000 of them were incorrect. McKrill and Goon expressed their concerns regarding the issue. Council members agreed it would be wise to visit the Assessor first thing Friday morning to discuss the matter.

IN THE MATTER OF WARSAW PUBLIC LIBRARY CONCERNS:

Ann Zydek, Warsaw Public Library Director, addressed Council regarding House Bill 1001. Zydek stated not only does the bill have an impact on the County; it affects the library’s as well, in regards to their Capital Projects Fund.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL
May 8, 2008**

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, May 8, 2008 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 – <i>Absent</i>	Larry Teghtmeyer
John Kinsey	Brad Tandy
Bob Sanders	Marsha McSherry, 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 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR INFRACTION DEFERRAL:

Steve Hearn, Prosecutor, appeared before Council to request additional appropriations for Infraction Deferral. Hearn noted these appropriations were approved in 2007; however the funds had not been used in '07 to a delay in the order and shipping. He then requested the appropriations be approved for 2008.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve additional appropriations for \$ 2,089.30 to 268-22034-000-000 Vehicle Supplies \$11,500.00 to 268-32037-000-000 Misc. Expenses
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SHERIFF:

Captain Aaron Rovenstine, requested transfers be done to cover shortfalls in payroll accounts due to changes in personnel and rounding calculation errors.

MOTION:	Brad Tandy			TO: Approve transfer of \$728.00 from 100-11090-000-019 Longevity to 100-10090-000-019 Corporal Approve transfer of \$360.00 from 100-11090-000-019 Longevity to 100-11163-000-019 Detective Sergeant Approve transfer of \$1.00 from 100-11090-000-019 Longevity to 100-10104-000-019 Road Sergeant Approve transfer of \$1.00 from 100-11090-000-019 Longevity to 100-10105-000-019 Road Sergeant Approve transfer of \$453.00 from 100-11401-000-013 Overtime to 100-11168-000-013 Jailer Approve transfer of \$333.00 from 100-11401-000-013 Overtime to 100-11173-000-013 Jailer
SECOND:	John Kinsey			
AYES:	6	NAYES:	0	
MOTION CARRIED				

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR MAINTENANCE:

County Administrator Ron Robinson requested a transfer to cover a shortfall in the snow removal account. Robinson stated due to the extreme amount of snow this winter there had not been enough money budgeted to cover the removal expenses. Robinson also noted it might be necessary to request an additional appropriation for snow removal if the weather were to turn bad before the end of December, 2008.

MOTION:	John Kinsey			TO: Approve transfer of \$1,615.70 from 100-22008-000-006 Building & Equipment to 100-31004-000-006 Snow Removal
SECOND:	Bob Sanders			
AYES:	6	NAYES:	0	
MOTION CARRIED				

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP:

Julia Goon, Prairie Township Trustee/Assessor, requested a transfer of \$611.94 from her Elected Official account to the Deputy Assessor’s account. Goon stated she had misjudged the number of days that she would need the deputy’s help for assessing duties; therefore the need for the transfer.

MOTION:	John Kinsey			TO: Approve transfer of \$611.94 from 100-11338-000-032 Prairie Twp. Elected Off. 100-11461-000-032 Prairie Deputy Assessor
SECOND:	Bob Sanders			
AYES:	6	NAYES:	0	
MOTION CARRIED				

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR HIGHWAY:

Dennis Pletcher, Highway Superintendent, requested the reimbursement from Main Channel Marina for the Small Structure work at Lakeside Drive on Lake Wawasee be added back to the line item the work had been paid from.

MOTION:	Larry Tegtmeyer			TO: Approve appropriation transfer of \$150,000.00 to line item 206-39085-000-000
SECOND:	Brad Tandy			
AYES:	6	NAYES:	0	
MOTION CARRIED				

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

Lorna Klein, Bell Memorial Public Library Director, presented the library’s Capital Projects Plan for the Council’s review. Klein stated she is grateful the library is able to remain open and functioning in these difficult times with high prices and money being tight for everyone. Klein went on to say the library would like to use future allocations to purchase the vacant lot to the south of the library for expansion.

IN THE MATTER OF BELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND PLAN CONTINUED:

She noted they could not do anything until 2010 based on their grant. Councilman Teghtmeyer noted their request was less than the previous year; however requested further information regarding their debt service. Klein stated she would get the information to him as soon as possible.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve Capital Projects Fund Resolution with a levy of \$22,197.00 as presented.
SECOND:	John Kinsey	
AYES: 5	NAYES: 0 ABSTAIN: 1	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF WARSAW COMMUNITY LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND PLAN:

Ann Zydek, Warsaw Community Public Library Director, presented the library's Capital Projects Plan for the Council's review. Zydek stated the library was requesting \$213,000.00 which was less than last year's request of \$233,322.00. She went on to say the funds would be used for repairs and maintenance to the building as well as the computer systems. Zydek noted the Library Improvement Fund Reserve monies will be needed to stretch their operating balance until tax distribution is received. She added the library's operating expenses average \$200,000.00 per month.

Councilman Teghtmeyer questioned Zydek about the library's debt service. Zydek responded the library has seven more years to pay on their bond with semi-annual payments of \$200,000.00.

Teghtmeyer stated the Council needed to be mindful of tax dollars as well as sensitive to the needs of the library; however he would like to see the library's Capital Project Fund be capped at three percent (3%) of last year's approved levy which was \$167,024.00.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve Capital Projects Fund Resolution at a 3% increase over last year with a levy of \$172,035.00.
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF MILFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND PLAN:

Julie Frew, Milford Public Library Director, presented the library's Capital Projects Plan for the Council's review. Frew noted the library is not asking for any property tax dollars. She went on to say the library will use the money they have on hand for repairs and maintenance of equipment, computer hardware and software as well as emergency allocations. Frew also noted the library cannot afford to lose any of its operating monies.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve Capital Projects Fund Resolution with a levy of \$00.00 as presented.
SECOND:	John Kinsey	
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF ASSESSOR'S UPDATE REGARDING HOUSE ENROLLED ACT 1001:

County Assessor Laurie Renier addressed Council regarding the transfer of township records and operations as outlined in a letter dated April 1, 2008 from the Department of Local Government Finance Commissioner Cheryl Musgrave. Renier stated the transfer of records should take place by July 1, 2008. She went on to say the letter also indicated the County Assessor should conduct a meeting with all township assessors to discuss the transfer. Renier added it was the DLGF's recommendation that a member of the Council, the Commissioners, the County Attorney as well as the Auditor attend the meeting. Renier stated she had scheduled this meeting for May 15th at 8:30 am in the Old Court Room.

Renier then requested permission to hire fourteen (14) employees for the Assessor's office, four of which would be in a supervisory capacity.

Councilman Brad Tandy stated the Wage Committee had met to discuss this request and it was their recommendation that the Assessor be allowed ten (10) new positions. Tandy noted this would allow for the Assessor, a Chief Deputy, 4 Supervisors and 6 other new positions besides the current staff. He went on to say salary issues for these new positions will be addressed at the next wage committee meeting.

Council member Charlene Knispel questioned Renier if this would be enough employees to handle the workload. Renier felt it would provide her office with adequate staffing. Renier went on to say she has applications from employees currently working in the four outer township offices and must interview those interested. She added that she would like to have the four elected township assessors come work in the County office as well.

**IN THE MATTER OF ASSESSOR'S UPDATE REGARDING HOUSE ENROLLED ACT 1001
CONTINUED:**

Further discussion ensued regarding the matter with Tandy noting there would be a significant savings to the county in respect to the creation of the ten (10) new positions as opposed to the current staffing and operations/offices.

MOTION:	Bob Sanders	TO: Accept recommendation of Wage Committee for 10 new positions for the Assessor's office.
SECOND:	John Kinsey	
AYES: 5	NAYES: 0 ABSTAIN: 1	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF TAX BILLING UPDATE:

County Auditor Marsha McSherry presented a letter from Treasurer Kent Adams outlining the tax billing status. McSherry stated it was not possible to do a provisional billing as had been hoped. However, voluntary billing statements were going to be mailed out in May. McSherry explained the voluntary billing would be at eighty percent (80%) of the 2007 spring installment. She noted there would not be any penalties added if the taxpayer chose not to pay, as the billing is strictly a voluntary billing until tax rates are received and true tax statements can be sent. McSherry stated the monies received through the voluntary billing will then be available for distribution to taxing entities if a taxing unit requests an advance.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY DOG TAX AND BUGGY PLATE CONCERNS:

Julia Goon, Prairie Township Trustee/Assessor, reminded Council the County Option Dog Tax Ordinance as well as the Non-Motor Vehicle Ordinance would need to be addressed as they both are currently handled by the township assessors. Council President Jones stated they were aware of the matter and both issues were to be addressed at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

IN OTHER MATTERS:

Council President Harold Jones thanked Laurie Renier, County Assessor, for the work she had done to help decipher House Enrolled Act 1001. Jones also congratulated the newly elected county officials as well as those who were elected to serve another term in office.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL
June 12, 2008**

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2008 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 Tegtmeyer
John Kinsey	Brad Tandy
Bob Sanders	Marsha McSherry, 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 PUBLIC DEFENDERS COMMISSION:

Attorneys Jay Rigdon and Mike Reed addressed Council regarding a notice received from the Public Defenders Commission dated June 6, 2008. Attorney Rigdon stated the letter was a notice to the County regarding possible loss of public defender reimbursement due to non-compliance. Rigdon went on to explain the County is required to submit a quarterly report to the Commission regarding the number of cases handled by each public defender. The State then reimburses the County 40% of their reimbursable expenses. Rigdon noted each court (Circuit, Superior, Superior 2 and Superior 3) all use a different system for assigning public defenders in their court. He added the courts need to keep the number of cases assigned to each public defender down in order not to exceed the standard allowed in order to keep the reimbursements coming in. Rigdon went on to say he feels the County can implement a plan that will correct the case overload so as to be in compliance with the Public Defenders Commission standards and insure the County will continue to receive reimbursements.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC DEFENDERS COMMISSION CONTINUED:

Attorney Reed agreed with Rigdon that a plan can be devised that will meet State requirements as well as work for the County courts. Reed stated the attorneys will put together a plan and report back to the Council in July with their proposal that can then be submitted to the Public Defenders Commission.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR INFRACTION DEFERRAL:

Prosecuting Attorney Steve Hearn, requested additional appropriations of \$34,982.00 for Infraction Deferral. Hearn stated the appropriations would be used to help law enforcement with equipment and supplies. Councilman Larry Tegtmeyer questioned Hearn and Sheriff Goshert about the request for a K-9 unit. Goshert explained the County currently has a “bomb” dog but not a dog for narcotics. Goshert also explained how man power hours were figured for the officer in charge of the dog as well as the care of the dog. Hearn added the total K-9 cost is greater than what was being requested, however a grant would help fund the start up expense; with the Infraction Deferral Fund continuing to help fund thereafter.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin			TO: Approve additional appropriations for \$21,025.00 to 268-22034-000-000 Vehicle Supplies \$9,457.00 to 268-31082-000-000 Equipment \$4,500.00 to 268-32037-000-000 Misc. Expenses
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel			
AYES: 7	NAYES:	0		
MOTION CARRIED				

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR SURVEYOR:

Dick Kemper, County Surveyor, requested an additional appropriation of \$35,000.00 to be used to help with the cost of the orthophotography contract with Kucera International. Kemper stated this contract was to cover the aerial photos to be taken this year. Kemper noted other offices involved with funding the project included the Assessor and GIS.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve additional appropriation for
SECOND:	John Kinsey	\$35,000.00 to
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	228-44051-000-000 Ortho Photos
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF MAPLE LEAF FARMS TAX ABATEMENT HEARING REQUEST:

Attorney Steve Snyder, representing Maple Leaf Farms, Inc. appeared before the Council to request an abatement hearing for Maple Leaf Farms. Snyder stated Maple Leaf is looking to move a plant currently located in Wisconsin to Indiana and the move would create approximately 81 new jobs in the County with payroll totaling in excess of one million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$1,700,000.00). Snyder noted the total project would cost approximately four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00) which would be a significant investment in the County.

Snyder stated Maple Leaf was requesting a ten year abatement on real and personal property. Snyder added he was aware that Council did not want ten year abatements for personal property, but he had requested it anyway. He also stated Maple Leaf would not be adding any new buildings during this project, but would be enhancing what is already there. Snyder then requested Council approve the declaratory resolution that would allow the process to move forward and for him to advertise a public hearing for the abatement request.

Councilman Tegtmeyer expressed concern regarding the recent legislative changes and the effect those would have on county governments. Items noted included the increased sales tax, the school funding being taken off the tax roles and the property tax caps. Snyder stated there did not seem to be any clear answers to those concerns at this time.

MOTION:	Larry Tegtmeyer			TO: Approve declaratory resolution for tax abatement hearing for Maple Leaf Farms, Inc. as presented.
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel			
AYES: 7	NAYES:			
MOTION CARRIED				

IN THE MATTER OF NORTH CENTRAL, L.P. CF-1/PP COMPLIANCY:

County Assessor Laurie Renier presented a CF-1/Personal Property Form for North Central, LP for the Council’s approval. Renier stated according to the CF-1, there was an increase in wages paid out and the information contained in the form appeared to be in compliance for the abatement requirements.

MOTION:	Brad Tandy			TO: Approve CF-1/PP for North Central, LP as presented.
SECOND:	Bob Sanders			
AYES: 7	NAYES:	0		
MOTION CARRIED				

IN THE MATTER OF R.R. DONNELLEY, INC. CF-1/PP COMPLIANCY:

County Assessor Laurie Renier presented a CF-1/Personal Property Form for R.R. Donnelley, Inc. for Council's approval. Renier stated her office had received an amended form that included new equipment. She added that it had been some time since her Commercial & Industrial Deputy had visited the site and Renier could not state for sure if the information contained on the amended form was correct. Discussion ensued regarding the length of the approved abatement terms.

MOTION:	Brad Tandy	TO: Approve CF-1/PP for R.R. Donnelley, Inc. as presented
SECOND:	Larry Teghtmeyer	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF 2008 SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR ASSESSOR:

Laurie Renier, County Assessor, presented an amended 2008 salary ordinance for her office for the Council's approval. Renier stated the supervisor's salaries were based on what other office supervisors were paid. She added the deputies salaries were also based on other deputy position pay. Councilman Brad Tandy stated the Wage Committee had met and had approved the amended salaries. He added the additional positions had been previously approved by the Wage Committee as well as County Council.

MOTION:	John Kinsey	TO: Approve 2008 salary ordinance amendment for Assessor's office as presented.
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	
AYES: 5	NAYES: 1 ABSTAIN: 1	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF ASSESSOR COMPLIANCY MATTERS:

County Assessor Laurie Renier, stated she had received information from the DLGF that her Sales Disclosures were not in compliance. Renier went on to say her office had worked on the information and had resubmitted it. She noted she had received word today, Thursday, June 12th that there still was a problem with the information. Renier added the information had be reworked and submitted again today. Renier then addressed the Sales Disclosure Forms noting they were being changed effective July 1, 2008; however as of date her office has not received the new forms or direction on using them.

IN THE MATTER OF NORTH CENTRAL, L.P. CF-1/RP COMPLIANCY:

County Auditor Marsha McSherry presented a CF-1/RP Form for North Central, L.P. for Council's approval. McSherry noted the much of the same information was contained on the CF-1/RP as on the CF-1/PP.

