

# KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL

## January 8, 2015

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 7:00p.m. in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Sanders

Larry Teghtmeyer - Absent

Jon Fussle

Jon Garber

Brad Tandy

James Moyer

Doug Heinisch - Absent

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by Bob Sanders.

### **IN THE MATTER OF ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT FOR 2015:**

Acting President Bob Sanders called for nominations for 2015 officers. Jon Garber made a nomination for Bob Sanders to remain President for 2015.

MOTION:	Jon Garber	TO: Nominate Bob Sanders as President for
SECOND:	Brad Tandy	2015.
AYES: 4	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

### **IN THE MATTER OF ELECTION FOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR 2014:**

Jon Garber made a nomination for Jim Moyer to become Vice President for 2015.

MOTION:	Jon Garber	TO: Nominate Jim Moyer as Vice President for
SECOND:	Brad Tandy	2015.
AYES: 4	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 11, 2014 MEETING:**

MOTION:	Brad Tandy	TO: Approve the minutes for the December 11,
SECOND:	Jim Moyer	2014 meeting.
AYES: 4	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

### **IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested a transfer of \$2,126.64 from the 1000-00563-000-0000 Insurance Payment to 1000-35001-000-0019 Repairs & Maintenance.

MOTION:	Jim Moyer	TO: Approve transfer of \$2,126.64
SECOND:	Jon Garber	from 1000-00563-000-0000 Insurance
AYES: 4	NAYES: 0	Payment
MOTION CARRIED		
to		
1000-35001-000-0019 Repairs & Maintenance.		

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT:**

Bob Weaver, Health Department Director, requested a transfer of \$2,682.00 from the 1159-11132-000-0000 RN Public Health Nurse to 1159-11131-000-0000 Registrar II/Secretary. Weaver stated in 2014 the Registrar II/Secretary position came vacant and was filled with a more experienced current county employee with ten years of experience. The pay level was increased due to the level of experience the new employee has.

MOTION: Brad Tandy

SECOND: Jon Garber

AYES: 4        NAYES:        0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$2,682.00  
from 1159-11132-000-0000 RN Public Health  
Nurse  
to  
1159-11131-000-0000 Registrar II/Secretary

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

County Auditor, Michelle Puckett, spoke on behalf of Highway Superintendent, Scott Tilden. Puckett requested a transfer of \$21.00 from the 1176-11507-000-0051 Overtime Pay to 1176-10301-000-0051 Highway Office Manager to correct a rounding issue made during the budget process.

MOTION: Jim Moyer

SECOND: Jon Garber

AYES: 4        NAYES:        0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$21.00  
from 1176-11507-000-0051 Overtime Pay  
to  
1176-10301-000-0051 Highway Office  
Manager.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR COMMISSIONERS:**

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, requested a transfer of \$70,000.00 from the 1000-41001-000-0009 Land & Improvements to 1000-11009-000-0009 Assistant County Administrator due to the new position of Assistant County Administrator.

MOTION: Brad Tandy

SECOND: Jim Moyer

AYES: 4        NAYES:        0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$70,000.00  
from 1000-41001-000-0009 Land &  
Improvements  
to  
1000-11009-000-0009 Assistant County  
Administrator.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR DISPATCH:**

David Rosenberry, Dispatch Director, requested a transfer of \$2,000.00 from the 1222-11507-000-0000 Overtime Pay to 1222-11306-000-0000 Part Time Pay.

MOTION: Jim Moyer

SECOND: Jon Garber

AYES: 4        NAYES:        0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$2,000.00  
from 1222-11507-000-0000 Overtime Pay  
to  
1222-11306-000-0000 Part Time Pay

**IN THE MATTER OF 2015 SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT- COMPENSATION OF MERIT BOARD:**

Bob Sanders, Council President, stated the Salary Ordinance amendment is for changing the Merit Board member pay from \$15.61 per meeting to an annual salary of \$211.20 to be paid at the end of each year.

MOTION: Jon Garber	TO: Approve the 2015 Salary Ordinance
SECOND: Brad Tandy	Amendment for the Compensation of the Merit
AYES: 4        NAYES: 0	Board members.
MOTION CARRIED	

**IN THE MATTER OF 2015 SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT- OFFICE MANAGER & ASSISTANT COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

Bob Sanders, Council President, stated the Salary Ordinance amendment is for changing the Office Manager hourly rate from \$18.51 to \$18.52 & Assistant County Highway Superintendent's bi-weekly amount from \$2,501.89 to \$2,501.91. The change is due to a calculation error during the budget process.

MOTION: Jon Garber	TO: Approve the 2015 Salary Ordinance
SECOND: Brad Tandy	Amendment for the Highway Department
AYES: 4        NAYES: 0	Office Manager and Assistant County
MOTION CARRIED	Highway Superintendent.

**IN THE MATTER OF 2015 SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT HEALTH DEPARTMENT – REGISTRAR II/SECRETARY, RN/CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE & ENVIRONMENTAL FOOD SPECIALIST:**

Bob Sanders, Council President, stated the Salary Ordinance amendment is for changing the Registrar II/Secretary to \$14.94 hourly (\$1,120.50 Bi-weekly & \$29,249 annually), RN/Chief Public Health Nurse to \$27.50 hourly (\$2,225.25 Bi-weekly & \$58,080 annually) and Environmental Food Specialist to \$21.18 hourly (\$1,588.50 Bi-weekly & \$41,460 annually). The change is due to the changes to these positions after the 2015 budget was approved.

MOTION: Jim Moyer	TO: Approve the 2015 Salary Ordinance
SECOND: Jon Garber	Amendment for the Health Department
AYES: 5        NAYES: 0	Registrar II/Secretary, RN/Chief Public Health
MOTION CARRIED	Nurse & Environmental Food Specialist.

**IN THE MATTER OF 2015 SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT COMMISSIONERS- ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:**

Bob Sanders, Council President, stated the Salary Ordinance amendment is due to creating an Assistant County Administrator position on December 23, 2014. The position is a temporary two (2) year position in the Commissioners budget. The Bi-weekly amount for this position will be \$2,681.99 (\$70,000 annually).

MOTION: Brad Tandy	TO: Approve the 2015 Salary Ordinance
SECOND: Jon Garber	Amendment for creating an Assistant County
AYES: 5        NAYES: 0	Administrator position on December 23, 2014.
MOTION CARRIED	

**IN THE MATTER OF 2015 SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT STATEWIDE 911 – PART TIME DISPATCHER:**

Bob Sanders, Council President, stated the Salary Ordinance amendment is for the Part Time position that Council approved on September 11, 2014. The amendment allows the same part time position to be created in 2015. The hourly rate for this position will be \$20.04 hourly.

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 5            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the 2015 Salary Ordinance Amendment for the Part Time Dispatch position.

**IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF’S CONTRACT, 2015 SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT & SHERIFF’S SALARY RESOLUTION:**

Bob Sanders, Council President, presented the 2015 Sheriff’s Contract, Salary Ordinance and Resolution to the Council for approval. Sanders stated the Sheriff’s salary is mandated by the State and is based on eighty percent (80%) of the Prosecutor wages. The 2015 annual salary for the Sheriff will be \$107,290.

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 5            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the 2015 Sheriff’s Contract, 2015 Salary Ordinance Amendment & Sheriff’s Salary Resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-01-08-002 (2015010219)**

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

**IN THE MATTER SHERIFF’S COMMISSARY ACCOUNT:**

Arron Rovenstine, Sheriff, presented a detailed report of the Commissary for July - December 2014. Rovenstine advised the Council they will be receiving the Commissary detail every six (6) months. Rovenstine stated Commissary are profits and proceeds the Sheriff’s department receives from selling items to the inmates. The State has a statue that states what these proceeds can be spent on. Rovenstine has requested permission from the Council to approve the following items to be paid from the Commissary account.

- Water Services for Jail and Sheriff’s office
- Rug Cleaning and purchase for Jail and Sheriff’s office
- Plaques, Shadow boxes, and awards given by the department
- Flowers for funeral or family associated with Sheriff’s department
- Meals and room rental for officer training or Sheriff’s Association meetings
- Paying of service on charge accounts
- Gifts for special days of officers hurt or killed in line of duty
- Expenses related to Sheriff’s yearly Christmas party, along with permission to use Sheriff Donation Account for this purpose.