MOTION:	Brad Tandy	TO: Approve CF-1/RP for North Central, LP as presented.
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF THORNBURGH FAMILY L.P. COMPLIANCY FORM:

County Auditor Marsha McSherry presented a CF-1/RP Form for Thornburgh Family L.P. for Council's approval, noting the information appeared to be compliant.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve CF-1/RP for Thornburgh Family L.P. as presented
SECOND:	John Kinsey	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE INCREASE:

Marsha McSherry, Auditor, stated the State was increasing the mileage reimbursement rate from \$0.40 to \$0.44 effective July 1, 2008. McSherry added it was the Commissioner's recommendation to increase County mileage reimbursement rates to follow the State's guidelines.

MOTION:	John Kinsey	TO: Approve increase in mileage reimbursement from \$0.40 to \$0.44 effective July 1, 2008.
SECOND:	Brad Tandy	
AYES:	NAYES:	
MOTION CARRIED		

**Ordinance 08-06-12-001 Mileage Reimbursement Rate
As recorded in the Kosciusko County Recorder's Office.**

IN THE MATTER OF DOG TAX ORDINANCE:

Auditor Marsha McSherry, presented information to the Council regarding the County Option Dog Tax. McSherry's information contained the 2007 expenses incurred for the tags as well as the amount received to the County for tags sold. McSherry noted with the township assessor's duties being assumed by the County Assessor, the Ordinance adopted in 2006 would need to be looked into.

Council President Jones stated he had received a call from Commissioner Brad Jackson recommending the County do away with the tax; adding the County rarely has the opportunity to abolish a tax. Jones also noted the cost of maintaining the ordinance is greater than the fees collected. Discussion ensued regarding the matter and how the monies collected were distributed.

Harrison Township Trustee/Assessor Jim Moyer, stated the money is to be used for livestock kills in the County. It was noted that State I.C. Code mandates the County to pay for livestock kills.

Further discussion took place regarding the issue with it being noted there is no policing of the tax or ordinance.

Councilman Brad Tandy recommended the matter be tabled until the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF BUGGY PLATE ORDINANCE:

Auditor McSherry then addressed the non-motor vehicle ordinance and the fees charged. She presented information on what Elkhart and LaGrange Counties sell their buggy plates for, noting Kosciusko County charges well below other counties. McSherry stated there are approximately 1,000 plates sold in Kosciusko County. McSherry noted with the township assessor's duties being assumed by the County Assessor, this matter also needed to be addressed. McSherry outlined which governing body was responsible for the buggy plate as well as the dog tag ordinances, noting the buggy plate ordinance lies within the Commissioners discretion.

Council members continued to discuss the issue noting further information was needed before action was taken. It was the Council's recommendation to table the matter until the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF VONAGE E911 TAX BENEFIT:

Auditor Marsha McSherry stated the County had received its final distribution from Vonage in May due to Vonage's agreement with the AIC ending. Final distribution was in the amount of \$97.76.

IN THE MATTER OF KCCVB APPOINTMENT:

Council President Harold Jones stated he had not yet received a recommendation from Mary Kittrell, CVB Director, for a replacement to the KCCVB Board. Jones noted the appointee must meet certain criteria and it is difficult to find someone that meets those criteria. He suggested the matter be tabled until a recommendation was received.

IN THE MATTER OF 2009 BUDGET HEARING DATES:

Marsha McSherry, Auditor, stated the budget hearing for 2009 would be held Monday, August 25th and Tuesday, August 26th at 6:00 pm with the final budget hearing on Thursday, August 28th at 7:00 pm.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL
July 10, 2008

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2008 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 Tegtmeyer
Brad Tandy
Marsha McSherry, County Auditor

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY:

Prosecutor Steve Hearn requested a transfer of \$1,562.00 from the Part Time account to the Secretary/Paralegal account. Hearn stated an employee left employment with his office and cashed out vacation time.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve transfer of \$1,562.00 from
SECOND: John Kinsey 100- 11301-000-015 Part Time to
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 100- 11099-000-015 Secretary/Paralegal.
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY:

Prosecutor Steve Hearn stated the victim assistance position was previously filled by a part-time employee (doing full-time work). Hearn then stated there is a need to fill the position again with a full-time employee. Hearn explained his office has a grant that picks up the majority of the salary for this position and the 2008 budget is currently for a part-time employee. Hearn further explained the State mandates the Prosecutor's office have a victim assistance person. Hearn then stated this position does not cost the County any additional funds.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve salary ordinance amendment for
SECOND: Bob Sanders Prosecutor's office.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Highway Superintendent, Dennis Pletcher, requested a transfer of \$4,680.00 from the Worker's Compensation account to the Unemployment Compensation account. Pletcher explained his department lost an employee to a better paying job and needs to transfer funds to the Unemployment Compensation account.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve transfer of \$4,680.00 from
SECOND: Brad Tandy 204-11604-000-050 Worker's Compensation
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 to 204-11603-000-050 Unemployment
MOTION CARRIED Compensation.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Bob Weaver, Health Administrator, requested a transfer of \$7,000.00 from the Personal Health Care Supplies account to the Group Insurance account due to the increase in cost for Group Insurance for County employees.

County Auditor, Marsha McSherry, explained the County pays for the health insurance for its employees but the Health Department pays for its employee's health insurance out of its own fund, as does the Highway Department.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve transfer of \$7,000.00 from
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer 203-21017-000-000 Personal Health Care
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 Supplies to 203-11605-000-000 Group
MOTION CARRIED Insurance.

IN THE MATTER OF MAPLE LEAF FARMS ABATEMENT:

County Auditor, Marsha McSherry, explained legislation has changed with the HEA 1001. She stated as of July 1st, the Commissioners must approve a Statement of Benefits for businesses in TIF areas before the Council can act.

Council President, Harold Jones, stated there was no need for an open meeting and suggested the subject be tabled until next meeting.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Table meeting on Maple Leaf Abatement
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer until Council meeting on August 14, 2008.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF 2009 NON PROFIT BUDGET REQUESTS:

The following not for profit organizations appeared before Council to request funding for the 2009 budget year.

- ❖ Animal Welfare League – Trish Brown, AWL Business Coordinator, thanked the County for its support and made a request \$75,000 for 2009. Brown stated that for the first time adoptions outnumbered euthanasia. Brown went on to say that adoption rates and rescue rates have increased due to an investment put into every animal, e.g., testing, vaccinating and spay/neutering.

IN THE MATTER OF 2009 NON PROFIT BUDGET REQUESTS CONTINUED:

Animal Welfare League continued: Brown stated increasing economic problems lead to pet problems since there is an increase in abuse in the home and this trickles down to the pet population as well. Brown then stated the majority of the animals taken in come from Animal Control causing the Shelter to turn away owner surrenders, which is a source of income for the Shelter. Brown further stated that over the past year, the volunteer program has increased with 157 community service patrons from the judicial system. Brown noted that of the 300 volunteers, 85% are between the ages of 15 and 21. Brown stated the Shelter is the only place where a parent and child can volunteer together. Brown said the Shelter is staffed 365 days a year and work is being done throughout the community to educate children as well as adults regarding animal care as well as an aggressive spay/neuter program. Brown further stated that they are involved in work outside of the shelter with International Business College on spaying/neutering. Brown further stated they have also established a food pantry for families that cannot afford food for their animal. Brown noted that the \$75,000 requested is 25% of the operating budget with staff costs being the highest expense and animal care as the second highest expense.

- ❖ Historical Society - Jack Elam, Museum Director and June Thomas, Treasurer thanked the County for its past support. Elam requested \$26,000 for 2009 and stated the current audit will not be completed until end of July 2008. Elam stated the salaries for the employees are \$12,000 for Director; \$2,000 for Secretary; and \$2,000 for Data-entry. Elam stated that expenses have not increased except for two (2) items. Elam explained the cleaning of two (2) floors of the jail, library area, office and three (3) floors of the old Sheriff's residence will be done by the new person hired at a cost of \$1200 per year (\$100/month) and she has done a great job. Museum had been cleaned previously by the Catholic Charities at no cost but was unsatisfactory. The second item that will increase is the budget for the gas bill since there is a \$2,900 deficit. Thomas also explained volunteers are paid 50% of wages and donate the other 50% and they have been lucky to find such great help.
- ❖ Cardinal Center – Jane Greene, Cardinal Center Director, stated the Center has a new name: Cardinal Services, and thanked the County for past funding as it allows some flexibility on spending. Greene stated funding would be used for Headstart, KABS and Sus Amigos. Greene stated the Headstart program has had a 15% reduction in Federal funding and there will no longer be matching funds from the Federal Government for buses that cost \$90,000 each which are fitted with special restraint harnesses. Greene further stated there are 231 children served with an average family income of \$22,000 per year. Greene explained through KABS, they are providing 60,000 rides annually and have seen an increase in riders due to the increase in the cost of gas. Greene then stated the Sus Amigos program is completely locally funded through K21, United Way, Monteith Tires and the City of Warsaw. Greene explained they are providing training to the families as well as the children showing the value of an education. Greene stated further that the HVAC unit has been installed at the Cardinal Center by incurring a \$500,000 loan. Greene went on to say that Cardinal Center is serving approximately 4,000 people annually with 600 employees (150 part-time employees). Greene requested \$103,704 for 2009.
- ❖ KDI – Wayne Lukenbill, Director, stated KDI consists of 26 members and their role is to promote economic development throughout the County and assist new and existing businesses with their needs. Lukenbill explained their active website is most often the first contact potential businesses have the County. Lukenbill also said their annual report and on-line newsletter are other expenses incurred. Lukenbill stated their building sustained minor damage due to the fire at Gordy's. Lukenbill requested \$34,250 for 2009 stating they will attempt to raise matching funds through private donations.
- ❖ Home Health Care – Rick Paczkowski, Administrator, thanked the County for the support received by Real Services for the past 20 years in providing care for the elderly and disabled for residents of Kosciusko County. Paczkowski stated requested funds are used to allow individuals to remain in their homes rather than be institutionalized. Paczkowski further stated they have 23 patients and there were 2,800 visits to clients with 46,000 miles driven. He went on to explain the main expenses are health insurance, wages and mileage paid at a competitive rate. Paczkowski requested \$50,000 for 2009. Paczkowski noted although they have received a commitment from the K21 foundation for funding, he would continue to search for additional funding to help with the deficit of \$2,500.
- ❖ Beaman Home – Jeanne Campbell, Director, thanked the County for its past support and said they have been in operation for 25 consecutive years with the donation of their existing building by Charlene Bradbury. Campbell requested \$45,000 for 2009. Campbell explained the Beaman Home operates 24 hours a day; 7 days a week serving women and children that have experienced domestic violence. Campbell further explained expenses remain the same with 3,982 resident stays.

IN THE MATTER OF 2009 NON PROFIT BUDGET REQUESTS CONTINUED:

Beaman Home continued: Campbell further stated 5,000 calls were received on the crisis line and the Home also served 330 families through the outreach program. Campbell also stated the average stay in the shelter is 21 days per client. She added the Home has felt a tremendous loss of funding from the State and Federal levels. Campbell explained it takes approximately \$45,000 per month to run the programs with ten (10) employees and one (1) emergency fill-in person. Campbell explained further the State mandates a qualified staff member must be present even when volunteers are present.

- ❖ St. Joe River Basin – Karen Mackowiak stated their main purpose is water quality and it represents seven (7) counties along the St. Joseph River Basin. The Basin has helped the counties with various water quality programs/activities/education. Mackowiak stated the Basin provides help with drainage issues as well as providing assistance with GIS. Mackowiak requested \$500 for 2009 since State funding is decreasing.
- ❖ Bowen Center – Jerry Baumgartner requested \$467,830 based on State Statute guidelines. Baumgartner explained funding comes from Medicaid and Medicare, which are seeing reductions in funding at the Federal level. Baumgartner explained the Center serves lower income families with 58% of people served earning \$20,000 or less. The Center served approximately 3,500 residents solely from Kosciusko County.
- ❖ Council for Aging – April Baxter, Director began by thanking the County for its past support. Baxter explained their two (2) major sources of funding would be reduced for 2008-2009. Baxter then requested \$35,000 for 2009. Baxter explained the most important service they provide is the handicap van transportation program. Baxter further explained they will provide over 12,000 rides for 2007/2008. Baxter stated the three (3) reasons for transportation are medical and related health matters, nutrition services and other professional services. Baxter further stated they are experiencing a \$23,000 deficit in the transportation fund and are in a crisis to obtain funding to help with the increased fuel costs. Baxter explained they provide door-to-door and indoor service to 14,000 fares ages 60 and older. Baxter then stated the main purpose for the handicapped accessible vans is allowing elderly resident(s) to stay in their home and not be placed into a healthcare facility.
- ❖ 4-H Council – Sarah Duhamell, Youth Educator, thanked the County for its past support and made a request of \$47,002 for 2009. Duhamell explained the majority of the funds are used for County Fair expenses, utilities, tent rental, and security. Duhamell further explained approximately 730 youth are involved in 4-H and funds help with youth programs such as trips and workshops around the State along with sponsoring the ribbons and awards for the youth.
- ❖ Arrowhead RC & D – Stan Moore, Supervisor, representing Arrowhead requested \$500 for 2009. Moore then stated the education committee works with Darci Zolman on river rafting programs for children. Moore stated Zolman was approached by Warsaw Community High School to take the freshman class on a river rafting trip during the last week of August 2008. Moore then thanked the County for its past support.

IN THE MATTER OF R.R. DONNELLY, INC. – WAYNE TOWNSHIP ABATEMENT:

Wayne Township Assessor, Kristy Mayer, stated she spoke with Frank Kelly regarding the personal property abatement returns submitted to be sure all was understood. Mayer stated the amount claimed on this year's abatement is higher for manufacturing equipment than last year but the equipment was not purchased this year; it was purchased last year and was inadvertently left off of the abatement for 2007/2008. Mayer explained they are increasing the amount claimed for 2008/2009 with this equipment. Mayer explained the equipment was listed on their return but they did not abate it off at 100% for last year, which was the first year because they did not fill the paperwork out to do so. Mayer further explained the total abatement was \$7.3 million for 2007/2008; and is \$10.5 million for 2008/2009. Mayer stated the difference being the first year of filing the personal property returns; the equipment is assessed at 40% with the 2nd year assessment being at 56%.

Council President, Harold Jones, questioned whether this was a new abatement or adding to the old abatement.

Mayer explained the equipment was purchased during the same timeframe and part of the original abatement but R.R. Donnelly, Inc. forgot to include it in their paperwork. Mayer stated she could not find anywhere in abatement documents where it stated a limit on the amount of the abatement but there is a ten (10) year timeframe within which they are to purchase new equipment.

Council member, Bob Sanders, expressed concern as to the ten (10) year period of the abatement and that the ten (10) year period does not begin again with the purchase of each piece of equipment.

**IN THE MATTER OF R.R. DONNELLY, INC. – WAYNE TOWNSHIP ABATEMENT
CONTINUED:**

Mayer explained according to their paperwork, this is the second year of the abatement on this equipment and they missed out on the abatement for first year. Mayer further explained that if it is not restricted there is a chance the abatement can get stretched out to nineteen (19) years on equipment. Mayer stated this is where the governing body needs to step in and put those limitations on the abatement. Mayer further stated mathematically the return is in compliance; she cannot speak for the number of jobs stated within the abatement.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve CF-1/PP for R. R. Donnelly,
SECOND: Charlene Knispel Inc. as presented.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF 2008 SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR AUDITOR:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented a letter of recommendation and an amended 2008 salary ordinance for the Auditor's office for the Council's approval. Robinson stated the employee currently receives part time pay level of \$8.76 per hour and would like to increase that amount to experienced part time pay level of \$9.82 per hour. Robinson said he thought they do have an exceptional employee and believes the increase is warranted.

MOTION: Larry Tegtmeyer TO: Approve 2008 salary ordinance
SECOND: John Kinsey amendment for Auditor's office as presented.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF BUHRT ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION, INC. CF-1/PP
COMPLIANCY:**

County Auditor, Marsha McSherry, presented a CF-1/Personal Property Form for Buhrt Engineering & Construction, Inc. for Council's approval. McSherry stated their estimated number of employees as well as their estimated salaries is less than the actual number of employees and their salaries.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve CF-1/PP for Buhrt Engineering
SECOND: Tom Anglin & Construction, Inc. as presented.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF 2008 SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR ASSESSOR:

County Auditor, Marsha McSherry, presented an amended 2008 salary ordinance for the Assessor's office for the Council's approval. McSherry stated an amendment to the 2008 salary ordinance was approved by the County Council on June 12, 2008 and it was later determined that those positions should be funded by the Reassessment Fund not County General fund.

MOTION: Larry Tegtmeyer TO: Approve 2008 salary ordinance
SECOND: Brad Tandy amendment for Assessor's office as presented.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF DOG TAX ORDINANCE:

County Council previously named the Township Assessors to collect the annual county option dog tax. House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1001 eliminated elected Township Assessors in townships with less than fifteen thousand (15,000) real property parcels effective July 1, 2008 with all duties of said Township Assessors to be transferred to the County Assessor. As research with regard to the dog tax, County Assessor, Laurie Renier, stated her office had called the eleven (11) veterinary clinics in the County with only Lake City Animal Clinic responding by saying their clinic has 3,019 active dogs in their clinic. Renier then stated the County sold a total of 3,500 tags, which is approximately 10% of the total number of dogs in the County. Renier explained the Township Assessors previously sent dog tax forms with personal property tax forms to their taxpayers. Renier thought taxpayers do not pay the dog tax because there is no penalty for NOT doing so. Renier stated there were no animal kills in 2007, which was the initial reason for the dog tax. Renier then stated the funds previously collected could be given to the Animal Shelter.

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated the County has spent in excess of any funds previously collected by the dog tax for improvements at the Animal Shelter, including a new sewer, roof and driveway.

IN THE MATTER OF DOG TAX ORDINANCE CONTINUED:

Ron Truex, County Commissioner, expressed concern that to abolish the dog tax because it costs more to implement than the funds collected is appropriate but it could set a precedent to abolish the tax because some residents chose not to pay.

Sheriff, Rocky Goshert, suggested the veterinary clinics sell the dog tags for \$7 each giving the County \$5 each and keeping \$2 each profit.

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, explained the Ordinance reads that the Township Assessors are responsible for collecting the dog tax and since the Township Assessors were abolished by HEA 1001, then the County Assessor or another office needs to be given the authority to collect the tax.

MOTION:	Bob Sanders	TO: Amend Ordinance to allow the County
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	Assessor to collect the dog tax from July 1,
AYES: 3	NAYES: 4	2008 to December 31, 2008.

MOTION NOT CARRIED

Further discussion ensued with Council President, Harold Jones, explaining the Motion as only an amendment to the original Ordinance allowing the County Assessor to collect the dog tax.

MOTION:	Bob Sanders	TO: Amend Ordinance to allow the County
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	Assessor to collect the dog tax from July 1,
AYES: 6	NAYES: 1	2008 to December 31, 2008.

MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

Council President, Harold Jones, stated pursuant to HEA 1001, County Council must appoint two (2) members to the Redevelopment Commission to serve a term commencing immediately and ending on December 31, 2008. McSherry presented two (2) Certificates of Appointment appointing Larry Tegtmeyer and Bill Warren to the Redevelopment Commission.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Appoint Larry Tegtmeyer and Bill
SECOND:	Brad Tandy	Warren to the Redevelopment Commission to
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	serve a term commencing immediately and

MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTANCE OF SALARY BUDGETS FROM TOWNSHIP ASSESSORS:

Council President, Harold Jones, stated pursuant to HEA 1001 wherein the assessing duties were taken away from the Township Assessors, the County Auditor needs clarification on whether to accept their budget requests for the 2009 budget.

Charlene Knispel felt the Assessors should be allowed to present their budgets and be paid through 2010 since they were elected to that position for that term.

County Auditor, Marsha McSherry, stated per information received from the Attorney General: the Council has the flexibility to accept or not accept the budgets; also to pay the Township Assessors or not pay them and also what amount to pay them.

MOTION:	Bob Sanders	TO: Allow Township Assessors to turn in
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel	salary budgets for consideration for the 2009
AYES: 4	NAYES: 3	budget to the County Auditor.

MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPEMENT COMMISSION MEETING:

Council President, Harold Jones, stated he attended the Redevelopment Commission meeting earlier that day wherein Buddy Downs of Ice Miller and Todd Samuelson of Umbaugh, spoke regarding the changes and impact of HEA 1001 on County government, etc. President Jones further stated those two (2) speakers are educated on and are dealing with this new legislation all the time and even they do not understand all of the particulars so the County is bound to make mistakes.

Larry Tegtmeyer then stated the two (2) speakers had said there would more than likely be many changes/ amendment to this legislation.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL

August 14, 2008

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, August 14, 2008 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
Bob Sanders - <i>Absent</i>	Marsha McSherry, 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 SHERIFF:

Sheriff, Rocky Goshert, requested a transfer of \$3,606.77 for a June car-deer accident to the Repairs and Maintenance account. Goshert explained the funds were from an insurance check and the repairs have already been made.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve transfer of \$3,606.77 to
 SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer 100-35001-000-019 Repairs & Maintenance.
 AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
 MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY:

Deputy Prosecutor, Dan Hampton requested a transfer of \$255.84 from the Part Time account to the Paralegal Assistant account. Hampton stated this transfer is in conjunction with the salary ordinance for this Paralegal position.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve transfer of \$255.84 from
 SECOND: Brad Tandy 100-11301-000-015 Part Time to
 AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 100-11473-000-015 Paralegal Assistant.
 MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY:

Deputy Prosecutor, Dan Hampton, stated this salary ordinance is in conjunction with the transfer of funds from Part Time account to Paralegal Assistant account.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve salary ordinance amendment for
 SECOND: Brad Tandy Prosecutor's office.
 AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
 MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR:

County Assessor, Laurie Renier requested a transfer of \$25,000.00 from Contracts to Part Time. Renier explained the funds were budgeted for 2008 for John Beer for assessing.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve transfer of \$25,000.00 from
 SECOND: John Kinsey 275-31018-000-003 Contracts to
 AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 275-11301-000-003 Part Time.
 MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET REDUCTION FOR TOWNSHIP ASSESSORS:

County Auditor, Marsha McSherry, stated according to House Enrolled Act 1001 the DLGF has recommended the budgets of the Township Assessors be reduced before any additional appropriations be approved.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve budget reduction of Township
 SECOND: John Kinsey Assessors in the amount of \$249,601.92.
 AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
 MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR:

County Assessor, Laurie Renier requested additional appropriations in the amount of \$166,042.00 for new positions created in the County Assessor's office due to HEA 1001 transferring all assessing duties to the County Assessor's office.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve additional appropriations in the
SECOND: John Kinsey amount of \$166,042.00.
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

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IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SUPERIOR II AND III:

Judge, Joe Sutton, requested a transfer of \$5,000.00 from Jury Per Diem/Travel to Postage. Sutton explained there has been increased cost of postage due to the adjusted case loads.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve transfer of \$5,000.00 from
SECOND: Charlene Knispel 100-11525-000-044 Jury Per Diem/Travel to
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 100-32002-000-044 Postage.
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR SHERIFF:

Sheriff, Rocky Goshert, requested a salary ordinance amendment stating they have an employee that types all of their reports however she does not work every day so she is paid on a "per diem" basis. Goshert requested the salary ordinance reflect the per diem salary.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve salary ordinance amendment for
SECOND: John Kinsey Sheriff's office.
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Bob Weaver, Health Administrator, stated the family nurse practitioner is paid a higher wage due to advanced training and greater responsibilities. Weaver explained there was not a line item in the salary ordinance for a family nurse practitioner in the pre-natal clinic, only in the well child clinic. Weaver further explained the family nurse practitioner should be paid the same higher wage regardless of which clinic they are working in due to the advanced training

County Auditor, Marsha McSherry explained this is a "housekeeping" issue wherein the State Board of Accounts needs a salary ordinance outlining the wages for a family nurse practitioner working within each clinic.

Charlene Knispel questioned whether the nurses are all paid the same wages. Weaver responded the registered nurses are paid differently from the family nurse practitioner and each one is paid differently according to which clinic they work in. With regard to the clinics, Weaver stated the well child clinic is much more involved than the pre-natal clinic. Weaver explained to retain quality nurses, the wages need to be competitive.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve salary ordinance amendment for
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer Health Department.
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Highway Superintendent, Dennis Pletcher, explained the County replaced a bridge in Syracuse in spring, 2007 and a marina in Syracuse requested, and paid for, the bridge to be raised two (2) feet. Pletcher further explained the contractor did not want to bill two (2) entities; therefore, the County was asked to pay the entire invoice. Pletcher then stated the marina paid their portion in the amount of \$150,000.00 directly to the County. Pletcher further stated his request was made to the Auditor's office to place the funds back in the Small Structure Replacement fund. Pletcher explained the Auditor's office informed him he would have to do an additional appropriation to have those monies re-appropriated to the correct line item.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve additional appropriation of
SECOND: Tom Anglin \$150,000.00 to 206-39085-000-000 Small
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 Structure Replacement.
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR COUNTY GENERAL:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, explained an additional appropriation in the amount of \$51,000.00 for Social Security Contributions and \$32,000.00 for Group Insurance was needed to finish out the year. Charlene Knispel questioned why these amounts were not correctly entered into the 2008 budget. McSherry explained the amounts budgeted at budget time are estimates and exact amounts are not known until later in the year after the budgets have been approved. McSherry reiterated without the additional appropriation, the funds will fall short for 2008.

MOTION:	Brad Tandy	TO: Approve additional appropriation of \$51,000.00 to 100-11601-000-009 Soc. Security Contrib. and \$32,000.00 to 100-11605-000-009 Group Insurance.
SECOND:	John Kinsey	
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF MAPLE LEAF FARMS ABATEMENT:

Steve Snyder, Attorney for Maple Leaf Farms, introduced Matt Garrett from Maple Leaf Farms and noted this was the public hearing portion as outlined in the Declaratory Resolution adopted June 12, 2008 by Council. Snyder presented the requested wage information to Council stating there will be 81 new employees with \$1.7 million in salaries ranging from \$10.70 to \$19.23 per hour as a base wage. Snyder further explained those salary ranges with benefits increase to \$14.68 to \$25.93 per hour. When questioned by Council, Garrett explained the benefits include at minimum, health and medical insurance that is 100% company funded and a 401K retirement plan. Snyder stated the SB-1 requests abatement for ten (10) years on both real and personal property with a depreciation schedule on personal property. President Harold Jones stated the request for abatement comes at a time when there is a lot of uncertainty about property taxes. Another concern was in regard to the processing plant as both a manufacturing facility and agricultural facility. Jones further stated this request comes from a company that is established in the community with many positive contributions, noting there are also negatives with this request. Tom Anglin agreed with Jones expressing his concern regarding the County continuing to abate taxes and being able to continue to operate. John Kinsey also agreed with Jones stating he is in favor of the abatement just not the proposed term of ten (10) and ten (10) for real and personal property. Snyder responded they are more than willing to discuss a term for the abatement on personal property reminding Council, communities are offering incentives to attract new business; and Maple Leaf chose to move their facility from Wisconsin to Indiana. President Jones noted a positive to the County with the addition of payroll taxes. Snyder concurred stating payroll adds additional funds for County with housing, food, etc. Anglin agreed with Snyder adding there is also the additional expense of education, police and fire protection, etc. Snyder added taxes are still being generated while the real and/or personal property is in abatement. Snyder then explained the scale of abatements for real property wherein there is only 100% abatement for the first year with the percentage reducing each subsequent year. Anglin stated not every entity is eligible to receive an abatement referencing Tom Farms' expansion. Snyder responded the legislature wrote abatements specifically for commercial and industrial uses. Snyder further stated he believes a farm is very close to industrial but that is not how it was written. Larry Tegtmeyer expressed concern regarding the future of property taxes and more specifically the addition of the 1% sales tax to fund the school operations costs. Tegtmeyer then stated these concerns are causing him to rethink the five (5) year personal property and ten (10) year real property abatements given in the past. Tegtmeyer suggested a term of four (4) years for personal property and seven (7) years for real estate. President Jones questioned whether the size of the building was being changed. Snyder responded the building will be expanded to accommodate the additional employees and machinery. Snyder also reminded Council they have the right to review the abatement each year to make sure Maple Leaf has complied with the abatement. Snyder also said stipulations can be added to the abatement and if any of the conditions or stipulations has not been met, the abatement can be terminated. Jones stated both the Commissioners and the Redevelopment Commission favored the abatement for Maple Leaf. Tegtmeyer believed there should be an added stipulation of benefits to the hourly wages within the abatement.

IN THE MATTER OF MAPLE LEAF FARMS ABATEMENT CONTINUED:

Charlene Knispel questioned whether the Council will look at all future abatement requests with the same scrutiny as with Maple Leaf. Teghtmeyer and Jones both agreed future abatement requests need to be scrutinized more closely.

Snyder stated his office will re-draft the resolution to reflect Council’s decision and present it to the Auditor’s office on Friday, August 15, 2008.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve abatement on personal property taxes for four (4) years and seven (7) years on real property taxes contingent upon salaries being equal to or greater than wages including benefits as outlined on the SB-1 form.
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel	
AYES: 5	NAYES: 1	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF DOG TAX ORDINANCE:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented the Dog Tax Ordinance previously approved at the July 10, 2008 Council meeting for signature.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-07-10-001 DOG
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IN THE MATTER OF LIMIT OF COLLECTIONS FOR CUM BRIDGE:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, stated in 2007 Council reinstated the Cum Bridge fund taking that fund to the maximum allowable levy. McSherry requested Cum Bridge be reduced to \$600,000.00 maximum collections, diverting any excess to County General.

MOTION:	John Kinsey	TO: Approve the limit of collections on Cum Bridge to \$600,000.00 diverting any excess to County General.
SECOND:	Larry Teghtmeyer	
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF LIMIT OF COLLECTIONS FOR CUM JAIL:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, stated in 2007 Council reinstated the Cum Jail fund taking that fund to the maximum allowable levy. McSherry requested Cum Jail be reduced to \$150,000.00 maximum collections, diverting any excess to County General.

MOTION:	John Kinsey	TO: Approve the limit of collections on Cum Bridge to \$150,000.00 diverting any excess to County General.
SECOND:	Larry Teghtmeyer	
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF TOWNSHIP BUDGET REVIEW:

County Auditor, Marsha McSherry, stated due to House Enrolled Act 1001, Council is required by law to review all taxing unit budgets. McSherry stated there is a form on the DLGF website; however it is unavailable at this time. McSherry then stated once the County receives its certified budget, the form will be available and, the taxing units will be required to use that form per Council’s instruction.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Adopt budget review forms as outlined by the DLGF for use by the township taxing units for Council’s review.
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS:

Charlene Knispel questioned County Assessor, Laurie Renier, regarding the appropriations previously approved for the County Assessor’s office. Knispel asked when the salaries are going to be paid and whether all of these positions are currently filled. Renier replied one (1) of the four (4) supervisor positions have been filled as well as all of the deputy positions except one (1). Knispel questioned if any of the previous employees were hired from Township Assessor offices and/or the County Assessor’s office. Renier noted Sharon Coverstone, Sue Engleberth, Becky Hart, Dorothy Biesemeyer, Patty Gammieri, Staci Parker, and Marcia Baumgartner are employed within the County Assessor’s office. Knispel asked whether those people named were already employed by the County Assessor’s office, specifically Becky Hart. Renier responded Becky Hart was in the Wayne Township office and when those offices ceased to exist June 30, 2008, so did their appropriations, thus an additional appropriation was needed. Renier further explained the wage committee created positions and some were filled by Township Assessors.

IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS CONTINUED:

Renier further explained the Township Assessors (for Plain, Wayne, Turkey Creek and Tippecanoe) in her employ will continue to receive the same salary they have been paid all along until December 31, 2008. Knispel requested the name of the supervisor already in place as well as which office she previously worked at. Renier responded that Jaime Snyder was moved from a deputy to a supervisor and she is from the County Assessor’s office.

IN THE MATTER OF CONCERNS AND COMMENTS FROM ATTENDEES:

Jim Moyer, Harrison Township Trustee, questioned why the Trustees, as elected officials, were not hired for the positions in the County Assessor’s office. Moyer felt he represented the taxpayers of his township but wants to know why he was not hired into the Assessor’s office.

John Kinsey questioned Moyer if he thought the Council caused the loss of his assessor job. Moyer responded with yes, Council had the opportunity to hire the Trustees/Assessors noting other counties in Indiana hired their assessors. Kinsey stated Council did not eliminate his job. Moyer then stated Council took the Assessors’ responsibilities from them in that Council had the opportunity to recommend the County Assessor hire the Township Assessors.

Tom Anglin responded the hiring was up to the County Assessor’s office not the Council. Moyer questioned who is in charge also stating Council is in charge of the money. Moyer stated Council is paying his salary until the end of the year and he has nothing to do since he was not hired into the Assessor’s office. Moyer questioned whether it was a personality conflict. Anglin responded it was the County Assessor’s decision. Larry Teghtmeyer then said Council does not fill positions, they can create positions and according to guidelines set by House Enrolled Act 1001, the trustee positions were eliminated July 1, 2008 and the duties were transferred to the County Assessor. Teghtmeyer further stated Council is not in charge of the County Assessor’s office no more than Council was in charge of the Township offices.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL
Monday, August 25, 2008**

The Kosciusko County Council met for their preliminary budget meeting on Monday, August 25, 2008 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	Marsha McSherry, 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 AND RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTION:

Brad Tandy, Wage Committee Member, presented the Wage Committee report. Tandy noted the other members of the Wage Committee are Council Member, Larry Teghtmeyer and Commissioner, Brad Jackson. Tandy thanked the elected officials and department heads for their cooperation and information. Tandy stated the following recommendations from the Wage Committee:

- ❖ **County Recorder:** Deb Wright requested the elimination of one (1) full-time deputy position in the amount of \$25,791. Wright also requested the part-time account be increased from \$10,300 to \$20,000 for the addition of two (2) part-time positions instead of one (1) full-time deputy. Wage Committee recommendation was to approve the request as stated.
- ❖ **Maintenance:** Tandy stated there was discussion of hiring an additional full-time housekeeper but due to budget concerns, the Committee’s recommendation was to deny the request of an additional full-time housekeeper.

IN THE MATTER OF WAGE COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTION CONTINUED:

- ❖ **Sheriff:** Rocky Goshert had requested an additional full-time clerical position for civil process since there is one (1) part-time employee currently. Wage Committee recognized the additional administrative burden on the Sheriff’s department with regard to civil process and would like to work with the Sheriff’s office on getting the work done without adding a new position. Wage Committee recommendation was to deny the request for a full-time clerical position for civil process.
- ❖ **County Clerk:** Sharon Christner had requested three (3) additional full-time positions and one (1) additional part-time position. Wage Committee felt that even though the positions may be needed with the approaching transition period of a new Clerk for 2009, the recommendation is to deny the request for the additional full-time and part-time positions.
- ❖ **Wage Increases:** Wage Committee discussed current budget constraints and operating balance issues but thought it important to give an appropriate wage increase to county employees. Wage Committee was mindful of the significant increase in health care costs. Wage Committee also reviewed a report of the operating balance for the last five (5) years prepared by the County Auditor showing the operating balance to be stable. Wage Committee recommends a pay increase in the amount of 3% to all county employees for 2009.
- ❖ **Township Trustee/Assessors:** Wage Committee recommended discussing the issue of Township Trustee/Assessors with the full Council at the Budget Hearing on Tuesday, August 26, 2008.
- ❖ **Auditor:** Marsha McSherry requested the elimination of one (1) full-time position in the amount of \$24,575 with an increase in part-time in the amount of \$19,110 noting a savings for the County. Wage Committee recommendation was to approve the request as stated.

MOTION:	Bob Sanders	TO: Approve the recommendations of the Wage Committee as presented.	
SECOND:	Larry Teghtmeyer		
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0		
MOTION CARRIED			

IN THE MATTER OF TREASURER 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

County Treasurer, Kent Adams, presented the Treasurer budget noting it is stable with little change except for salary increases and a net increase of \$410 (\$360 for mileage/fuel costs and \$50 for dues).

MOTION:	John Kinsey	TO: Approve budget from line item 11301 through remainder of budget as presented.	
SECOND:	Tom Anglin		
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0		
MOTION CARRIED			

Adams thanked the Council from the Treasurer’s office for their hard work noting the difficulty in dealing with the financial issues of the County.

Council President, Harold Jones, extended the Council’s appreciation to the elected officials and department heads in the preparation of the 2009 budgets.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN COMMISSION 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Assistant Area Plan Director, Matt Sandy appearing for Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, noted increases in the 2009 budget for employee salaries, mileage/fuel and for video equipment replacement. President Jones questioned the significant increase for part-time. Sandy stated they are attempting to convert older (dating back to 1975) files into the computer system for better record keeping with the hope of integrating those files into GIS. Council Member Teghtmeyer questioned whether the video equipment was a replacement of existing equipment. Sandy noted the video equipment has become an integral part of their hearing process and is currently in disrepair. Council Member Tandy asked if there was an increase in hours for part-time. Sandy answered the request is not for additional hours for part-time.

Teghtmeyer clarified that the request was for a different pay rate for part-time position and further stated Council could approve the dollar amount for the part-time position and consider the pay rate as a separate item at a later date. Tandy expressed concern if all departments request similar increases in part-time that could be problematic. Council Member Sanders questioned whether the part-time line item was for one (1) position. Sandy responded there is only one part-time employee.

MOTION:	Brad Tandy	TO: Approve the budget from line item 11302 with part-time (11302) increased at the 3% rate, through the remainder of the budget as presented.	
SECOND:	Tom Anglin		
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0		
MOTION CARRIED			

Council Member Tandy was unsure if the Wage Committee addressed any increase in salary for part-time employees and was unsure if the 3% increase for full-time employees applied to part-time employees.

IN THE MATTER OF SOIL AND WATER (020 and 978) 2009 BUDGET REQUESTS:

Darci Zolman presented the Soil and Water budget stating they receive an annual operating grant and asked for an increase of \$500. Council Member Kinsey questioned if a part-time position was eliminated. Zolman responded the part-time position was funded by a grant that expired but there is still another grant position for part-time in effect.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve budget line items 11301 through remainder of the budget as presented.
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Mike Barnett presented the Veteran Service Officer budget for consideration noting no increases in expenses. Barnett expressed his appreciation to serve the veterans of the County and thanked the Council for past funding and assistance.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve budget from line item 11508 through remainder of budget as presented.
SECOND:	John Kinsey	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF CLERK OF THE COURT 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Clerk of the Court, Sharon Christner, presented the budget noting a slight increase for legal directories. Council Member Tandy stated the issue of part-time wages was not addressed by the Wage Committee. Christner further noted to cover the wages for their current two (2) part-time positions; a request to transfer funds will have to be made next month.

MOTION:	Brad Tandy	TO: Approve budget from line item 11301 with no increase in hours for part-time through remainder of budget.
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ELECTION BOARD 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Clerk of the Court, Sharon Christner, presented the budget noting there is not an election in 2009 therefore, showing a decrease in budget. Christner further noted an increase in the application software from Micro-Vote due to an increased certification cost on the State and Federal levels. Council Member Teghtmeyer questioned the overtime pay and per diem amounts in the budget. Christner responded those items would only be used if there was a special election further stating the salary ordinance states the Clerk is to be paid the \$2,000 in a non-election year.

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

IN THE MATTER OF VOTER REGISTRATION 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Sharon Christner, Clerk of the Court, presented the voter registration budget noting a change only in part-time from last year's budget. Christner informed Council they were notified by the State regarding the voter registration system that the State's budgeted amount for 2009 is unknown. Christner further explained the system had been a "free" system up to this point but the federal funding expires as of July, 2009 and the State has to add that item to their budget for maintaining that system and then approve the budget. Christner noted if there is no amount budgeted then that cost will be passed onto the County.

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

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (203) 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Bob Weaver, Health Administrator, presented the budget for 2009 noting the largest increase for group insurance. Weaver referenced his recent request from Council for a transfer of funds to cover the cost of group health insurance.

MOTION:	John Kinsey	TO: Approve budget from line item 11411 through remainder of budget as presented.
SECOND:	Brad Tandy	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HEALTH MAINTENANCE GRANT (230) 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Bob Weaver, Health Administrator, presented the Health Maintenance Grant budget noting the amount has decreased from 2008. Weaver explained a vehicle was replaced last year and this year there are no replacement vehicles in the budget.

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

IN THE MATTER OF PRENATAL (260) 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Health Administrator, Bob Weaver, presented the Prenatal Grant budget noting an increase for rent on the clinic building. Weaver explained the State allowed the usage of the grant for the rent and also hopes to apply for additional funding from the State to use for rent costs. Weaver further explained the rent is actually higher but K21 Foundation is subsidizing the balance of rent costs. Council Member Tegtmeyer questioned if the Commissioners were involved in the Contract for the rental of the pre-natal clinic. Weaver stated the Commissioners were involved in that process.

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

IN THE MATTER OF WELL CHILD (280) 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Bob Weaver, Health Administrator, presented the budget for Well Child Fund noting no changes in the requested budget explaining the Well Child Fund is funded by a grant from the United Way.

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

IN THE MATTER OF PANDEMIC (292) 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Health Administrator, Bob Weaver, presented the 2009 Pandemic Fund budget noting the requested amount has doubled since they anticipate receiving more funding from the State. Weaver further explained the funds are used for supplies in case of an emergency.

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

Council Member Tegtmeyer questioned the status of the TB situation. Weaver explained the TB situation is under control with a few widely scattered cases. Weaver further explained there is a full-time communicable disease nurse on staff. Tegtmeyer asked if the need for that nurse will go away in the future. Weaver noted the State mandates that once there has been a TB outbreak, the threat never completely goes away explaining the County must stay on top of immunizations and check-ups, etc.

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Emergency Management Director, Ed Rock, presented the 2009 budget noting an increase for wages and also for gas/oil. Rock explained he has attempted to cut down on fuel costs but if emergency situations continue to happen with semi trucks, those funds will continue to be needed.

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

IN THE MATTER OF LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING (710) 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Emergency Management Director, Ed Rock, presented the budget noting the change of line item for per diem meetings from 11508 to 11421. No further changes were noted in this budget from the previous year.

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

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ASSESSOR GENERAL 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

County Assessor, Laurie Renier, presented the budget noting all open positions in her office have not been filled yet. Renier further stated the only change to the budget was moving the overtime line item to the reassessment budget (275) rather than County General budget.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve budget from line item 11301 through remainder of budget as presented.	
SECOND:	Brad Tandy		
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0		
MOTION CARRIED			

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ASSESSOR REASSESSMENT (275) 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

County Assessor, Laurie Renier, presented the Reassessment budget noting she was unsure where to include the part-time request and how much to budget since the State is supposed to have a reassessment starting in July, 2009. Renier stated if there is not a reassessment then the part-time amount should not be too much more than the 2008 budget. Further discussion ensued regarding the problems with the software used in the Assessor's office. Renier stated none of the software companies are able to pass the DLGF certification process. Renier further explained the personal property software company (PPDMS) has decided not to proceed with the certification process in Indiana due to the cost of making changes to comply with State. Council Member Sanders questioned why the County cannot develop their own software. Renier responded Elkhart County attempted to develop a software program but found it was not cost effective.

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

IN THE MATTER OF COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL REASSESSMENT (275) 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

County Assessor, Laurie Renier, presented the Commercial/Industrial budget for consideration stating line 11145 should be a 3% increase not the 18.86% as stated.

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

IN THE MATTER OF ASSESSOR EDUCATION/SALES DISCLOSURE FUND (276) 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Laurie Renier, County Assessor, presented the budget stating these funds are used to purchase any upgrades for software. Renier explained her office is currently scanning the sales disclosures into the computer with the intent of having the sales disclosures available for public viewing on the County website.

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

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY EXTENSION 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Joan Younce, Extension Office Director, presented the Extension Office budget stating an effort has been made to decrease some items since there was a slight increase in contractual services.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve budget from line item 11301 through remainder of budget as presented.	
SECOND:	John Kinsey		
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0		
MOTION CARRIED			

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY SURVEYOR 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

County Surveyor, Dick Kemper, presented the County Surveyor budget noting only minimal increases for gas/motor oil and mileage to reflect the rate change from the State.

MOTION:	Brad Tandy	TO: Approve budget from line item 11301 through remainder of budget.	
SECOND:	Tom Anglin		
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0		
MOTION CARRIED			

IN THE MATTER OF DRAINAGE BOARD 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Dick Kemper, County Surveyor, presented the budget for the Drainage Board stating the only changes were increases for gas and mileage.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve budget from line item 11301 through remainder of budget.	
SECOND:	John Kinsey		
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0		
MOTION CARRIED			

IN THE MATTER OF SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION (228) 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Dick Kemper, County Surveyor, presented the budget for the Perpetuation Fund stating there were no changes in the 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 JAIL 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Sheriff, Rocky Goshert, presented the Jail budget noting an increase for medical for prisoners. Goshert explained it is a savings to have the doctors come to the jail and being able to call 24/7 into a pool of doctors. Goshert also explained the increase in canine medical and food is due to obtaining an additional dog through the Prosecutor's office. Goshert then explained the existing dog is for explosives and the additional dog would be for narcotics being used heavily in the schools.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve budget from line item 11301 through remainder of budget.	
SECOND:	Larry Teghtmeyer		
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0; 1 Abstain		
MOTION CARRIED			

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Sheriff, Rocky Goshert, presented the Sheriff's budget for 2009 stating the only increase besides wages is for gas/fuel. Goshert explained the budget for gas is at \$4 per gallon since that was the price when the budget was prepared. Goshert stated he could decrease that amount to \$260,000. Goshert explained further the number of prisoner transports has increased due to orders from Judges stating the Sheriff must go to any Department of Corrections in the State and transport a prisoner back and forth to meet with their attorney. Goshert noted that Motor Vehicles had been budgeted both in the Sheriff's budget as well as the Cum Jail. Goshert explained that amount is for five (5) vehicles through State bid with Ford. Goshert further explained changing to Dodge or Chevrolet would result in replacing all of the lights and radios since they are not compatible, thereby increasing the cost significantly.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve budget reducing line item 22003 to \$260,000 through remainder of budget.	
SECOND:	Tom Anglin		
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0		
MOTION CARRIED			

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY CORRECTIONS (243) 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Sheriff, Rocky Goshert, presented the County Corrections budget. Council Member Teghtmeyer questioned whether this was for the security at the Justice Building. Goshert affirmed those funds were for security.

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

IN THE MATTER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT FORFEITURES (306) 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Sheriff, Rocky Goshert, presented the Law Enforcement Forfeitures budget for 2009 stating there were no changes.