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Jon Fussle  
AYES: 5            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the Sherriff to pay for the items listed above with the Commissary Account.

**IN THE MATTER OF FULL TIME HOUSEKEEPING POSITION:**

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, came before the Council to request permission to fill a vacant full time housekeeping position. Robinson stated this position will also help with any maintenance overflow work.

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Jon Garber  
AYES: 5        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the request to fill a vacant full time housekeeping position.

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY AUDITOR – TWO FULL TIME POSITIONS:**

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, came before the Council to request permission to fill two vacant positions in the Auditor’s office. Puckett stated one position is due to her becoming an elected official and another full time position has been vacant since September 2014. Puckett continued by stating the financial part of her office is in great need of both of these positions being filled.

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 5        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the request to fill two vacant positions in the Auditor’s office.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**February 12, 2015**

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 7:00p.m. in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Sanders  
Larry Teghtmeyer - Absent  
Jon Fussle  
Jon Garber

Brad Tandy  
James Moyer  
Doug Heinisch  
Michelle Puckett, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by Bob Sanders.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 8, 2015 MEETING:**

MOTION: Brad Tandy  
SECOND: Jim Moyer  
AYES: 5        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the minutes for the January 8, 2015 meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION:**

Rob Bishop, Deputy Prosecutor, requested a transfer of \$1,145.97 from the 2503-11561-000-0000 Staff Incentives to 2503-11601-000-0000 Social Security Contributions.

MOTION: Jim Moyer	TO: Approve transfer of \$1,145.97
SECOND: Doug Heinisch	from 2503-11561-000-0000 Staff Incentives
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0	to
MOTION CARRIED	2503-11601-000-0000 Social Security Contributions.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION:**

Rob Bishop, Deputy Prosecutor, requested a transfer of \$11,980.00 from the 2503-11561-000-0000 Staff Incentives to 2503-11323-000-0000 Part-Time Investigator. The Prosecuting Attorney's staff has been reduced this year and part of the reason for that was so a part-time investigator could be hired as opposed to another full-time attorney.

MOTION: Jim Moyer	TO: Approve transfer of \$11,980.00
SECOND: Doug Heinisch	from 2503-11561-000-0000 Staff Incentives
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0	to
MOTION CARRIED	2503-11323-000-0000 Part-Time Investigator.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION:**

Rob Bishop, Deputy Prosecutor, requested a transfer of \$3,000.00 from the 2503-11561-000-0000 Staff Incentives to 2503-11301-000-0000 Part-Time. Prosecutor Dan Hampton would like to have a part-time position for a summer intern.

MOTION: Jim Moyer	TO: Approve transfer of \$3,000.00
SECOND: Doug Heinisch	from 2503-11561-000-0000 Staff Incentives
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0	to
MOTION CARRIED	2503-11301-000-0000 Part-Time.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SHERIFF:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested a transfer of \$301.00 from the 1000-00563-000-0000 Insurance Payment to 1000-35001-000-0019 Repairs & Maintenance.

MOTION: Brad Tandy	TO: Approve transfer of \$301.00
SECOND: Jon Garber	from 1000-00563-000-0000 Insurance
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0	Payment to
MOTION CARRIED	1000-35001-000-0019 Repairs & Maintenance.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SHERIFF:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested a transfer of \$21.10 from the 1000-11507-000-0019 Overtime to 1000-11546-000-0019 Merit Board Members. During budget time, it was approved to raise the amount for all board meetings but they neglected to raise it for the Merit Board.

MOTION: Jim Moyer	TO: Approve transfer of \$21.10
SECOND: Doug Heinisch	from 1000-11507-000-0019 Overtime
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0	to
MOTION CARRIED	1000-11546-000-0019 Merit Board Members.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR DRUG & ALCOHOL USER FEES:**

Deb Messenger, KCADP Program Director, requested a transfer of \$28,985.00 from the 2501-11321-000-0000 Part-Time KCADP Case Manager to 2501-10186-000-0000 KCADP Case Manager. A part-time Case Manager position moved to a full-time position which wasn't included in the budget.

MOTION: Jon Garber	TO: Approve transfer of \$28,985.00
SECOND: Jim Moyer	from 2501-11321-000-0000 Part-Time
AYES: 6        NAYES: 0	KCADP Case Manager to
MOTION CARRIED	2501-10186-000-0000 KCADP Case Manager.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR CREDIT:**

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, requested a transfer of \$2,948.00 from the 1112-41001-000-0000 Land & Improvements to 1112-36026-000-0000 Economic Development Corp. Last year during budget time there was a 2% increase for Not-for-Profits and it was missed during the budget process.

MOTION: Brad Tandy	TO: Approve transfer of \$2,948.00
SECOND: Jim Moyer	from 1112-41001-000-0000 Land &
AYES: 6        NAYES: 0	Improvements to
MOTION CARRIED	1112-36026-000-0000 Economic Development Corp.

**IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – COMPENSATION OF THE MERIT BOARD:**

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, requested a salary ordinance amendment for \$215.42 annually for the 1000-11546-000-0019 Compensation of the Merit Board. The salary ordinance amendment did not include the 2% increase for the Merit Board so this is taking care of the transfer of the \$21.10 that Aaron spoke about.

MOTION: Jon Fussle	TO: Approve the salary ordinance amendment
SECOND: Doug Heinisch	for \$215.42 for 1000-11546-000-0019
AYES: 6        NAYES: 0	Compensation of Merit Board.
MOTION CARRIED	

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS - EXTRADITIONS:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$425.41 for 1155-32003-000-0000 Mileage/Fuel/Travel. Rovenstine stated the funds are for a reimbursement from the Probation department on the extradition of an inmate.

MOTION: Jon Garber	TO: Approve the additional appropriation in
SECOND: Jon Fussle	the amount of \$425.41 for 1155-32003-000-
AYES: 6        NAYES: 0	0000 Mileage/Fuel/Travel.
MOTION CARRIED	

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – STATEWIDE 911:**

David Rosenberry, Dispatch Director, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$20,000.00 for 1222-11306-000-0000 Part-Time. Rosenberry stated the funds are for a Part-time position they want to create in order to have less overtime pay.

MOTION: Jim Moyer	TO: Approve the additional appropriation in
SECOND: Brad Tandy	the amount of \$20,000.00 for 1222-11306-000-

AYES: 6      NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

0000 Part-Time.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION:**

Jim Moyer, Councilman, stated that the Kosciusko County Township Trustees Association has asked the Council to give their support in maintaining their jobs. There are two Senate bills working to eliminate Township Trustees and Township Advisory Boards. With the adoption of this Resolution, the Trustees Association will show our state legislators that we support township government. If they eliminate township government, their duties and responsibilities would fall upon the county to fulfill. Moyer stated that township governments are very cost effective. Jon Fussle opposed the motion.

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Doug Heinisch  
AYES: 5      NAYES: 1  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the Township Resolution opposing legislation to eliminate township government.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-02-12-001 (2015020395)**

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**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – COUNTY HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION:**

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, spoke on behalf of Scott Tilden, County Highway, to request that a part-time Administrative Assistant position become a full-time position. There are two positions that have not been filled which both required a lot of paperwork. With the increased load from INDOT, the full-time Administrative Assistant position is greatly needed. The Wage Committee is in favor of this position.

MOTION: Jon Garber  
SECOND: Jim Moyer  
AYES: 6      NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve request to make a part-time Administrative Assistant position into a full-time position.

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – SHERIFF:**

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated that the Sheriff has 3 employees who have signed up for the Drop Program which means they will be retiring in 3 years. Robinson stated there is enough funding in the Sheriff Sale account to hire an employee, which will allow enough time to train them for the Deputy Drug Task Force position. The Wage Committee is in support of this position.

MOTION: Jon Garber  
SECOND: Doug Heinisch  
AYES: 6      NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve request to use money from the Sheriff Sale account to hire an employee for the Deputy Drug Task Force position.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE WHEEL TAX:**

Bob Sanders, Council President, stated that he has heard positive comments for the \$25 car fee but has heard negative comments about the trailer fee. Sanders stated that the flat \$40 fee for all trailers may be unfair. He suggests that the fee for smaller trailers 3,000-5,000lbs should be reduced to \$15,



medium trailers 7,000-12,000lbs be reduced to \$20, and heavy trailers above 12,000lbs to remain at \$40.