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

IN THE MATTER OF 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM (713) 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Tom Brindle, Chief Dispatcher, presented the 911 budget noting the only increases are for wages. Council Member Teghtmeyer questioned how much of the wages are paid out of the fees versus County General. County Auditor, Marsha McSherry and Brindle responded the wages are paid out of the 911 (713) budget with the remainder coming from the Commissioner budget. McSherry noted the only items remaining in this budget are salaries with the remainder of line items moved to County General to help alleviate the funding shortfall for 911. Council Member Kinsey questioned whether there was any kickback from cell phones. Brindle responded the State is still working on it.

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

IN THE MATTER OF E911 (COUNTY GENERAL) 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, noted this budget will be paid out of County General

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	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.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL
Tuesday, August 26, 2008

The Kosciusko County Council met for their preliminary budget meeting on Tuesday, August 26, 2008 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	Marsha McSherry, 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 AND RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTION:

Brad Tandy, Wage Committee Member, presented the Wage Committee report. Tandy noted the other members of the Wage Committee are Council Member, Larry Teghtmeyer and Commissioner, Brad Jackson. Tandy thanked the elected officials and department heads for their cooperation and information. Tandy stated the following recommendations from the Wage Committee:

IN THE MATTER OF WAGE COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTION CONTINUED:

- ❖ **County Recorder:** Deb Wright requested the elimination of one (1) full-time deputy position in the amount of \$25,791. Wright also requested the part-time account be increased from \$10,300 to \$20,000 for the addition of two (2) part-time positions instead of one (1) full-time deputy. Wage Committee recommendation was to approve the request as stated.
- ❖ **Maintenance:** Tandy stated there was discussion of hiring an additional full-time housekeeper but due to budget concerns, the Committee's recommendation was to deny the request of an additional full-time housekeeper.
- ❖ **Sheriff:** Rocky Goshert had requested an additional full-time clerical position for civil process since there is one (1) part-time employee currently. Wage Committee recognized the additional administrative burden on the Sheriff's department with regard to civil process and would like to work with the Sheriff's office on getting the work done without adding a new position. Wage Committee recommendation was to deny the request for a full-time clerical position for civil process.
- ❖ **County Clerk:** Sharon Christner had requested three (3) additional full-time positions and one (1) additional part-time position. Wage Committee felt that even though the positions may be needed with the approaching transition period of a new Clerk for 2009, the recommendation is to deny the request for the additional full-time and part-time positions.
- ❖ **Wage Increases:** Wage Committee discussed current budget constraints and operating balance issues but thought it important to give an appropriate wage increase to county employees. Wage Committee was mindful of the significant increase in health care costs. Wage Committee also reviewed a report of the operating balance for the last five (5) years prepared by the County Auditor showing the operating balance to be stable. Wage Committee recommends a pay increase in the amount of 3% to all county employees for 2009.
- ❖ **Township Trustee/Assessors:** Wage Committee recommended discussing the issue of Township Trustee/Assessors with the full Council at the Budget Hearing on Tuesday, August 26, 2008.
- ❖ **Auditor:** Marsha McSherry requested the elimination of one (1) full-time position in the amount of \$24,575 with an increase in part-time in the amount of \$19,110 noting a savings for the County. Wage Committee recommendation was to approve the request as stated.

MOTION:	Bob Sanders	TO: Approve the recommendations of the Wage Committee as presented.	
SECOND:	Larry Teghtmeyer		
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0		
MOTION CARRIED			

IN THE MATTER OF CORONER 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

John Sadler, County Coroner, presented the Coroner's budget noting a total increase of \$850 - \$500 for Deputy Coroner that includes the Transportation Officer who makes transports back and forth to Ft. Wayne. Sadler explained the additional increase for supplies is petroleum related that have increased in cost; and also, an extra \$100 for maintenance.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve budget from line item 11513 through remainder of budget.	
SECOND:	Larry Teghtmeyer		
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0		

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY SALARY CLARIFICATION:

Council Member Teghtmeyer stated the Wage Committee overlooked the request for increase in wages between heavy equipment operators and truck drivers. Teghtmeyer further stated Council would like to establish that difference at \$1.00 per hour more for heavy equipment operators versus truck drivers.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve a \$1.00 per hour differential for heavy equipment operators versus truck drivers for County Highway.	
SECOND:	John Kinsey		
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0		
MOTION CARRIED			

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY MVH#1 (204-050) 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Dennis Pletcher, Highway Superintendent, presented the 2009 budget. Council Member Sanders questioned if there was enough funding budgeted for gas/oil. Pletcher responded no, he originally budgeted one million dollars for fuel but due to an error found by the County Auditor, budget cuts had to be made. Pletcher explained in looking at the cash operating balance, he tries to budget conservatively and then not spend all of the funds appropriated; but, with increasing costs, he may have to go into the reserve. Council Member Teghtmeyer questioned if the funds were available to fund the 2009 budget. Pletcher responded the funds are available now but he is not sure about funding for the 2010 budget.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY MVH#1 (204-050) 2009 BUDGET REQUEST CONTINUED:

Pletcher noted the previous year he requested funding for additional computer software; but in speaking with the Systems Administrator found they can get better, less expensive software to help with bookkeeping, etc. Pletcher then stated he moved the money from Computer Software to Fuel. Pletcher further noted the Department purchases approximately 130,000 gallons of fuel each year solely for trucks, not heavy equipment. When questioned about purchasing fuel ahead, Pletcher responded the storage does not exist for extra fuel and they have gotten caught in the past with the wrong fuel from a vendor so it has not been cost effective.

MOTION:	Brad Tandy	TO: Approve MVH (204-050) budget from line item 11601 through remainder of budget as presented.
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY MVH#2 (204-051) 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Dennis Pletcher, Highway Superintendent, presented the MVH #2 budget. Council Member Anglin questioned line item 36004 Equipment Rental. Pletcher stated the increase is to rent larger equipment than what the County currently has in order to get a project done in a timely manner. Council Member Tandy questioned how the part-time line item was decreased by \$70,000.

Pletcher responded he did not hire anyone explaining with decreasing revenues and increasing costs, he has had to cut services. Pletcher further explained the State has decreased funding each year since 2004 but costs continue to increase. Pletcher stated the Commissioners have final approval on all cuts to be made as well as approval of pavement and repair projects.

MOTION:	Brad Tandy	TO: Approve budget from line item 11301 through remainder of the budget as presented.
SECOND:	Larry Teghtmeyer	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY MVH MAJOR MOVES (204-052) 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Highway Superintendent, Dennis Pletcher, presented the MVH Major Moves budget. Council Member Teghtmeyer questioned whether the funding under Major Moves is reoccurring. Pletcher stated the Major Moves funding was a one (1) time pay out in the amount of \$1.6 million dollars given in two (2) installments. Pletcher explained the Commissioners decided to look ahead and use the money to cover any deficiencies in the budget instead of applying those finds to a specific project. Teghtmeyer questioned further chip and seal projects for 2008. Pletcher stated the projects on Old 30 from the west county line to County Road 350W as well as County Road 500S have been completed. Pletcher further stated all heavily damaged areas have also been repaired. Council Member Kinsey then questioned whether the soybean trucks are causing any damage. Pletcher responded they are just beginning to see the damage and it will get worse. Pletcher noted Dreyfus informed the County the trucks would not be on county roads, only state roads; but many trucks take county roads over to State Road 15 to avoid traffic in Warsaw.

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

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY LOCAL ROAD AND STREET (205) 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF CUMULATIVE BRIDGE (206) 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Highway Superintendent, Dennis Pletcher, presented information regarding the Cumulative Bridge budget. Council Member Sanders questioned the line item for Small Structure. Pletcher explained the inspections are normally done every eight (8) to ten (10) years and that process should begin again next year. Pletcher further explained Federal Highway mandates inspections of bridges every two (2) years so that line item will not return until the 2010 budget.

IN THE MATTER OF CUMULATIVE BRIDGE (206) 2009 BUDGET REQUEST CONTINUED:

Pletcher informed Council there are 106 bridges and 402 small structures in the County (bridge is over 20 feet in length and a small structure is less than 20 feet in length). Pletcher then stated the line item for Bridge Inspection (39084) will be on the budget in the future to allow for the inspection of the bridges throughout the County every two (2) years. Pletcher noted he will research whether the use of Federal funding will be allowed for bridge inspections thereby receiving up to 80% of that expenditure back. Pletcher also explained the increase in Consultant Engineering (39042) is for bridge 190 and together with the application of federal funding, they can begin to build the fund for that bridge.

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

IN THE MATTER OF PROSECUTOR 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Prosecutor, Steve Hearn, presented the 2009 budget noting there were no changes from last year.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve budget as presented with a 3% wage increase to the salaries.	
SECOND:	Tom Anglin		
AYES:	7	NAYES:	0
MOTION CARRIED			

IN THE MATTER OF TITLE IV-D 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Steve Hearn, Prosecutor, presented the IV-D budget noting there were no changes from the previous year.

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

IN THE MATTER OF VICTIM ASSISTANT (VOCA) 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Steve Hearn, Prosecutor, presented the Victim Assistant (VOCA) budget noting there were no changes from the previous year. Council Member Kinsey questioned the line items for retirement contributions and group insurance. Hearn explained the position was originally a full-time position, and then it was changed to a part-time position; and now the position is full-time again and the budget reflects that full-time position.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve budget as presented with a 3% wage increase to the salaries; also using Title IV-D funding to make up any deficiency in the budget for VOCA.	
SECOND:	Brad Tandy		
AYES:	7	NAYES:	0
MOTION CARRIED			

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY RECORDER 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Deb Wright, County Recorder, presented the 2009 budget noting the elimination of one (1) full-time deputy and the addition of two (2) part-time positions per Wage Committee’s recommendation. Council Member Anglin commended Wright for creating a savings for the County.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve budget as presented with a 3% wage increase to the salaries.	
SECOND:	Bob Sanders		
AYES:	7	NAYES:	0
MOTION CARRIED			

IN THE MATTER OF CIRCUIT AND SUPERIOR I COURTS 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Judge Rex Reed and Judge Duane Huffer presented the budget for Circuit and Superior I Courts noting three (3) increases and one (1) decrease and some minor changes. Reed requested an additional \$10,000.00 for public defender’s service. Reed further noted some of that \$10,000.00 will be reimbursed. Reed then requested an additional \$4,000.00 for court ordered services which include funding for interpreters and services from the Bowen Center that were previously free. Reed also requested an additional \$5,000.00 for court appointed attorneys. Judge Huffer explained with regard to the increase for court appointed attorneys saying the funding is mainly, for example, if a child is being taken away from their parents, that child is entitled to representation. Huffer further explained that the County will no longer be funding children in need of services such as secure detention for children or delinquent children. Huffer noted delinquent children will be handled and paid for by the State Department of Child Services, whereas secure detention for children will not and that funding may need to come from the Commissioners. Judge Huffer thanked and commended Peggy Shively for her past work in Family and Children department. President Jones questioned Judges Reed and Huffer regarding the increased prisoner transport cost incurred by the Sheriff’s Department, transporting prisoners all over the State.

IN THE MATTER OF CIRCUIT AND SUPERIOR I COURTS 2009 BUDGET REQUEST CONTINUED:

Jones questioned whether this procedure could be done by video. Both Judges concurred regarding video conferencing between prisoners and their attorneys noting they also attempt to complete some conferences, etc. over the telephone. Both Judges agreed to research the video conferencing topic further.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve budget from line item 11301 through remainder of budget.
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF ADULT PROBATION USER FEES (248) 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Probation Officer, Ron Babcock, presented the Adult Probation User Fee budget for 2009 reminding Council the salaries are frozen at 2003 rates with all increases paid through user fees as mandated by the State. Babcock noted the only expenditure out of the General Fund is for support staff. Babcock further noted one (1) Case Manager is now being paid from the Kosciusko County Drug and Alcohol Program fees. Council Member Sanders questioned the addition of part-time positions. Babcock responded the line items are in the budget if the need arises for the part-time help, noting those part-time positions are paid out of user fees also.

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

Council Member Teghtmeyer made a motion to approve the probation officer's salary according to the minimum salary as outlined in the Adult Probation User Fee Fund.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve the probation officers' salary according to the minimum salary as outlined in the Adult Probation User Fee Fund.
SECOND:	Brad Tandy	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF JUVENILE PROBATION USER FEES (249) 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Ron Babcock presented the Juvenile Probation User Fee Budget stating the mandated wage increases are the only item being paid for from this fund according to the minimum salary guidelines. Babcock explained the Juvenile Fund does not generate as many fees since there are more adults than juveniles, thus the Adult fees will also supplement the mandated increases.

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

IN THE MATTER OF SUPERIOR COURTS II & III 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Judge Jarrett and Judge Sutton presented the budget for Superior Courts II & III with Judge Jarrett stating there are only a few changes from last year's budget. Jarrett noted a reduction in the Jury Per Diem line item but an increase in postage. Jarrett explained the State Court Administrator changed the case load between the four (4) courts. Judge Sutton then explained the Pauper Counsel line item is reimbursed through user fees.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve budget from line item 11016 through the remainder of budget.
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF DRUG & ALCOHOL FUND (284) 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Probation Officer, Ron Babcock presented the Drug and Alcohol budget request explaining the fees are used to pay the fringe benefits for the Case Managers and also to pay the salary for one (1) Case Manager.

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

Prior to Township Budget presentations, Council President Harold Jones presented each Township Trustee/Assessor with a Certificate of Appreciation for the years of hard work and dedication to the County.

IN THE MATTER OF THE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE/ASSESSOR BUDGETS:

President Harold Jones stated the budgets for the Township Trustee/Assessors would be dealt with collectively and not individually.

Council Member Brad Tandy explained with the enactment of House Enrolled Act 1001, the State eliminated the duties and responsibilities of the Township Assessors. Tandy further explained the Council approved the creation of ten (10) new positions in the County Assessor's office to fill the roles previously filled by the Township Assessors. Tandy further stated the Council has a fiduciary responsibility to the County to spend the funds appropriately. Tandy opposed approving any of the Township Assessor's budgets since there are no longer any duties or responsibilities for those Township Assessors.

MOTION:	Brad Tandy	TO: Deny the budgets of the Township Assessors as presented including Plain, Wayne, Turkey Creek and Tippecanoe Townships.
SECOND:	John Kinsey	
AYES: 5	NAYES: 2	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF AUDITOR BUDGET 2009 REQUEST:

County Auditor, Marsha McSherry, presented the budget for 2009 noting the elimination of one (1) full-time deputy and the request for additional part-time monies per Wage Committee's recommendation. McSherry further stated increases in the budget are for meetings, mileage and fuel/travel with an increase in the dues for the State Association for auditors also.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve budget from line item 11301 through the remainder of the budget.
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF PLAT BOOK FUND (274) BUDGET 2009 REQUEST:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented the budget for the plat book fund noting this has remained unchanged and is funded by transfer fees.

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

IN THE MATTER OF MAINTENANCE 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented the 2009 budget noting he is again in the process of reorganizing the maintenance department due to the retirement of Don Taylor and with this position being vacant again due to the departure of his replacement. Robinson stated the bookkeeping duties and central purchasing duties are being handled by Cathy Reed from Emergency Management. Robinson referenced the budget noting increases in the supplies, adding he has no control over the rising costs. Robinson noted an increase in the budget for snow removal since 2008 created a deficiency in that line item resulting in many transfers to cover that expense. Robinson further explained the cost of inspections has increased from \$25 per elevator to \$125 per elevator. Discussion ensued regarding the elevators in both the Courthouse and Justice Building and their respective inspections.