Sanders made contact with the BMV and learned there are 8,858 trailers in the County that are 3,000lbs or less, and there are 1,217 trailers in the County that are 5,000lbs or less. Sanders estimated the amount of money they are expecting to collect in 2015 with all trailers being \$40 is \$505,360.00. Sanders estimated that if the fee was reduced to \$15 for small trailers they would collect \$209,000.00. He determined there would be around a \$300,000.00 difference if the fee was reduced for the smaller trailers in 2016.

Sanders also addressed the fee for motorcycles. He suggests the fee be reduced from \$25 to \$15. Motorcycles are driven half of the year and only have two wheels as opposed to cars which have four and are driven year round.

Brad Tandy suggested they wait until May to get a better idea of what will be collected this year before any changes are made. Doug Heinisch agreed with Tandy that it hasn't been enough time. Sanders said that waiting until May would not allow enough time to make any changes for next year. The new ordinance would need to be in place by July 1, 2015 in order for the new rates to be effective in 2016.

Jon Garber suggested that the floor be opened to the public to hear their comments.

Ralph Dotson, a Silver Lake resident, stated he wasn't against the tax and agrees that something needs to be done about the roads but feels the \$40 trailer fee is too excessive. He was under the impression that any trailer under 11,000 pounds would be \$25, but found out it was \$40 for his small trailer when he went to the BMV. He has 3 vehicles that he drives on the road, but he only uses his trailer twice a year. Dotson stated the bigger trailers do more damage and should be charged more than a smaller trailer.

Bob Sanders gave the Councilmen a packet of information to review. It was decided to table this discussion until the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE SHERIFF –NEW CRIMINAL CODE:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, shared yearly statistics with the Council showing the jail bookings have increased by over 300 from last year and the calls have increased by approximately 7,000 from last year. A suggestion was made by Rovenstine to develop a committee to brainstorm on how to handle these increases, especially with the jail. Estimates showed counties have received 14,000 new inmates because of the new Criminal Code. The Sheriff's department has not added any employees in over 10 years, but with the new code there may need to be a change in the future. Rovenstine stated that if these numbers continue to increase, especially the jail side, they will not have enough staffing to accommodate the increases. A staff analysis and staff- to- inmate ratio will be completed next week, and Rovenstine strongly believes that they are understaffed. The jail's capacity is 302, and it's been up to 280 with the new changes, which is a 90% capacity in just 6 months of the new Criminal Code. The new Criminal Code is putting a big burden on the counties and Rovenstine feels the Council and Commissioners should sit down and discuss what the future may look like with these increases.

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

## KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL March 12, 2015

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 7:00p.m. in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Sanders  
Larry Teghtmeyer  
Jon Fussle  
Jon Garber

Brad Tandy - Absent  
James Moyer  
Doug Heinisch  
Michelle Puckett, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by Bob Sanders.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2015 MEETING:**

MOTION:	Jon Fussle	TO: Approve the minutes for the February 12,
SECOND:	Doug Heinisch	2015 meeting.
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SHERIFF:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested a transfer of \$8,174.85 from the 1000-00563-000-0000 Insurance Payment to 1000-35001-000-0019 Repairs & Maintenance. This is for a car vs. deer accident.

MOTION:	Jon Garber	TO: Approve transfer of \$8,174.85
SECOND:	Jim Moyer	from 1000-00563-000-0000 Insurance
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	Payment to
MOTION CARRIED		1000-35001-000-0019 Repairs & Maintenance.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SHERIFF:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested a transfer of \$2,558.33 from the 1000-00563-000-0000 Insurance Payment to 1000-35001-000-0019 Repairs & Maintenance. This is for collision damage.

MOTION:	Jon Garber	TO: Approve transfer of \$2,558.33
SECOND:	Jim Moyer	from 1000-00563-000-0000 Insurance
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	Payment to
MOTION CARRIED		1000-35001-000-0019 Repairs & Maintenance.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR HIGHWAY:**

Ron Robinson, County Administrator spoke on behalf of Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, to request a transfer of \$26,826.24 from the 1176-11301-000-0051 Part Time to 1176-

10302-000-0051 Administrative Assistant. This is to pay for the Administrative Assistant position that the Council approved at their last meeting.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Jim Moyer  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$26,826.24 from 1176-11301-000-0051 Part Time to 1176-10302-000-0051 Administrative Assistant.

**IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:**

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, spoke on behalf of Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, to request a salary ordinance amendment for \$14.97 hourly for the 1176-10302-000-0051 Highway Administrative Assistant.

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the salary ordinance amendment for \$14.97 hourly for 1176-10302-000-0051 Highway Administrative Assistant.

**IN THE MATTER OF BELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION:**

Stephen Boggs, Director of Bell Memorial Public Library, requested an additional appropriation of \$25,000 from the Rainy Day Fund to open up 3 new rooms at the library. The first room is a media room with additional computers and internet connections for DVDs, books on CDs and music CDs which will help free up space in the main part of the library. The second room is a large conference room that will be available for the public to use for meetings and activities such as exercise groups. The third room is a young adult space for not only books but also tablets and computers. Additional work on the inside of the building such as painting, plumbing, electrical, and more internet connections are also needed. Jim Moyer, Council member, stated that he is familiar with the building and believes the community needs these additions.

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Jon Garber  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve Additional Appropriation of \$25,000 from the Rainy Day Fund for Bell Memorial Public Library.

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Bob Sanders, Council President, asked to hear from the Council members about the boards they are serving on. Larry Teghtmeyer stated the Redevelopment Commission met that day to approve the TIF reports and heard a presentation from George Robertson, President of KEDCo, about the increase in employment in Kosciusko County. There are 2,000 more workers in the County from last year. Robertson also discussed the high demand for apartment rentals which relates to the high number of contracted or temporary workers. Teghtmeyer said the report was very positive.

Jon Garber stated that he attended a Bowen Center meeting in January. They have a new computer program that they are working the bugs out of.

Jon Fussle stated that the Solid Waste Board is working on a County-wide trash pickup day for the spring time. The date has not been decided yet.

Jim Moyer attended a Kosciusko County Convention, Recreation and Visitors Commission meeting and said they are working on making bike lanes and walking paths in Syracuse and Winona Lake. The Visitor's Bureau shared a report that they are helping Grace College attract some tournament play for basketball. The Commission is asking the Visitor's Bureau to be more transparent in their record keeping and financing. Moyer asked the Council to be supportive of the Commission in their request to obtain this information from the Visitor's Bureau. Tegtmeyer stated that he agreed there should be no question about the transparency of the Visitor's Bureau to the Commission. Moyer stated by showing their support to the Commission it shows they are interested and concerned in how the innkeepers tax money is being spent. Jon Garber thanked Moyer for attending the Farm Bureau meeting and explaining the process the Council went through to establish the sur tax and wheel tax.

Sanders gave a report on the Lakeland Regional Sewer District. They had a clot film into their churn, and the engineer down at state felt the bids were more than what they should be to fix it. Some of the members from the board will be meeting with the engineer and his superiors to find out why the bids are so high and why they are not receiving the economic support they have in the past. Sanders also attended a Michiana Area of Government Council. Sanders stated that the Council on Aging has made an application for a vehicle in which the Michiana Area of Government Council is going to help them with, but it has to be approved by the state first.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE WHEEL TAX:**

Bob Sanders, Council President, stated that the Council agreed to address the wheel tax ordinance by May of this year, and he wanted to have a discussion now in reference to that. Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, stated \$434,982.72 has been collected so far. The 13 cities and towns in the County will receive a portion of that money, and then receive a monthly distribution after that. Sanders stated it was estimated the County would receive between \$1.3 and \$1.4 million to add to the road fund, but he believes it may be a little short of the \$1.3 million once the tax is distributed out to the towns and cities. In the last two years, there was \$1.55 million put into the highway department. Sanders said it was suggested that they charge the \$40 fee for all trailers in order to get the ordinance off the ground and going, but said it seems unfair for someone who uses a small trailer twice a year to pay as much as someone who uses a larger trailer on a daily basis. Moyer stated last year, the highway department spent \$500,000 in patching materials alone, which wouldn't even be covered by the amount collected so far. Moyer believes the roads are in worse condition and more materials may be needed this year, so he wants to wait until more information is collected. Moyer feels it is too early to make any changes to the existing ordinance. Heinisch agreed with Moyer and stated there needs to be additional monies collected before any changes are made.

Jon Fussle stated the members who are opposed to making any changes should keep an open mind and not give up on the idea. He mentioned that they had to "rob Peter to pay Paul" last year for \$1.6 million. The wheel tax solves this problem and seems to be the best case scenario; however, Fussle stated that a person with a 3,000 pound trailer doesn't deserve to pay the same amount as someone who has a 22,000 pound trailer hauling grain. This would no longer solve the problem anymore, but there would be more equality. Sanders stated it was promised they would look at it in May of this year, and they are ahead of their promise by already having discussions. It is hard to convince someone that even though there is no equality, the service is still needed and it still needs to be paid for. Moyer stated in his tax assessor training he learned it is difficult to take the sting out of taxation

but the only way to be as fair as possible is to spread it over as many people as possible. Moyer said he would keep an open mind about finding another way to find funding.

Teghtmeyer stated it is early in the collection process but believes they should look at it every year. Teghtmeyer feels there should be a gradual rate change depending on the size of the trailers and is in favor of making an adjustment. He suggested with oil prices being lower maybe the price of road materials will be lower as well. Teghtmeyer stated they are going in full force this year, and they should change it a little bit and take a look at it again next year.

Fussle stated they are attacking it at the max and referred to Heinisch's suggestion last year that any increase in revenue should be met with a cut of some kind. If changes are made to the wheel tax, they could reassess the budget and try to chip away small amounts from other areas to make up what would be lost from the wheel tax changes. Fussle believes this would be a step in the right direction. Teghtmeyer stated if the rates are too high for a small trailer that is only used twice a year, there is a chance they will lose this money anyway because people will no longer use their trailers or may plate them in another county. Sanders stated they may not plate them at all and take a chance by pulling them out on the road which puts them in a position of getting a ticket.

Sanders stated January was the month for businesses to plate their vehicles so January would be the biggest income generator for this tax. However, the state failed to get the tax put into the computer so they didn't start collecting until January 11<sup>th</sup>. The state is supposed to provide the funds that were lost from January 1<sup>st</sup> to January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Sanders opened up the meeting to the public.

Rick Wagner, a resident of Pierceton, came before the Council to suggest the wheel tax be based on the number of axles instead of weight. Sanders advised Wagner the Council does not have the authority to change the way the State Statute reads for the wheel tax. Wagner stated he checked the registration and the title on his trailer and neither one shows the gross vehicle weight rating. Wagner doesn't think \$40 for a one axle trailer seems fair. Sanders stated he agrees it doesn't seem fair, but they have to operate under the statute of the state.

Sanders stated his plan for moving this forward is continuing to discuss it with the Council members. If they want to make a change to the wheel tax, they have to do it by the end of June so the change will take effect on January 1, 2016.

Teghtmeyer stated he is in favor of amending the wheel tax, but thinks it needs to be decided soon so they have enough time to think through what the changes and new rates will be. Teghtmeyer made a motion they have a vote in April on whether they should amend the ordinance. Doug Heinisch opposed the motion.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Jon Fussle  
AYES: 5            NAYES: 1  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve a vote on the Wheel Tax  
Ordinance amendment at their next Council  
meeting on April 9, 2015.

Ron Truex, Commissioner, came before the Council to speak about the wheel tax. Truex commented on the amounts collected for January and February and felt these numbers would be higher than normal. Truex added that all businesses are required to plate their vehicles by the end of January. Truex stated he has had 3 phone calls and 1 personal conversation with the license branch, and all 4 of these individuals understood that without a wheel tax the roads will not get fixed. Most people understand the roads need the money to be fixed. Any money taken from the roads is a road that won't get fixed. Truex stated he still supports the wheel tax.

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

## KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL April 9, 2015

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 7:00p.m. in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Sanders  
Larry Teghtmeyer  
Jon Fussle  
Jon Garber  
Doug Heinisch

Brad Tandy  
James Moyer  
Chad Miner, County Attorney  
Michelle Puckett, County Auditor – Absent  
Jaime Ladd, Chief Deputy Auditor

The meeting was called to order by Bob Sanders.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 12, 2015 MEETING:**

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Jon Fussle  
AYES: 7            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the minutes from the March 12, 2015 meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF LAKELAND REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT BOARD APPOINTMENT:**

Bob Sanders, Council President, stated his term on the Lakeland Regional Sewer District Board expires this year, and if no other Council members are interested in serving on the board, he is willing to serve another four years.

MOTION: Brad Tandy  
SECOND: Jim Moyer  
AYES: 7            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the reappointment of Bob Sanders to the Lakeland Regional Sewer District Board for another 4 year term expiring on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SHERIFF:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested a transfer of \$3,553.28 from the 1000-00563-000-000 Insurance Payment to 1000-35001-000-019 Repairs & Maintenance. Rovenstine stated while directing traffic at an event, a police car was side-swiped by a bus.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve transfer of \$3,553.28
SECOND: Jon Fussle	from 1000-00563-000-000 Insurance Payment
AYES: 7            NAYES: 0	to
MOTION CARRIED	1000-35001-000-019 Repairs & Maintenance.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:**

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, requested a transfer of \$40,000.00 from the 1000-41001-000-009 Land & Improvements to 1000-11008-000-009 Commissioners Salaries. Robinson stated it was discovered that when doing the budget, 2 Commissioners salaries were missed.

MOTION: Jim Moyer	TO: Approve transfer of \$40,000.00 from
SECOND: Brad Tandy	1000-41001-000-009 Land & Improvements
AYES: 7            NAYES: 0	to
MOTION CARRIED	1000-11008-000-009 Commissioners Salaries.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION - SHERIFF:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,960.00 for 1155-32003-000-000 Extraditions / Mileage, Fuel, Travel. Rovenstine stated this money was received from transporting prisoners.

MOTION: Jon Garber	TO: Approve the additional appropriation in
SECOND: Doug Heinisch	the amount of \$2,960.00
AYES: 7            NAYES: 0	for
MOTION CARRIED	1155-32003-000-000 Extraditions / Mileage, Fuel, Travel.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION - SHERIFF:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$520.00 for 1156-21031-000-000 Gun Permits / Supplies. Rovenstine stated this money was received from selling a couple of old weapons. The old weapons will be replaced with new weapons.

MOTION: Jon Garber	TO: Approve the additional appropriation in
SECOND: Doug Heinisch	the amount of \$520.00
AYES: 7            NAYES: 0	for
MOTION CARRIED	1156-21031-000-000 Gun Permits / Supplies.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – HEALTH BIOTERRORISM PREPAREDNESS:**

Bob Weaver, Health Department, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,740.79 for 8182-21018-000-0000 Supplies. Weaver stated he would be purchasing a new laptop and a mobile printer.

MOTION: Brad Tandy	TO: Approve the additional appropriation in
SECOND: Jim Moyer	the amount of \$1,740.79
AYES: 7            NAYES: 0	for

MOTION CARRIED

8182-21018-000-0000 Supplies.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – HEALTH BIOTERRORISM**

**PREPAREDNESS:**

Bob Weaver requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,505.76 for 8182-44012-000-0000 Equipment. Weaver stated he would be purchasing a good supply of water testing equipment.

MOTION: Brad Tandy

TO: Approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,505.76

SECOND: Jim Moyer

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0

for

MOTION CARRIED

8182-44012-000-0000 Equipment.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – EMA TRAINING GRANT:**

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$22,321.50 for 8168-36065-000-0000 Training.

MOTION: Jim Moyer

TO: Approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$22,321.50

SECOND: Doug Heinisch

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0

for

MOTION CARRIED

8168-36065-000-0000 Training.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – EMA 2014 SALARY**

**REIMBURSEMENT:**

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$39,256.54 for 8188-11503-000-0000 Wage Reimbursement. Rock stated the state reimburses 50% of the wages for his position and his Administrative Assistant's position. This is a reimbursement for last year.

MOTION: Brad Tandy

TO: Approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$39,256.54

SECOND: Jim Moyer

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0

for

MOTION CARRIED

8188-11503-000-0000 Wage Reimbursement.