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

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 2009 BUDGET:

In the absence of Commissioner President Brad Jackson, Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented the Commissioner budget for 2009. Robinson explained there were increases for 2009 to cover shortages in 2008 such as social security/retirement, workers' compensation, group insurance, postage, property liability insurance and repairs. Council Member Tandy questioned whether there was a recommendation from the Commissioners regarding the not-for-profits. Robinson responded the Commissioners' recommendation was to keep the amounts the same as 2008 further stating the Bowen Center amount is mandated by the State. Discussion ensued regarding the amounts to be given to the not-for-profits for 2009. Tandy questioned the decrease in property liability insurance. Robinson responded that the County "shopped around" for better pricing.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve budget as requested with not-for-profits amounts to remain at the 2008 level.
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	
AYES: 5	NAYES: 2	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET:

In the absence of Commissioner President Brad Jackson, Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented the Cumulative Capital Development Fund budget stating this fund is the same as the previous year.

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

IN THE MATTER OF EDIT FUND BUDGET:

In the absence of Commissioner President Brad Jackson, Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented the EDIT budget noting these funds will be used to pay the bond due on the Justice Building as well as the Western Route. Robinson explained the State awarded the County \$2 million dollars to expand Old 30 to a three (3) lane road from Fox Farm Road to Zimmer Road with the intersection at Fox Farm Road being a roundabout.

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

IN THE MATTER OF CUM JAIL BUDGET:

In the absence of Commissioner President Brad Jackson, Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented the Cum Jail budget. Council Member Teghtmeyer questioned having a line item for the Sheriff's Department vehicles in Cum Jail as well as the Sheriff's budget. President Jones stated the County Auditor advised removing that line item from the Sheriff's budget.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve budget as presented removing Motor Vehicles 46001 from the Sheriff's budget.
SECOND:	Larry Teghtmeyer	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF RAINY DAY FUND BUDGET:

The Council considered the Rainy Day Fund budget.

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

IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL BUDGET:

Council President, Harold Jones, presented the County Council budget noting a request for a wage increase due to being unsure as to the duties to be taken on by Council under HEA 1001. Council Member Anglin stated he is against that large of a salary increase and believes the Council increase should be the same as the increase for County employees. Council Member Teghtmeyer expressed concern as to the possible increased expense of legal services and/or consulting fees. Jones stated Council can take the amount proposed for the salary increase and use those funds for Legal Services (31002) and Consulting (31021). Council Member Kinsey agreed with Anglin on not increasing Council Members' salaries.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve budget as presented with a 3% salary increase for Council Members and moving remainder of monies to Legal Services (31002).
SECOND:	Larry Teghtmeyer	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF CLARIFICATION OF BUDGET REQUESTS:

Council President Harold Jones stated the following items that needed clarification for the County Auditor's office:

- ❖ **Part-time Wages:** Council Member Teghtmeyer thought the wage increase for part-time should be 3% along with other county employees.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve 3% increase for all part-time employees.
SECOND:	Brad Tandy	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

- ❖ **Chief Deputy Wages:** President Jones explained most of the Chief Deputy positions are paid 75% of the elected official or office holder's salary and that needs to be clarified for the salary ordinance.

MOTION:	Brad Tandy	TO: Approve salary ordinance stating Chief Deputy positions are to be paid at 75% of the elected official or office holder's salary.
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

- ❖ **Accolades:** President Jones expressed his thanks to Peggy Shively for the many years of service to the families and children of the County.
- ❖ **Level II Pay:** Level II wages for Assessors were discussed. It was noted the Council needs to research that amount with the State for clarification and address the matter at the Budget Hearing on Thursday, August 28, 2008.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL
Thursday, August 28, 2008

The Kosciusko County Council met for their preliminary budget meeting on Thursday, August 28, 2008 at 7:00 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	Marsha McSherry, 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.

Council President, Harold Jones, thanked the elected officials and department heads for preparing concise and frugal budgets. Jones further thanked County Auditor, Marsha McSherry, and her staff for preparing and organizing the budget books and the assisting the departments in the preparation of their respective budgets. Jones also thanked County Administrator, Ron Robinson, and the County Commissioners for their efforts in keeping the County government conservative and efficient.

IN THE MATTER OF CLARIFICATION OF BUDGET REQUESTS:

Council President Harold Jones stated the following items that need clarification:

- ❖ **Solid Waste Pay:** Council President, Harold Jones, stated clarification was needed regarding the Solid Waste Annual payment to the County for Controller fees.

MOTION:	John Kinsey	TO: Approve the payment of \$6,000.00 to be included in the County Auditor’s salary as Controller for the Solid Waste District.
SECOND:	Brad Tandy	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

- ❖ **Level II Assessor Wages:** President Jones stated the wages for the Level II Trustee/Assessors and elected Township Assessors also needed to be clarified. Council Member Tandy explained the law requires the elected Township Assessors continue to receive Level II wages regardless of whether they continue to provide services to the County. Tandy further explained the Township Trustee/Assessors would not receive any Level II wages if their assessing duties have not continued. Tandy suggested paying the elected Township Assessors the Level II wages until the end of their term and to no longer pay the Township Trustee/Assessors any Level II wages.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve payment within the Commissioners’ budget of Level II \$1,000.00 certification bonus, as required by law, to elected Township Assessors (Plain, Wayne, Tippecanoe and Turkey Creek) for 2009.
SECOND:	Brad Tandy	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY JOB STATUS CLARIFICATION:

Dennis Pletcher, Highway Superintendent, referenced a previous letter given to Council requesting a change in the job status for a Laborer. Pletcher explained the previous employee retired so he would like to change the job description, listing the additional duties the new employee performs. Pletcher further explained with the additional duties, he would also like to change the pay rate to the same as the rate for a truck driver. Pletcher stated that amount was allocated in the Highway budget previously approved by Council. Pletcher noted a CDL license requirement is not listed in the current job description since that requirement can limit applicants but the current employee does have a CDL license which is helpful in moving vehicles.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve pay level and classification of laborer to the same as truck driver.
SECOND:	John Kinsey	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET ADOPTION:

Council President, Harold Jones, entertained a motion from the Council to approve the preliminary budget as stated in the three (3) budget meetings.

MOTION:	Bob Sanders	TO: Adopt the preliminary budget as presented.
SECOND:	Brad Tandy	
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL
September 11, 2008**

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, September 11, 2008 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 - *Absent*
Marsha McSherry, 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 CLERK OF THE COURTS:

County Clerk, Sharon Christner, requested a transfer of \$3,500.00 from the Clerk Deputy account to the Part Time account. Christner stated this transfer is for two (2) part-time employees working thirty-five (35) hours per week and will cover their salaries for the remainder of 2008.

MOTION:	John Kinsey	TO: Approve transfer of \$3,500.00 from
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel	100-10035-000-008 Clerk Deputy to
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	100-11301-000-008 Part Time.
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SHERIFF:

Sheriff, Rocky Goshert, requested a transfer of \$2,018.55 to the Repairs and Maintenance account. Goshert explained the funds were from an insurance check for vandalism to his squad car.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve transfer of \$2,018.55 to
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	100-35001-000-019 Repairs & Maintenance.
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR COUNTY GENERAL:

Chief Deputy of the Treasurer's office, Cindy Nolton, requested additional appropriation in the amount of \$24,500.00 for postage to mail tax bills once the County receives their certified tax rates from the State. Nolton noted the due dates given by the DLGF for the tax installments are October 31, 2008 and December 10, 2008.

Council Member John Kinsey questioned why postage had not been factored into the budget.

Nolton responded normally the County sends out one (1) tax bill; the voluntary payment option exhausted the budgeted amount for postage.

MOTION:	Charlene Knispel	TO: Approve additional appropriations into
SECOND:	John Kinsey	100-32002-000-009 Postage in the amount of
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	\$24,500.00.
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF MAPLE LEAF FARMS ABATEMENT RESOLUTION:

Council President, Harold Jones, presented the Maple Leaf Abatement Resolution approved by Council on August 14, 2008 for signatures. Council Member, Larry Teghtmeyer, inquired as to why the employee benefits were in the Council minutes but not in the Resolution.

Steve Snyder, Attorney for Maple Leaf Farms, upon review of the resolution, agreed with Teghtmeyer and said he would bring the correct Resolution next month for signature.

IN THE MATTER OF GOOD NEWS MISSION, INC. TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE REQUEST:

Steve Snyder, Attorney for Good News Mission, Inc., stated his client owns a camp on Backwater Lake and is attempting to straighten out the title in preparation for auction of the property. Snyder then stated his client currently owns tract 1 and tract 3; however there is a small triangular piece as well as 10'5" section between the two tracts that went to the Commissioners through a 1994 tax sale. Snyder noted those two (2) pieces have no value to anyone other than his client, and the only way to access them is through the camp road. Snyder went on to say he had spoken with County Attorney, Mike Miner, hoping to find a solution to the matter. Snyder stated Miner responded that recent modifications to Indiana Statute allows for the transfer of a deed to a 5013C charitable organization by the County Council and Commissioners. Snyder added his client meets those guidelines and is a 5013C organization. He added no other requirements have to be met before a transfer could be completed other than the approval and signatures of the County Council and Commissioners and was therefore requesting Council's approval to allow the Commissioners to transfer the pieces in question to Good News Mission, Inc.

Councilman Bob Sanders requested clarification from Snyder regarding the ownership of other tracts outlined in the survey.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve resolution to allow
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	Commissioners to transfer property
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	acquired at tax sale to Good News
MOTION CARRIED		
Mission, Inc.		

IN THE MATTER OF 2009 BUDGET ADOPTION:

Council President Jones opened the discussion regarding the 2009 budget. Council Member Larry Teghtmeyer questioned County Auditor, Marsha McSherry, regarding the maximum levy. McSherry stated she spoke with Mike Deniston of the DLGF and found there is no need to do anything at this time regarding the maximum levy. McSherry further noted the State does not allow a County to raise its maximum levy. Teghtmeyer expressed concern that if the budget is adopted as it stands, the County cannot go back at a later time and make changes or adjustments.

McSherry added the County will not know the maximum levy until next year sometime.

Teghtmeyer questioned whether the operating balance should be increased to the maximum levy giving the opportunity to reduce at a later date, expressing concern with future 911 funding.

McSherry stated the DLGF gave no indication that the operating balance needed to be increased. McSherry further stated there is no way to get an exact figure for the maximum levy, only an approximate since the DLGF cannot give the maximum levy until next year. McSherry explained if the operating balance is changed, the entire budget paperwork would have to be recalculated.

Discussion was held regarding the County's history concerning the maximum levy. Teghtmeyer expressed further concern that the County may be penalized for not being at the maximum levy. Teghtmeyer stated his major concern was the direction of funding for 911 and not wanting to be penalized for not raising enough funding.

McSherry noted the operating balance is at an acceptable level for 2009 but Council may want to investigate that option for future years. McSherry noted further there is no way to know the exact levy until the County receives its certified budget order, which was just received this week for 2008. McSherry also stated the DLGF should approve the budget as submitted as long as the operating balance supports it.

Council Member Charlene Knispel stated the subject of increasing the operating balance should be put on the agenda and discussed next year in the budget hearings.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Adopt 2009 County budget as presented.

SECOND: Charlene Knispel

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF DECLARATION OF COUNTY TAX RATES – CAGIT/COIT/CEDIT:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, explained each year Council must file a Declaration of County Tax Rates for CAGIT, COIT and CEDIT. McSherry noted the rates have not changed from the previous year.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve Declaration of County Rates as

SECOND: John Kinsey presented.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF LETTER TO THE INDIANA PUBLIC DEFENDERS ASSOCIATION:

County Auditor, Marsha McSherry, presented a letter to be submitted to the Indiana Public Defenders Association regarding the imbalance of caseload assignments in the County. The letter outlined steps to be taken to correct the matter. Council supported the letter.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL REVIEW OF BUDGETS:

Discussion was held regarding Council's upcoming review of taxing entities' 2009 budgets. Council Member Bob Sanders expressed his concern regarding having a training session for Council on reviewing the taxing entities budgets to aid in understanding the information on the website. Further discussion was held regarding the website to view the budgets for the taxing entities and Sanders felt for Council to review and make a "non-binding recommendation" is not worthwhile if it is "not binding".

Sanders questioned if a training session would be held to aid Council with the review process. He also expressed concern that the review has no value as Council can only make a "non-binding recommendation". Council Member Teghtmeyer outlined changes to the law in respect to the budget review and noted Council will need to look at growth quotient on the budgets and the overall effect it will have on the County.

County Auditor, Marsha McSherry, noted she has contacted someone to assist Council members with future budget issues and is waiting to hear back from them.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL

October 9, 2008

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, October 9, 2008 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
Bob Sanders - <i>Absent</i>	Marsha McSherry, 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 CORONER:

County Coroner, John Sadler, requested a transfer of \$600.00 from the Mileage/Fuel/Travel account to the Coroner Vehicle account. Sadler stated this transfer is to replace the brakes on the transport van.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$600.00 from
SECOND:	John Kinsey	100-32003-000-010 Mileage/Fuel/Travel to
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	100-44000-000-010 Coroner Vehicle.
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR AUDITOR:

County Auditor, Marsha McSherry, requested a transfer of \$4,000.00 from the Counter Deputy account to the Part-Time account. McSherry stated this transfer is to cover a shortfall in the part-time account.

MOTION:	Brad Tandy	TO: Approve transfer of \$4,000.00 from
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	100-11060-000-005 Counter Deputy to
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	100-11301-000-005 Part Time.
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR COMMISSIONERS:

County Administrator, Ron Robinson, requested a transfer of \$10,000.00 from the Juvenile Task Force account to the Computer Cartridges account. Robinson stated he does not anticipate using all of the funds but wanted to have enough funds. Robinson explained even though the County is trying to utilize the copy machines for printing documents since it is more cost efficient, there are some departments that still need to have printers in their offices.

MOTION:	John Kinsey	TO: Approve transfer of \$10,000.00 from
SECOND:	Brad Tandy	100-36018-000-009 Juvenile Task Force to
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	100-21013-000-009 Computer Cartridges.
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR E911:

Tom Brindle, Emergency Communications Director, requested a transfer of \$5,000.00 from the Longevity account to the Overtime account. Brindle explained a dispatcher will be on medical leave for five (5) to six (6) weeks and he anticipates needing the funds to cover the overtime.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve transfer of \$5,000.00 from
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	713-11090-000-000 Longevity to
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	713-11401-000-000 Overtime.
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SHERIFF:

Sheriff, Rocky Goshert, requested a transfer of \$1,000.00 from the Reimbursement Insurance account to the Repairs and Maintenance account. Goshert explained the funds were from an insurance check to repair a squad car from an accident.

MOTION:	John Kinsey	TO: Approve transfer of \$1,000.00 from
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	100-00563-000-000 Reimbursement Insurance
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	to
MOTION CARRIED		
100-35001-000-019 Repairs & Maintenance.		

IN THE MATTER OF MAPLE LEAF FARMS ABATEMENT RESOLUTION:

County Auditor, Marsha McSherry, presented the Maple Leaf Abatement Resolution approved by Council on August 14, 2008 for signatures. McSherry noted this Resolution contains the employee benefits as outlined in the August 14, 2008 meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF KOSCIUSKO COUNTY CONVENTION, RECREATION AND VISITOR COMMISSION 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

John Elliott, KCCRVC Board President, and Mary Kittrell, CVB Executive Director, presented the 2009 KCCRVC budget request for Council's review noting few increases. Elliott stated the KCCRVC provided funding to help fix up the BMX bike park enabling them to host a big event in 2009. Elliott also noted the latest phase has been completed on the Greenway Project. He further noted part of the funding for the Greenway Project came from a \$20,000 grant.