**IN THE MATTER OF DRUG COURT SALARY ORDINANCE:**

Barry Andrew, Probation Department, came before the Council for approval of a Salary Ordinance Amendment. Andrew stated the Adult Drug Court Program was awarded a Federal grant last year in which half of it was allotted for a full-time Drug Court Case Manager. They are now at a point where they desperately need another full-time person because the 3 other Case Managers have too much on their case loads. Andrew stated one of the Case Managers has accumulated over 200 hours in comp time. This grant will end on September 30, 2017, but the position will continue to be funded through the Community Corrections Program which is starting this summer. The maximum hourly rate for this position will be \$19.24/hour. The Salary Ordinance is for the remainder of 2015.

MOTION: Jon Garber

TO: Approve the Drug Court Salary Ordinance Amendment for a full-time Drug Court Case Manager.

SECOND: Jim Moyer

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED



**IN THE MATTER OF AL & THE J'S ENTERPRISE ABATEMENT:**

Steve Snyder, Attorney, came before the Council on behalf of Al & the J's Enterprise to request approval of a Declaratory Resolution for a 3 year tax abatement in regard to a vacant building. The building is located at 8230 W. Old Road 30 in Warsaw. The building used to be occupied by Bambi's Roofing, but since then has essentially been vacant. Al & the J's Enterprise would like to purchase the building and make improvements upon approval of a tax abatement. They will then lease the building to Core Mechanical, Inc. and D&D Maintenance, LLC. These businesses would then be able to increase their workforce.

MOTION: Jon Fussle  
SECOND: Jim Moyer  
AYES: 7            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve a Declaratory Resolution for a 3 year tax abatement in regard to a vacant building for Al & the J's Enterprise, LLC.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-04-09-001 (2015040344)**

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

**IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:**

George Robertson, President of KEDCo, came before the Council to give an update on the Economic Development. Robertson stated 570 new jobs were created last year in Kosciusko County which exceeded the goal of 500 new jobs. The County's total employment is up about 2500 additional new jobs which is higher than it has ever been. There are also more people moving into the County. Robertson stated the goal this year is the same, 500 more new jobs and \$20 million in capital investments. There are four pending announcements to be made. If these four happen, this year's goal will be exceeded by the end of May. Robertson stated he feels this will be another very good year in economic development. The priority is workforce development and recruiting people back to the County as well as keeping companies and people in our County. Larry Tegtmeyer asked Robertson about the Regional Cities Program. Robertson replied the Regional Cities program is a tough program to make choices because the city has to have a transformative action and our County would have to join either Fort Wayne or South Bend. Depending on what their transformative actions are, it may or may not be beneficial for our County to join. Robertson stated the County is pursuing the Orthopedic Corridor in which our County is partnering with Orthoworks, Allen County, and Whitley County to make the Orthopedic Cluster in hopes of getting designated to receive federal funds.

**IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION FOR BELL MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION:**

Jaime Ladd, Chief Deputy Auditor, presented a Resolution for Bell Memorial Public Library for approval. The resolution is for an additional appropriation that was approved at the March 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting for the Library to renovate the building.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-04-09-002**

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

**IN THE MATTER OF KCCRVC APPOINTMENT:**

Jo Packowski, President of KCCRVC, came before the Council to seek approval of the appointment of Tammy Kratzer to fill Linda Zimmerman's position. Packowski stated Kratzer was a business partner of Zimmerman's and would be up to speed much faster than anyone else would be. Kratzer has a

stellar record of involvement in the Syracuse area being the founder of the Syracuse Farmer's Market as well as helping to establish the Syracuse Street Fair and North Webster Dixie Days Art Fair. Kratzer stated her passion has always been getting Syracuse to be a more exciting place to live. Kratzer will fulfill the final part of Zimmerman's term which is up at the end of this year.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer

SECOND: Jim Moyer

AYES: 7            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the appointment of Tammy Kratzer to the KCCRVC board to fill Linda Zimmerman's position.

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE WHEEL TAX:**

Sanders asked to hear from each Council member on what their thoughts and feelings are on amending the Wheel Tax Ordinance. Jon Garber stated he questioned the fairness of the wheel tax when it was passed last year, but also understands the need to improve the roads. If the tax is reduced, there is going to be a short-fall, and Garber stated he isn't sure how they will make that up. Jim Moyer stated he talked to Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, about the cost of materials for the roads. Moyer stated the cost of stone for the roads is up 5% but asphalt prices are a little lower. However, according to Moyer, Tilden expects the asphalt prices to go higher next year. Garber stated he thinks there needs to be funds available to repair the roads, and he wonders where the funds will come from if they decide to reduce the wheel tax fee. Tilden provided Sanders with a list of 16 roads that need new asphalt. The cost of repairing these 16 roads will be around \$1.7 million. Sanders stated Tilden estimated the cost of chip-n-seal to be \$1 million. Therefore, around \$2.7 million is needed to fulfill this list over the next 2 years. Sanders stated if there are not any changes made to the wheel tax, the County is expected to receive a total of about \$1.4 to \$1.7 million after the towns get their portion. Sanders made note that the tax increase on the CCD money last year would be dedicated to the Highway Department. They are expecting the increase to be around \$700,000.

Larry Teghtmeyer stated he was reluctant to pass the tax last year because of the \$40 rate for trailers. He has strong feelings that it should be lower. Teghtmeyer stated he doesn't know of any other county that charges the \$40 rate for 3,000-5,000 pound trailers, and he doesn't feel it is fair that our County is. Teghtmeyer understands the roads need all the money they can get, but thinks people may go to other counties to register their trailers or may not register them at all if the fee remains at \$40. Teghtmeyer stated he did some math with lower rates and thinks the County would have a loss of \$150,000 to \$200,000 based off the estimated revenue.

Jon Fussle feels the wheel tax should be lowered because the \$40 fee is not proportional to the damage the small trailers and motorcycles do to the roads. Fussle stated most smaller trailers are probably only used a few times a year, and they don't do much damage to the roads where as larger trailers cause more damage. People with smaller trailers shouldn't be charged the same amount as people with larger trailers. Fussle stated just because someone has a small trailer doesn't mean they should cover the cost of damage caused by larger trailers. The trailers that do cause the most damage should be charged more. Fussle stated he strongly supports lowering the wheel tax.

Brad Tandy stated he feels our County waited too long to implement this tax, and now we desperately need all the money we can get, therefore, it was decided to charge the highest fee when the Wheel Tax Ordinance was passed last year. Tandy feels if the tax was implemented 3 or 4 years ago, the fees

would have been less. Tandy stated he feels the people with smaller trailers should not be penalized, and feels that the County will be fine if the \$40 fee is lowered for these small trailers.

Doug Heinisch feels it is too early to make a change because of the unintended consequences that could result. Heinisch stated more time is needed to figure out how it will turn out. Heinisch noted it was decided last year that the full amount was needed and the facts haven't changed since then. The County needs the funding for the roads and that should be their top priority. Heinisch is against making any changes. He stated that usually the cost is more than expected and the revenue is less than expected. Heinisch doesn't feel we can eliminate \$300,000 worth of revenue with so many unknowns and nothing to replace it with.

Jim Moyer believes the Highway Department needs all the funds they can get and would rather wait a year before making any changes. He does not support changing it.

Sanders stated there is unfairness to this tax, and he fears it will cause people to not license their trailers and take the chance of using them anyway. By not registering a trailer, the County will lose both the excise tax and the wheel tax from it. Sanders feels they need to be sensitive to the unfairness on the small trailers. Sanders agrees they don't know what they will end up with at the end of the year, all they have is an estimate. Sanders stated if the fee is reduced and then they find out it was a mistake, they can come back and readdress it next year. Sanders noted that the statute states the minimum fee for motorcycles is \$25, but stated that Johnson County reduced their fee on motorcycles to less than that. He doesn't understand how they did this if the statute says they can't.

Chad Miner, County Attorney, commented on the rules of the statute. Miner stated there are two choices: the sur tax can be a rate between 2-10% based on the value of the item or it can be a fixed dollar amount. Miner stated that motorcycles would be less valuable than other vehicles so if the tax is based on a certain percentage, motorcycles would be less than a car. The statute does not allow for a blend of percentages and fixed amounts. It has to be one or the other.

Sanders opened the meeting to the public, but no one came forward to speak.

Moyer stated that with his Tax Assessor experience, he found there were always people who tried to avoid paying property tax on their trailers since it was a self-reporting item. Moyer stated there will always be people trying to avoid paying the tax, but he doesn't feel there will be more. Moyer believes it will be about the same amount. Garber asked if any of the Commissioners wanted to come forward to speak.

Bob Conley, Commissioner President, stated he talks to hundreds of people a week at his job, and there are people who say they aren't going to register their trailers and take the chance of using them anyway, but the majority of the people are more concerned with fixing the roads than they are with paying the wheel tax. Conley feels something that should be taken into consideration is the fact that the vehicles pulling the trailers are paying an excise tax and a sur tax on top of the excise tax and wheel tax on the trailer they are pulling. Conley stated having one tax on top of another tax is a concern for many people.

Ron Truex, Commissioner, stated he doesn't want to forget how they got here. He stated he wished he could have recorded Sanders's comments last year after getting so many calls about the bad roads. Truex believes they have received fewer complaints about the wheel tax than they have about the roads. Truex has received more compliments on finally doing something about the roads than he has received complaints about the wheel tax. Truex stated the Council has the opportunity to decide how long it will take to fix the roads. They can cut out \$300,000 no problem, but it will take that much longer to get the roads fixed.

Sanders called for a motion to either continue with the wheel tax as it is currently or to address making a change. Teghtmeyer made a motion to amend the Wheel Tax Ordinance. Doug Heinisch, Jim Moyer, and Jon Garber opposed the motion.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Jon Fussle  
AYES: 4            NAYES: 3  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve motion to amend the Wheel Tax Ordinance.

Miner stated the Council would need to vote on the new rate at the May Council meeting. If the vote isn't unanimous then there will have to be a majority vote at the June Council meeting. Miner stated the amended ordinance would have to be completed by July in order to go in effect on January 1, 2016. Teghtmeyer proposed changing the rate to \$20 for 3,000-5,000 pound trailers and \$30 for 7,000-9,000. Anything above 9,000 pounds would remain at \$40. Teghtmeyer stated this reduces the estimated revenue by about \$150,000. Teghtmeyer thinks most of the 3,000-5,000 pound trailers are boat trailers, and he believes it isn't right to overcharge on these because the lakes are vital to our economy. Teghtmeyer stated if the 3,000-5,000 pound trailers were reduced to \$15 and the 7,000-9,000 pound trailers were reduced to \$30 the estimated revenue would be reduced by \$203,000.

Heinisch felt it would make more sense to calculate these numbers and bring them to the next Council meeting for all the Council members to look at. Sanders stated he feels they have enough information to make a decision now and doesn't want to put it off any longer. Teghtmeyer feels they just need to make a step in the right direction and then reevaluate it again next year. Teghtmeyer stated a lot of people are upset about the \$40 fee and lowering it would be a step in the right direction.

Fussle stated he feels comfortable with the proposal Sanders presented which was \$15 for 3,000-5,000 pound trailers, \$20 for 7,000-9,000 pound trailers, and \$40 for trailers above 9,000 pounds. Garber stated he would rather see the proposals in front of him on paper before making any decisions. The only proposal they have on paper is the one from Sanders. Moyer stated he prefers to see a motion or a proposal of what the majority of the members would want, and then he will decide if he can accept it or not. Tandy stated he has been persuaded by the roads needing the money, but still feels the smaller trailers should be given some relief. Tandy suggested charging \$20 for 3,000-5,000 pound trailers, \$30 for 7,000-9,000 pound trailers and \$40 for trailers above 9,000 pounds with hopes of possibly reducing it even more next year. Teghtmeyer made a motion for the \$20-\$30-\$40 proposal. The motion did not pass.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 2            NAYES: 5  
MOTION FAILED

TO: Approve proposal to amend the wheel tax to \$20 for 3,000-5,000 pound trailers, \$30 for 7,000-9,000 pound trailers and \$40 for trailers above 9,000 pounds.

Fussle stated he feels the fees should be even lower and agreed with Sanders's proposal of \$15 for 3,000-5,000 pound trailers, \$20 for 7,000-9,000 pound trailers and \$30 for trailers above 9,000 pounds. Fussle made a motion for the \$15-\$20-\$40 proposal. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Teghtmeyer proposed reducing the fees to \$15, \$25 and \$40. Tandy stated he is persuaded by the concerns and feels we need the revenue. Tandy feels it is hard to reduce the fees by a large amount and then have to increase the fees later on. He stated it is easier to decrease the fee a little and hopefully decrease it a little more the next year. Teghtmeyer stated he felt the \$15-\$25-\$40 proposal would reach a compromise. Garber replied by saying he isn't comfortable voting on a decision without seeing the numbers worked out on paper in front of him. Teghtmeyer and Sanders did the math on paper and stated this proposal would reduce the estimated revenue by about \$200,000. Fussle made a motion for the \$15-\$25-\$40 proposal. Doug Heinisch, Jim Moyer, and Jon Garber opposed the motion.

MOTION: Jon Fussle  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 4            NAYES: 3  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve proposal to amend the wheel tax to \$15 for 3,000-5,000 pound trailers, \$25 for 7,000-9,000 pound trailers, and \$40 for trailers above 9,000 pounds.

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY TREASURER:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Treasurer, came before the Council to give information about the Association of Indiana Counties Meeting being held on May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Coliseum in Fort Wayne. Mitchell stated this is for the Northeast District of Indiana Counties. Mitchell also provided the Council with the month end report for March along with the cash book for them to review. Mitchell informed the Council the tax bills started distributing today. Mitchell is hopeful for a successful tax collection time.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**May 14, 2015**

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 7:00p.m. in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Sanders  
Larry Teghtmeyer  
Jon Fussle  
Jon Garber

Brad Tandy  
James Moyer  
Doug Heinisch  
Michelle Puckett, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by Bob Sanders.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 9, 2015 MEETING:**

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the minutes from the April 9, 2015 meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS - SHERIFF:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested a transfer of \$1,647.75 from 1000-00563-000-000 Insurance Payment to 1000-35001-000-019 Repairs & Maintenance. This is for a car vs. deer accident.

MOTION: Brad Tandy  
SECOND: Jon Garber  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$1,647.75 from 1000-00563-000-000 Insurance Payment to 1000-35001-019 Repairs & Maintenance.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS - SHERIFF:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested a transfer of \$6,500.00 from 1000-00563-000-000 Insurance Payment to 1000-44045-000-019 Insurance Vehicle Replacement. This is for collision damage that resulted in a total loss.

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Doug Heinisch  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$6,500.00 from 1000-00563-000-000 Insurance Payment to 1000-44045-000-019 Insurance Vehicle Replacement.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION - EMA:**

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$17,100.00 for 8189-36065-000-0000 2015 HMEP. Rock stated this is for the local emergency planning committee. It is for a Hazardous Materials Grant the committee receives each year. This additional appropriation has a 20% match.

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Doug Heinisch  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$17,100.00 for 8189-36065-000-0000 2015 HMEP.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – SHERIFF SALE FUND:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$46,346.14 for 4009-11181-000-0000 Jailer/Civilian Wages (\$30,077.76), 4009-11605-000-0000 Health Insurance (\$10,658.88), 4009-11601-000-0000 Social Security Benefits (\$2,300.95), and 4009-11602-000-0000 Retirement Benefits (\$3,308.55). In February, the Council approved the hiring of an officer using money from the Sheriff Sale Fund.

MOTION: Brad Tandy  
SECOND: Jim Moyer  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$46,346.14 for 4009-11181-000-0000 Jailer/Civilian Wages, 4009-11605-000-0000 Health Insurance, 4009-11601-000-0000 Social Security Benefits, and 4009-11602-000-

0000 Retirement Benefits.

**IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – SHERIFF / JAIL:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested a salary ordinance amendment for \$14.00 hourly for 1000-11301-000-0013 Part Time Experienced and \$14.00 hourly for 1000-11315-000-0019 Part Time Experienced. Rovenstine stated a retired Warsaw police officer wanted to continue in law enforcement on a part-time basis for the County. He is working in courthouse security. Rovenstine feels that due to his experience, his part-time pay should be increased to \$14.00 hourly. He is currently making \$9.97 hourly.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer

SECOND: Jon Garber

AYES: 6          NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the salary ordinance amendment for \$14.00 hourly for 1000-11301-000-0013 Part Time Experienced and \$14.00 hourly for 1000-11315-00-0019 Part Time Experienced.

**IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – SHERIFF SALE FUND:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested a salary ordinance amendment for \$18.43 hourly for 4009-11181-000-0000 Non Merit Special Deputy. Rovenstine stated the Non Merit Special Deputy is a benefit to the department. There are 3 officers retiring in 3 years and this Deputy will be one of the replacements.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer

SECOND: Jim Moyer

AYES: 6          NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve salary ordinance amendment for \$18.43 hourly for 4009-11181-000-0000 Non Merit Special Deputy.

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY CLERK – FULL TIME EMPLOYEE POSITION:**

Ann Torpy, County Clerk, came before the Council to request permission to replace a full time employee in the Clerk's Office. Torpy stated the new employee will start at a lower wage than the one who is leaving.

MOTION: Jon Garber

SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer

AYES: 6          NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve request to replace a full time employee in the Clerk's Office.

**IN THE MATTER OF AL & THE J's ENTERPRISE ABATEMENT RESOLUTION:**

Steve Snyder, Attorney, came before the Council for approval of a Confirmatory Resolution for a vacant building abatement for Al & the J's Enterprise, LLC. The abatement is for a vacant building located at 8230 W. Old Road 30 in Warsaw. Snyder stated there are two companies that will be leasing the building: D&D Maintenance, LLC and Core Mechanical, Inc. D&D Maintenance currently has 7 employees and will hire 3 more after moving into the building. Core Mechanical currently has 4 employees and will add 4 more after moving into the building. Snyder stated approximately \$45,000 in improvements will be made to the building before the businesses move in. The vacant building abatement works by eliminating all property taxes on the improvements, not the real estate. Snyder stated a 3 year abatement is requested which would abate 100% of the taxes the first year, 66 2/3% the second year, and 33 1/3% the third year. No one from the public came forward to speak in favor or opposition of the abatement.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Jon Fussle  
AYES: 7            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the Confirmatory Resolution for a vacant building abatement for Al & the J's Enterprise, LLC.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-05-14-001 (2015050707)**

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

**IN THE MATTER OF REGIONAL CITIES INITIATIVE:**

Suzie Light and Brad Bishop came before the Council for approval of a Resolution Supporting Kosciusko County's Regional Cities Initiative Partner Engagement. Light stated the Regional Cities Initiative is a state initiative trying to build connectivity between different counties. Kosciusko County has the opportunity to affiliate with either the South Bend Region or the Fort Wayne Region. Community leaders met to discuss the merits of aligning with either of the two entities and decided it was more beneficial for Kosciusko County to align with the Fort Wayne Northeast Region. Bishop stated the legislature passed the Regional Cities Legislation allocating \$84 million to the program and that money will go to the selected applicants. Bishop explained the factors that influenced the decision to align with the Fort Wayne Region include an analysis of the areas of connectivity between the South Bend Region and Fort Wayne Region, a Chamber survey regarding regionalism, and an analysis on shopping patterns and US 30 connectivity. Light informed the Council that the partnership with the Fort Wayne Region is only for this initiative. Other existing relationships, such as MACOG and Region 2, will stay intact. Sanders stated there are 11 counties in this region and only 5 seats of non-elected people on the board. His concern is that we have a seat on that board. Bishop stated they have to get to the point where they can negotiate with them to get that. Sanders asked if the County would have to put money in to this initiative. Light replied by saying they would because there are going to be local matches for the state funds. Bishop stated they may be asked to contribute to planning efforts. A consultant has already been hired. Light stated there will be committees for different projects that will feed information the board. Light believes if we want to be engaged in this process, there must be strong voices at all of the levels. Sanders stated the County Commissioners will make the final decision on this initiative, but want to get the approval of the Council. The Commissioners as well as the City Council of Warsaw are both favorable of the initiative.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Jim Moyer  
AYES: 7            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve Resolution Supporting Kosciusko County's Regional Cities Initiative Partner Engagement with Fort Wayne Northeast Region.

**IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION FUND:**

Karin McGrath, Deputy Prosecutor, spoke on behalf of Dan Hampton, Prosecutor, to request a salary ordinance amendment for \$15.99 hourly for 2503-11301-000-0000 Part Time. McGrath stated the funds come from the Pre-Trial Diversion Fund. This is for a part-time office assistant.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 7            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve salary ordinance amendment for \$15.99 hourly for 2503-11301-000-0000 Part Time.



**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDED WHEEL TAX ORDINANCE:**

Bob Sanders, President, stated it was decided last month they would have an amended wheel tax ordinance for 2016 reducing the fee for 3,000-5,000 pound trailers to \$15 and 7,000-9,000 pound trailers to \$25. Trailers above 9,000 pounds would remain at \$40. Sanders stated the ordinance will only be passed with a unanimous vote by the Council. If the vote is not unanimous, a majority vote will be taken at the June Council meeting. Sanders stated if the wheel tax is not changed, it is estimated they would received \$505,360.00 by the end of the year. If the wheel tax is changed to the proposed rate, it is estimated they would receive \$226,815.00. The difference is \$278,545.00. Sanders stated it takes about \$100,000.00 to pave a mile of road. Therefore, the difference is about 3 miles worth of paved road per year. Sanders stated if the amount remains at \$40 for all trailers and half of the people decided not to register their trailer, the estimated amount they would receive is \$268,300.00. This is a difference of \$237,060.00 or about 2 miles worth of paved road per year. Larry Teghtmeyer stated he understands there will be less funds with the amended ordinance but feels it is unfair when you look at surrounding counties who have lower rates. Teghtmeyer stated it doesn't seem right to charge people \$40 who are willing to actually register their trailer that they use only twice a year. Teghtmeyer made a motion to approve the amended ordinance with the proposed rates. Jim Moyer, Doug Heinisch, and Jon Garber opposed the motion. Sanders abstained from voting since the vote needed to be unanimous.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Jon Fussle  
AYES: 3            NAYES: 3    ABSTAIN:1  
MOTION FAILED

TO: Approve amended wheel tax ordinance reducing the fee for 3,000-5,000 pound trailers to \$15, and 7,000-9,000 pound trailers to \$25, and trailers above 9,000 pounds remaining at \$40. The motion failed due to the vote not being unanimous.

**IN THE MATTER OF NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, wanted to recognize that it is National Law Enforcement Week. Rovenstine stated it is a blessing to work in this County where people are supportive of law enforcement. He wants people to remember it is a dangerous job no matter where you work. Rovenstine said to think of the officers, say thank you, and give them a prayer. Sanders stated he appreciates what Rovenstine is doing for the County and is sorry about the things going on nationally with the disrespect for law enforcement. Teghtmeyer stated he fully agrees, and it is sad to see that happening. Teghtmeyer believes we have some of the best law enforcement people in the Country.

**IN THE MATTER OF AIC MEETING – REELECTION OF SUE ANN MITCHELL:**

Jim Moyer, Councilman, stated at a recent AIC meeting in Fort Wayne, our County Treasurer, Sue Ann Mitchell, was reelected as President to represent the district.

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Bob Sanders, President, asked the Council for committee reports. Larry Teghtmeyer gave a report on the Redevelopment Commission. Teghtmeyer stated the County is continuing to secure new companies and is expecting to have 500 or more new jobs by June. Polywood in Syracuse is expanding and adding 250 additional employees. Chester is a new company in Pierceton adding 25 new employees. Teghtmeyer stated Chester is a division of Orville Redenbacher's popcorn company. The company has already secured contracts with Nipsco. Teghtmeyer also said there is another announcement in the making. The Redevelopment Commission discussed the expansion of the

Trupointe TIF district which is being expanded from the Trupointe property to the Syracuse town limits. The Commission approved this TIF district expansion and it will be coming before the Council.