Elliott referenced the budget noting a decrease in administration cost from \$5,000 to \$2,500 and an increase from \$34,000 to \$45,000 for the CCAC contract that is up for renewal. Elliott further explained they are recommending a three (3) year contract extension with the CCAC for \$40,000 (\$10,000 per quarter).

Council Member Larry Teghtmeyer concurred with the contract extension for the CCAC. Elliott noted there is also \$50,000 in the budget for project development grants so other businesses can apply for funding.

Elliott further noted the budget and funding is subject to room tax collection which has seen an increase from 2007. Elliott stated month-to-month collection of the room tax has been tightened up and one (1) hotelier was prosecuted for non-payment of the room tax.

Teghtmeyer approved of the grants posturing for the CCAC and the Greenway Project as those are lasting projects in the community. Teghtmeyer then questioned the benefits increase in the budget.

Kittrell explained the increase is due to more employees being eligible for retirement and insurance benefits. Kittrell also noted that instead of the website being maintained off-site, they now have one (1) full-time employee who maintains the website. Kittrell further noted their office also gave 3% pay increases to their employees, the same as County employees.

Elliott thanked the Council and Commissioners for appointing him and giving him the opportunity to serve on the KCCRVC board.

IN THE MATTER OF KOSCIUSKO COUNTY CONVENTION, RECREATION AND VISITOR COMMISSION 2009 BUDGET REQUEST CONTINUED:

Council Member Brad Tandy felt Council was in favor of the budget and there should be no need for Elliott or Kittrell to attend November Council meeting when Council will vote on the budget.

Kittrell and Elliott also explained the findings of a consultant hired to help with marketing ideas for the County and noted they felt it had been a worthwhile investment. Kittrell also noted the consultant complimented the KCCRVC on having the best customer service and also helpful, kind residents.

IN THE MATTER OF KOSCIUSKO COUNTY CONVENTION, RECREATION AND VISITOR COMMISSION INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented the Inter-Local Agreement with the KCCRVC appointing the County Auditor as controller for the KCCRVC for Council's approval.

MOTION:	Brad Tandy	TO: Approve for County Auditor to act as
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	controller for the KCCRVC.
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF LETTER FROM THE INDIANA PUBLIC DEFENDERS COMMISSION:

County Auditor, Marsha McSherry, presented a letter received from the Indiana Public Defenders Commission regarding the imbalance of caseload assignments in the County. The Commission stated the County was compliant and accepted the County's proposed solution. The letter further stated there will be a status review of the County at their December 10, 2008 quarterly meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL REVIEW OF BUDGETS:

Discussion was held regarding Council's review of taxing entities' 2009 budgets. Council Member Larry Teghtmeyer suggested any budget over the 4% growth quotient would need to be reviewed with the Township Trustee or Town Clerk. Council Member Brad Tandy concurred with Teghtmeyer.

Council President Harold Jones reminded the Council their only concern is with property tax dollars. Teghtmeyer further suggested all units that are under the 4% growth quotient be approved, excluding Highway and Cumulative Capital Improvement funds.

Martha Stoelting from The Paper questioned what authority Council has over the budgets. President Jones responded the Council is required by law to make a "non-binding recommendation" to the DLGF.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL REVIEW OF BUDGETS CONTINUED:

President Jones noted he and the County Auditor, Marsha McSherry, will review those entities over the 4% growth quotient and request they attend the November Council meeting for review and discussion of their budgets.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve budgets under 4% growth
SECOND:	Brad Tandy	quotient excluding Highway and Cumulative
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	Capital Improvement funds.
MOTION CARRIED		

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL November 13, 2008

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, November 13, 2008 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
Bob Sanders	Marsha McSherry, 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 SUPERIOR COURTS II AND III:

Judge James Jarrette requested a transfer of \$1,700.00 from the Part Time account to the Security Equipment account. Jarrette stated this transfer is for the purchase of two (2) radios to aid in communication between the courts.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$1,700.00 from
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel	100-11301-000-044 Part Time to
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	100-44021-000-044 Security Equipment.
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SUPERIOR COURTS II AND III:

Judge James Jarrette requested a transfer of \$2,000.00 from the Overtime account to the Postage account. Jarrette explained there has been increased cost of postage due to the adjusted case loads.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$2,000.00 from
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel	100-11401-000-044 Overtime to
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	100-32002-000-044 Postage.
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SHERIFF:

Sheriff Rocky Goshert requested a transfer of \$1,500.00 from the Civil Process Part Time account to the Sheriff Part Time account. Goshert explained the funds were needed due to increased caseloads.

MOTION:	Brad Tandy	TO: Approve transfer of \$1,500.00 from
SECOND:	John Kinsey	100-11320-000-019 Civil Process Part Time to
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	100-11315-000-019 Sheriff Part Time.
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SHERIFF:

Sheriff Rocky Goshert requested a transfer of \$1,800.00 from the Jail Part Time account to the Jail Longevity account. Goshert explained the funds were needed due to a miscalculation.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$1,800.00 from
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	100-11301-000-013 Jail Part Time to
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	100-11090-000-013 Jail Longevity.
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SHERIFF:

Sheriff Rocky Goshert requested a transfer of \$4,309.00 from the Reimbursement Insurance account to the Repairs and Maintenance account. Goshert explained the funds were from an insurance check to repair a squad car from an accident.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve transfer of \$4,309.00 from
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	100-00563-000-000 Reimbursement Insurance
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	to
MOTION CARRIED		100-35001-000-019 Repairs and Maintenance.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SHERIFF:

Sheriff Rocky Goshert requested a transfer of \$818.23 from the Reimbursement Insurance account to the Repairs and Maintenance account. Goshert explained the funds were from an insurance check to repair a squad car from an accident.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve transfer of \$818.23 from
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	100-00563-000-000 Reimbursement Insurance
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	to
MOTION CARRIED		100-35001-000-019 Repairs and Maintenance.

IN THE MATTER OF POLICE RETIREMENT PLAN APPROVAL:

Sheriff Rocky Goshert presented an Amendment to the Retirement Plan as required by the Internal Revenue Service. Goshert explained the Amendment sets a \$160,000 cap on pensions. Goshert further explained this does not affect the County but the County is required to file the necessary paperwork with the IRS.

MOTION:	John Kinsey	TO: Approve and sign Amendment to the
SECOND:	Brad Tandy	Police Retirement Plan required by the IRS as
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	presented.
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES:

Sheriff Rocky Goshert requested a transfer of \$1,350.00 from the DNR Grant Salary account to the DNR Equipment account. Goshert explained this fund is used for the lake patrol and the entire salary was not needed, therefore he would like to purchase additional equipment.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$1,350.00 from
SECOND:	John Kinsey	948-11706-000-000 DNR Grant Salary to
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	948-31082-000-000 DNR Equipment.
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR HIGHWAY:

Dennis Pletcher, Highway Superintendent, requested a transfer of \$23,254.50 from Other Equipment to the Trucks account. Pletcher explained he purchased three pick-up trucks; replacing one due to a wreck and two older trucks. He noted two of the vehicles purchased were new and one was used. He went on to say he received discounted pricing on the two new models with the used truck being a heavier duty pickup than the two new ones. Pletcher further stated he waited until the end of the year to replace the vehicles to be sure funding was available in the budget.

MOTION:	Bob Sanders	TO: Approve transfer of \$23,254.50 from
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel	204-44017-000-050 Other Equipment to
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	204-44022-000-050 Trucks.
MOTION CARRIED		
MOTION:	Bob Sanders	TO: Approve transfer of \$5,000.00 from
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel	204-43001-000-050 Intersection Improvements
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	to
MOTION CARRIED		204-44022-000-050 Trucks.
MOTION:	Bob Sanders	TO: Approve transfer of \$5,000.00 from
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel	204-41001-000-050 Land & Improvements to
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	204-44022-000-050 Trucks
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY:

Prosecutor Steve Hearn requested a transfer of \$6,700.00 from the Pre-Trial Diversion Fund to the VOCA Grant. Hearn stated the transfer is to cover a shortfall for a grant position that had been a part time position but was recently changed to a full time position as previously approved by Council. It was noted that a check will be issued from the Pre-Trial Diversion Fund and quietused into the VOCA Grant to facilitate this transfer.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$6,700.00 from
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	254-60000-000-000 Non-appropriated to
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	935-00401-000-000 VOCA Grant \$584.44
MOTION CARRIED		936-00401-000-000 VOCA Grant \$6,115.56.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR COMMISSIONERS:

County Administrator, Ron Robinson, requested a transfer of \$12,500.00 from the Part Time account to the Level I & II Compensation account. Robinson explained this is to pay the trustee/assessors for their certifications. Robinson noted the County will be required to pay for the certifications of the Plain, Tippecanoe, Turkey Creek and Wayne Assessors until 2010.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve transfer of \$12,500.00 from
SECOND:	John Kinsey	100-11301-000-009 Part Time to
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	100-11425-000-009 Level I & II
MOTION CARRIED		Compensation.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR COUNTY GENERAL:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,200.00 for Title IV-D Part Time. Robinson explained the funds will be transferred from the incentive funds account.

MOTION:	Brad Tandy	TO: Approve additional appropriation of
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	\$1,200.00 to
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	100-11301-000-022 Part Time
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF ENHANCED ACCESS FUND REQUEST FOR COUNTY RECORDER:

County Recorder, Deb Wright, requested a fund be created for fees to be deposited in with regard to a contract previously signed by the Commissioners with Doxpop, LLC. Wright explained Doxpop, LLC operates a web development and hosting service making public records available on the internet. Wright further explained by using this service the public does not have direct access to the Recorder's office and/or the County's servers. She went on to explain a document is recorded and scanned in the Recorder's office; then the image is sent to CSI (Recorder's software), then CSI sends the image to Doxpop. Wright noted this service is available at no cost to the County.

Council Member Bob Sanders expressed concern with regard to individuals and/or businesses accessing the information for fraudulent purposes. Sanders then questioned Wright on the expected usage of the system through the internet. Wright responded she was unsure but based her decision on information from other counties using Doxpop.

Sanders questioned the County's liability if information is used for wrongful purposes. Wright explained there is a disclaimer on the website. Sanders also questioned Wright if she had spoken to other companies that might offer this same type of service. Wright noted she only spoke with a couple companies.

Councilman Brad Tandy asked Wright how DoxPop could provide this service to the County at no charge. Wright stated DoxPop makes their money from the fee charged to individuals who access their site and request copies.

Further discussion ensued regarding the County's information being available on a website for anyone to access. Wright noted she cannot deny anyone public information if it is requested, even bulk information. She went on to say the Commissioners had already approved and signed a one year contract with DoxPop for the service. Her request to Council was not for permission to sign a contract, merely approval to establish a fund that the copy fees collected by DoxPop could be deposited in.

Councilman Tom Anglin questioned if the Commissioners were aware of the information that Sanders shared regarding the possible misuse of the County's information. Wright responded to her knowledge they did not. She went to say she had not tried to deceive the Commissioners; she had based her decision to pursue this service on the individual who did not want to or could not come into her office to get a copy of their deed or other documents. Wright added she would be willing to evaluate the service after six months and would have no problem terminating the contract at the end of the year if it was determined the service was not working as anticipated.

IN THE MATTER OF ENHANCED ACCESS FUND REQUEST FOR COUNTY RECORDER CONTINUED:

It was the consensus of the Council members that as the contract had already been approved and signed by the Commissioners, the Council had no choice but to approve the establishment of the fund for the collected copy fees to be deposited in.

MOTION: Larry Tegtmeyer TO: Approve establishing the Enhanced
SECOND: Bob Sanders Access Fund for the DoxPop fees to be
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 deposited as required by the contract terms.
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF K-CODE 2009 BUDGET REQUEST:

Heather Desenberg, K-CODE Coordinator, presented the 2009 K-CODE budget for Council's approval noting services provided by the fund are paid for through grants. Desenberg stated the budget was similar to the 2008 budget. She noted the town of Claypool recently established a police department and the Syracuse Police Department had elected to forego the funding they normally receive from K-CODE so that those funds could be used to help the Claypool Department get the equipment they need. When questioned by Council about the use of billboard advertising as a deterrent to drugs, Desenberg stated K-CODE has focused on hosting seminars in the schools for parents and students and discontinued the billboard ads. She went on to say K-CODE also helps with funding for Serenity House; adding they have been very successful with drug addiction recovery cases.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve 2009 K-CODE budget as
SECOND: Larry Tegtmeyer presented.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF KOSCIUSKO COUNTY CONVENTION, RECREATION AND VISITOR COMMISSION 2009 BUDGET APPROVAL:

Mary Kittrell, CVB Executive Director, appeared before Council for approval of the 2009 KCCRVC budget that was presented to Council at their October meeting.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve 2009 KCCRVC budget as
SECOND: Brad Tandy presented.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TURKEY CREEK FIRE TERRITORY BUDGET REVIEW:

Mickey Scott, Syracuse Fire Chief, Arlen Bobeck, Turkey Creek Fire Territory Board President and Carl Myrick, Turkey Creek Fire Territory Board Member, appeared before Council to discuss the newly created Turkey Creek Fire Territory and answer any questions Council had regarding the territory and its budget. Bobeck stated there are approximately three trains that travel through the town of Syracuse per hour; 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. He went on to say there was concern that due to the number of trains, response time could be delayed by several minutes; adding many businesses, homeowners and the schools are located on the south side of town. Bobeck stated Station 2, which is located on the south side of town, is open 24 hours a day; noting the EMS is also available through Station 2. Bobeck noted funds were not available to maintain the full time operation of Station 2; therefore they went to the DLGF for assistance with funding.

Fire Chief, Mickey Scott, reiterated the main problem with the fire protection is the trains. Scott stated the majority of volunteer fire fighters live on the north side of the lake and since there is no bridge across the lake; volunteers have problems getting to a scene in a timely manner. Scott went on to say in "perfect" circumstances it takes eight minutes to get from Station 1 to Station 2. He added in an emergency, brain damage begins to occur in as little as six minutes. Scott went on to discuss the number and type of vehicles currently housed at Station 2.

Discussion then turned to the budget for the Fire Territory with Bobeck stating funds cannot be transferred from the township to the Fire Territory. He added the Territory begins with \$0.00 and must borrow the funds to begin operating. Bobeck noted \$500,000.00 had been budgeted for equipment; however he did not anticipate any major expenses and feels the \$500,000.00 should decrease each year.

Councilwoman Charlene Knispel questioned whether the DLGF had approved the Fire Territory budget; with Bobeck responding they had. He also noted the DLGF had been very helpful with the budgeting process. Further discussion ensued regarding the volunteers and the paid positions. Fire Chief Scott responded the department could not operate without the volunteers. He went on to say there was a salary ordinance in place with the top salary for a firefighter/paramedic at \$42,300.00.

IN THE MATTER OF TURKEY CREEK FIRE TERRITORY BUDGET REVIEW CONTINUED:

Further discussion took place regarding the budget with Scott noting only part of the budget is made up of property tax dollars. He added that a portion of the \$1,300,000.00 budget was to fund ambulance service. Councilman Sanders questioned other sources of funding available to the territory. Scott stated grant monies were available, as well as smaller fundraisers such as fish fries, etc. Scott also stated by statute, the Territory must have 20% of its budget left at the end of the year. Bobeck reported Fire Territories previously had up to three years to get their budgets set and corrected noting that is not the case anymore. Bobeck stated many hours had been spent working on the budget to make sure it was correct.

Councilman Teghtmeyer thanked Scott, Bobeck and Myrick for attending the meeting and sharing their information.

Teghtmeyer added even though the Territory’s 2009 budget has been certified by the DLGF, the information presented by Scott and Bobeck will help Council next year when they are required to review the Territory’s 2010 budget.

IN THE MATTER OF TAXING UNIT BUDGET REVIEW:

Council President Harold Jones opened discussion regarding Council’s review of all taxing entities’ 2009 budgets. Councilman Sanders stated he would like to look the budgets over further before making a recommendation. Councilman Teghtmeyer questioned if Council should hold a special meeting to review each budget as opposed to reviewing them at their December meeting. Discussion ensued with County Auditor Marsha McSherry noting the DLGF’s intent was to have County Councils look over each unit’s budget and issue a “non-binding” recommendation. McSherry added it is possible the DLGF will require a “binding” recommendation for each taxing unit in 2010.

Jones noted there were only a few budgets that were out of line and overall the budgets submitted appeared fine. He also noted a lot of thought had been put into the budgets.

Ann Zydek, Warsaw Public Library Director, stated the budget process and review was also new to the library and expressed concern regarding their operating balance. Jones noted Warsaw Library’s budget was within the recommended limits.

Further discussion followed and it was determined a recommendation could be made to the DLGF regarding the budget review without a special meeting being necessary. It was also noted that all taxing units would receive a notice of Council’s recommendation.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Recommend that all taxing unit’s budgets
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	be at or below the 4% growth quotient.
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	Recommendation to be forwarded to all taxing
MOTION CARRIED		units as well as the DLGF.

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IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL REVIEW OF LOIT:

Council President Harold Jones stated the Council is to have an annual discussion regarding Local Option Income Tax, noting the County could elect to adopt LOIT if it chose to. Councilman Sanders stated he would like to see taxes stabilize in the County before making a decision on enacting any new taxes. Councilmen Anglin and Jones agreed. Councilman Teghtmeyer noted there were other times in the year that LOIT could be adopted if the Council chose to adopt a local option income tax. He added he would like to see what the legislation is going to do before making any decision.

IN THE MATTER OF PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BUDGET REVIEW:

Julie Goon, Plain Township Trustee, addressed Council regarding her township budget for 2009. Goon stated her budget is over the 4% growth quotient; however she is certain it will be reduced by the DLGF. She added she always budgets high so as not to have to do additional appropriations and then reduces those appropriations at the end of each year for monies not needed.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL

December 1, 2008

The Kosciusko County Council met for a special meeting on Monday, December 1, 2008 at 9:00 AM in the Munson Building, Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones	Charlene Knispel
Tom Anglin	Larry Teghtmeyer
John Kinsey	Brad Tandy
Bob Sanders	Marsha McSherry, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones.

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE AMDENDMENT:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated he had been approached by Clerk Sharon Christner who requested that Clerk Elect Jason McSherry be allowed to begin working in the Clerk's office December 1, 2008 in order to allow for a smooth transition of duties when McSherry takes office in 2009. Robinson noted sufficient funds were available to cover McSherry's salary as there was a vacant position in the Clerk's budget due to a resignation. Robinson went on to say the only benefits that would be paid out would be PERF, adding he felt McSherry was going to decline the County's insurance when he took office as he is covered through his wife's policy through Congressman Souder.

Robinson stated it would be necessary for Council to approve a salary ordinance for the position. Robinson noted the salary would be set at \$1600.00 biweekly which is between the Clerk and the Chief Deputy's salary.

Councilwoman Charlene Knispel, felt the County needs to think about adopting a policy to cover this type of situation.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve Salary Ordinance Amendment
SECOND:	John Kinsey	for Clerk Elect as presented.
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

IN THE MATTER OF DOG TAX DISCUSSION:

Council member John Kinsey, stated he had spoken with Laurie Renier, County Assessor, regarding the dog tax/tags for 2009. Kinsey noted he felt Renier would like to see the tax eliminated. President Jones stated selling the tags would cause many distractions for the Assessor's office every time someone came in to purchase the \$5.00 tag. Councilman Tandy noted he was in favor of eliminating the tax. Councilman Teghtmeyer agreed noting there was no penalty for noncompliance. Further discussion ensued regarding the balance in the Dog Fund and future dog kill claims. It was noted the County could elect to eliminate the tax; however, state statute allows for a taxpayer to submit a claim to the County for a livestock kill. The matter will be addressed Council's regularly scheduled December meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF BRADICAN REALTY PARTNERSHIP ABATEMENT REQUEST:

Council President Jones stated an abatement request had been received from Bradican Realty Partnership d/b/a Applied Thermal Technologies, Inc. Jones noted the abatement request would be addressed further at Council's regular December meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF SWEARING IN CEREMONY:

It was noted the Swearing In Ceremony for elected officials will be held on Tuesday, December 30, 2008 at 1:00 pm in the Old Courtroom.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL

December 11, 2008

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2008 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
Marsha McSherry, 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 MAINTENANCE:

County Auditor, Marsha McSherry for County Administrator, Ron Robinson, requested a transfer of \$500.00 from the Tool & Shop Supplies account to the Water/Sewage account. McSherry explained this transfer is to cover the end of the year bill.

MOTION:	Brad Tandy	TO: Approve transfer of \$500.00 from
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	100-22011-000-006 Tool & Shop Supplies to
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	100-34004-000-006 Water/Sewage.

MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER:

Veteran Service Officer, Mike Barnett, requested a transfer of \$71.67 from the Meetings account to the Mileage/Travel/Fuel account. Barnett explained he attended a seminar at Turkey Run State Park and his expenses exceeded the funds available.

MOTION:	John Kinsey	TO: Approve transfer of \$71.67 from
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	100-11508-000-018 Meetings to
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	100-32003-000-018 Mileage/Travel/Fuel.

MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

- SHERIFF:

Sheriff Rocky Goshert requested a transfer of \$3,000.00 from the DNR Grant Salary account to the DNR Equipment account. Goshert explained the funds will be used to refurbish a patrol boat.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$3,000.00 from
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	948-11706-000-000 DNR Grant Salary to
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	948-31082-000-000 DNR Equipment.

MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SHERIFF:

Sheriff Rocky Goshert requested a transfer of \$3,935.23 from the Reimbursement Insurance account to the Repairs and Maintenance account. Goshert explained the funds were from an insurance check to repair Sergeant Todd Sautter's squad car that was rear ended while working an accident scene.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$3,935.23 from
SECOND:	John Kinsey	100-00563-000-000 Reimbursement Insurance
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	to

MOTION CARRIED 100-35001-000-019 Repairs and Maintenance.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR COUNTY CLERK:

County Auditor, Marsha McSherry for County Clerk, Sharon Christner, requested a transfer of \$1,100.00 from the Deputy Clerk account to the Part Time account. McSherry explained this transfer is to cover part time wages through the end of the year.

MOTION:	Bob Sanders	TO: Approve transfer of \$1,100.00 from
SECOND:	Brad Tandy	100-10032-000-008 Deputy Clerk to
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	100-11301-000-008 Part Time.

MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE:

Joan Younce, Extension Office Director, requested a transfer of \$1,200.00 from the Part Time Summer account to the Extension Office Manager account and also \$300.00 from Part Time account to the Extension Office Manager account. Younce explained the transfers are to cover accrued vacation time for the department's retiring secretary so 2009 funds stay intact.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve transfer of \$1,200.00 from
SECOND: John Kinsey 100-11325-000-00001 Part Time Summer to
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 100-10025-000-00001 Extension Office
MOTION CARRIED Manager.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve transfer of \$300.00 from
SECOND: John Kinsey 100-11301-000-001 Part Time to
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 100-10025-000-001 Extension Office
MOTION CARRIED Manager.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR COUNTY TREASURER:

County Treasurer, Kent Adams, requested a transfer of \$1,989.34 from the Lock Box Tax Payment Services account to the Part Time account. Adams explained this is to cover extra time used for processing of tax payments.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve transfer of \$1,989.34 from
SECOND: Tom Anglin 100-34014-000-038 Lock Box Tax Payment
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 Services to
MOTION CARRIED 100-11301-000-038 Part Time.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR:

County Assessor, Laurie Renier, requested a transfer of \$4,000.00 from the Assessor Deputy account to the Assessor Deputy (Inheritance) account. Renier explained the funds are to cover accrued vacation time for a retiring employee. Renier also noted the position was filled before the employee's retirement to allow for training time, adding to the shortfall of funds.

MOTION: Bob Sanders TO: Approve transfer of \$4,000.00 from
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer 100-11051-000-003 Assessor Deputy to
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 100-11054-000-003 Assessor Deputy
MOTION CARRIED (Inheritance).

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY OPTION DOG TAX:

Laurie Renier, County Assessor, addressed Council regarding the dog tax Ordinance amended in July, 2008. President Harold Jones requested Renier's view on the dog tax wherein she responded that she had polled the northwest and northeast counties and there are 5 counties that collect the dog tax and 25 that do not. Renier noted the Form 101 is no longer being sent out since recreational items will be taxed by the State BMV, and that Form was also used for reporting and collecting the dog tax.

Renier noted postcards could be mailed out to taxpayers but there is not a list of dog owners available. Sanders questioned the amount collected from the dog tax. County Auditor, Marsha McSherry, responded the amount collected this year was approximately \$16,000.00 noting none of those funds have been spent. McSherry added the current balance in the dog tax account is \$26,821.80. McSherry also stated there is a dog surplus fund that contains \$4,148.88 held over from when the tax became a county option tax in 2006. Discussion ensued regarding options with regard to the dog tax, possible suspension of the dog tax and the County's uses for those funds. When asked for her opinion on the dog tax, Renier responded she does not believe the amount collected is worth the time spent collecting the tax.

Council Members Brad Tandy and John Kinsey stated they were in favor of eliminating the dog tax. Council Member Larry Teghtmeyer referenced Renier's last poll of the County's veterinarian clinics wherein approximately 3,200 dogs were reported. Teghtmeyer also noted there is no way to police the tax or know the number of actual dogs in the County when reporting ownership of a dog and paying the tax is purely voluntary. Teghtmeyer concurred with Tandy and Kinsey on the elimination of the dog tax.

McSherry stated if the Council chose to rescind the dog tax, the funds could be transferred into the Dog Fund Surplus account.

Sanders expressed concern with eliminating the dog tax completely and suggested suspending the dog tax in case additional funds are needed in the future. Sanders suggested asking the veterinary clinics in the County to collect the tax and keep a portion for that service. Tandy expressed concern as to the legality of paying a "for profit" business to collect a County tax.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY OPTION DOG TAX CONTINUED:

Council Member Charlene Knispel questioned if law enforcement officers used the dog tax tags to identify strays. Sheriff Rocky Goshert responded Officer Clase attempts to find the owners of the strays but dogs without any tags are taken to the County Animal Shelter.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve elimination of Dog Tax
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer Ordinance 08-07-10-001DOG as of January 1,
AYES: 5 NAYES: 2 2009 with the Dog Tax funds being transferred
MOTION CARRIED to Dog Fund Surplus.

IN THE MATTER OF 2009 SHERIFF'S CONTRACT:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented the 2009 Sheriff's Contract for approval. McSherry noted and Sheriff Rocky Goshert concurred the Contract is the same as the 2008 Contract.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve 2009 Sheriff's contract of
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer \$94,993.00.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF YEAR END TRANSFER RESOLUTION:

County Auditor, Marsha McSherry, presented a year end transfer resolution for Council's approval allowing the Auditor to transfer any funds necessary to allow all accounts to end the year in the black.

MOTION: Brady Tandy TO: Approve Year End Transfer Resolution
SECOND: Bob Sanders as presented.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

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IN THE MATTER OF 2009 INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH SOLID WASTE DISTRICT:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented an Inter-local Agreement between the County and Solid Waste District. McSherry explained the Agreement allows the County Auditor to serve as Controller of the Solid Waste District for 2009.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve the Inter-local Agreement
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer between the County and Solid Waste District
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 for County Auditor to serve as Controller as
MOTION CARRIED presented.

IN THE MATTER OF REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION APPOINTMENT:

President Harold Jones noted the existing appointments of Larry Teghtmeyer and Bill Warren. Teghtmeyer stated he spoke with Bill Warren and they are both willing and able to serve on the Redevelopment Commission for 2009.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve appointment of Larry
SECOND: Bob Sanders Teghtmeyer and Bill Warren to the
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 Redevelopment Commission.
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF SYRACUSE-TURKEY CREEK LIBRARY APPOINTMENT:

President Harold Jones noted the Library requested Randall Girod be appointed for a four (4) year term. Council Member Larry Teghtmeyer also noted Girod to be an excellent appointee.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve appointment of Randall Girod
SECOND: Bob Sanders to Syracuse-Turkey Creek Library Board for a
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 four (4) year term.
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF PTABOA APPOINTMENTS:

Laurie Renier, County Assessor, requested that Susan Myrick and Richard Shipley be appointed to the PTABOA Board. Renier noted that both appointees are willing to serve on PTABOA.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve Susan Myrick and Richard
SECOND: John Kinsey Shipley to the PTABOA Board as requested.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF NAPPANEE PUBLIC LIBRARY APPOINTMENT:

President Harold Jones noted the proposed appointee is Brad Newcomer for a four (4) year term. Jones further noted he received a letter of recommendation for Newcomer as appointee to the Board.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve appointment of Brad Newcomer
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer to Nappanee Public Library Board for a four
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 (4) year term.
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF NORTH WEBSTER COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY APPOINTMENT:

President Harold Jones noted the proposed appointee is Dana L. Krull for a four (4) year term. Council Member Larry Teghtmeyer noted Krull brings professionalism to the Board and has been active in civic affairs.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve appointment of Dana L. Krull
SECOND: Brad Tandy to North Webster Community Public Library
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 Board for a four (4) year term.
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF 2009 YEAR END BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, presented the following year end appointments for approval:

<u>MEMBER OR APPOINTEE</u>	<u>APPOINTMENT OR BOARD</u>
John Kinsey	Solid Waste
Charlene Knispel	Area Plan
Larry Teghtmeyer and Brad Tandy	Wage Committee

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Appoint John Kinsey to Solid Waste
SECOND: Bob Sanders Board.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Appoint Charlene Knispel to Area Plan.
SECOND: Bob Sanders
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Appoint Larry Teghtmeyer and Brad
SECOND: Bob Sanders Tandy to Wage Committee.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF KDI APPOINTMENT:

President Harold Jones noted the existing KDI appointee is Council Member, Bob Sanders. Sanders noted he is willing to serve on the KDI Board.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve appointment of Bob Sanders to
SECOND: Brad Tandy the KDI Board.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF UPDATES:

- ❖ **MaCog:** Council Member, Bob Sanders, informed the Council in the brief time the County has been a part of MaCog, the County has benefited by MaCog locating funding for road projects, specifically roundabouts on Old Road 30. Sanders explained MaCog is made up of Kosciusko, Elkhart, Marshall and St. Joseph Counties and the meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month in South Bend.
- ❖ **KDI:** Council Member, Bob Sanders, informed the Council he attended a retreat to discuss the aim and purpose of KDI and further noted KDI may be coming to Council with ideas for the County.
- ❖ **Lakeland Regional Sewer District:** Council Member, Bob Sanders, stated the LRSD has obtained funds to complete an engineering study. Sanders also stated two (2) other areas wish to be part of the LRSD, namely the Tippecanoe Lake area and the Chapman Lake area. Sanders noted advantages as well as disadvantages to adding either area to the LRSD.

IN THE MATTER OF UPDATES CONTINUED:

- ❖ **Lakeland Regional Sewer District continued:** Sanders informed the Council IDEM will have informational meetings this Saturday, December 13, 2008 at 9:00a.m. at the Chapman Lake Conservation Club and at 1:00p.m. at the North Webster Community Center.

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