Jon Garber gave a report on the Bowen Center. Garber stated the board is finally getting a new computer system. They made some improvements on the collection of patient fees. There are separate fees for the 5 area counties including Huntington, Marshall, Kosciusko, Wabash and Whitley. The lower fees will give the residents a break when they receive services if they stay within the counties. Garber stated the WCDC Board is looking at revising the revolving loan program they have for businesses uptown to make it more attractive. A borrower can apply for \$40,000 with \$20,000 for exterior improvements and \$20,000 for second and third floor renovation projects. There are 10 different entities involved in this loan, and there is around \$460,000 available. However, it is not being used like they anticipated it would be because the banks in the area are so competitive. Most people have relationships with their local banks and go to them instead. They are looking to see if this is a program they want to continue or if they can make it more attractive to business owners. There have also been meetings with the downtown merchant associations to address their concerns. Parking issues have always been a concern. There are some merchants with mixed emotions about the landscaping on the streets. They believe getting out of the car and stepping into the flowerbeds causes some problems.

Jon Fussle stated the Solid Waste Board is working to improve recycling. Stafford's will be adding some recycling bins in the town of Silver Lake.

Jim Moyer stated Area Plan has not approved any new plats for many months in our County. Building permits appear to be up and improving, but there are not a lot of permits for new homes. Most of the permits are for remodeling projects. Moyer stated he has been attending the KCCRVC meetings and will be attending the next meeting to go over some of their budgets and bring them more in line to the budgets the Council is used to seeing.

Doug Heinisch and Brad Tandy had nothing to report.

Sanders stated the Lakeland Regional Sewer District is having a special meeting at the North Webster Community Center on Monday night to make an exciting announcement.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS:**

Jim, from the public, asked if he could make a comment. Jim stated he believes they are making a mistake changing the wheel tax because they don't even have the first year's data. He stated they are going on a hypothesis and don't really know how many people will or will not register their trailers. Jim stated the difference between \$25 and \$40 is not meaningful to someone who pays \$5 a gallon for gasoline for a boat trailer. It's not nearly as meaningful as the County losing half a million sorely needed dollars to fix the roads. Jim believes the Council should not be making changes to the wheel tax. Sanders answered Jim by saying it was promised to the public last year when the wheel tax was passed that they would address it again in May, and they are fulfilling what they had promised. Sanders stated there are some people who don't feel it is a fair tax so there is a need to address it. Sanders said he appreciates hearing Jim's opinion and thanked him for his comment.

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

## Kosciusko County Council June 11, 2015

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday June 11, 2015 at 7:00p.m. in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Sanders  
Larry Teghtmeyer  
Jon Fussle  
Jon Garber

Brad Tandy  
James Moyer  
Doug Heinisch  
Michelle Puckett, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by Bob Sanders.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 14, 2015 MEETING:**

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Doug Heinisch  
AYES: 7            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the minutes for the May 14, 2015 meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS - HIGHWAY:**

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$34,297.09 for 8160-22040-000-000 Signage/Pavement Markings. The Highway Department received a reimbursable 2015 Grade Crossing Grant from INDOT for signage and pavement markings. Tilden stated this will be used for 18 railroad crossings in the County.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 7            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$34,297.09 for 8160-22040-000-000 Signage/Pavement Markings.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS - HIGHWAY:**

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$650,000.00 for 1176-22025-000-0051 Bituminous (Wheel/Sur Tax), \$21,099.00 for 1176-22059-000-0051 Stone/Gravel (Wheel/Sur Tax), and \$100,000.00 for 1176-22037-000-0051 Bituminous. Tilden stated the funds from the January through April wheel tax distribution will be used to purchase liquid asphalt and stone for approximately 65 miles of chip and seal throughout the County. This work will be done in the months of July and August this year. Bituminous patching material will also be purchased using MVH funds to repair the County roads. Jon Garber questioned Tilden how the chip and seal work would be funded without the

wheel tax. Tilden replied they would only be able to patch roads and not do any chip and seal or paving.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$650,000.00 for 1176-22025-000-0051 Bituminous (Wheel/Sur Tax), \$21,099.00 for 1176-22059-000-0051 Stone/Gravel (Wheel/Sur Tax), and \$100,000.00 for 1176-22037-000-0051 Bituminous.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS - EXTENSION:**

Kelly Heckaman, Extension Office, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,800.00 for 1000-11325-000-0001 Part-Time Summer Help. Heckaman presented a check from Purdue to the Council which will be used to fund one of the summer staff positions needed to accomplish the many tasks of preparing for the fair.

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,800.00 for 1000-11325-000-0001 Part-Time Summer Help.

The Council approved the Extension Office to hire part-time summer help.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Jon Garber  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the Extension Office to hire part-time summer help.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – SHERIFF - EXTRADITONS:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$200.00 for 1155-32003-000-000 Extraditions/Mileage, Fuel, & Travel. Rovenstine stated this is from a restitution check that the Probation Department received.

MOTION: Brad Tandy  
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$200.00 for 1155-32003-000-000 Extraditions/Mileage, Fuel, Travel.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – SHERIFF – COUNTY GENERAL:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$627.31 for 1000-35070-000-0019 Mileage, Fuel, & Travel. Rovenstine stated this is from a restitution check that was received.

MOTION: Brad Tandy  
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0

TO: Approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$627.31 for

MOTION CARRIED

1000-35070-000-0019 Mileage, Fuel, Travel.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – DNR GRANT:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$12,500.00 for 9134-11706-000-0000 Salaries, \$2,400.00 for 9134-32037-000-0000 Misc Expenses and \$100.00 for 9134-31082-000-0000 Equipment. Rovenstine stated this is a grant from the state that helps with lake patrol, boat patrol, and salary and equipment expenses.

MOTION: Jon Garber

TO: Approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$12,500.00 for 9134-11706-000-0000 Salaries, \$2,400.00 for 9134-32037-000-0000 Misc Expenses and \$100.00 for 9134-31082-000-0000 Equipment.

SECOND: Jim Moyer

AYES: 7            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS - PROBATION:**

Tammy Johnston, Chief Probation Officer, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,000.00 for 2000-22058-000-0000 Home Detention Expenses. Johnston stated when they did their budget, they didn't budget enough for the home detention expenses. The number of people placed on home detention has increased since the 2015 budget was prepared, and this additional money is necessary to pay the claims for the home detention equipment. Johnston stated the additional money will come from the User Fees Fund.

MOTION: Jim Moyer

TO: Approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,000.00

SECOND: Brad Tandy

AYES: 7            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

for  
2000-22058-000-0000 Home Detention Expenses.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS –EMA – 2013 SHSP GRANT:**

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,800.00 for 8170-36065-000-0000 Training and \$17,200.00 for 8170-44014-000-0000 Equipment. Rock explained this is 2013 money that has been returned to the state, and the state is offering reimbursable grants to reallocate the money. Rock stated the money will be used to upgrade some 800Mhz radios to a P25 level radio as well as replace a mobile data unit used to do research on different chemicals. Jon Fussle opposed the motion.

MOTION: Jim Moyer

TO: Approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,800.00 for 8170-36065-000-0000 Training and \$17,200.00 for 8170-44014-000-0000 Equipment.

SECOND: Jon Garber

AYES: 6            NAYES: 1

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION:**

Brad Voelz requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$12,671.25 for 2503-11301-000-0000 Part Time and \$969.35 for 2503-11601-000-0000 Soc Sec Contributions. Voelz stated this is for part-time summer employment.

MOTION: Brad Tandy

TO: Approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$12,671.25 for 2503-11301-000-0000 Part Time and \$969.35 for 2503-11601-000-0000 Soc Sec Contributions.

SECOND: Doug Heinisch

AYES: 7            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF PROBATION OFFICE – 1 FULL TIME EMPLOYEE POSITION:**

Tammy Johnston, Chief Probation Officer, requested to fill 1 full time employee position. Johnston stated a Secretary is retiring in July, and they would like to fill her position. The wage of the new employee will be no more than what the current wage is.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Jim Moyer  
AYES: 7            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve request to fill 1 full time employee position in the Probation Office.

**IN THE MATTER OF JUDGE SUTTON / JUDGE BAUER – 1 FULL TIME EMPLOYEE POSITION:**

Judge Sutton, Superior Courts II & III, requested to fill 1 full time employee position. Sutton explained there is an open Bailiff position, and they wish to fill it.

MOTION: Jon Fussle  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 7            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve request to fill 1 full time employee position for the Superior II / Superior III Courts.

**IN THE MATTER OF DISPATCH – 1 FULL TIME EMPLOYEE POSITION:**

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, spoke on behalf of David Rosenberry, Director of Dispatch, to request to fill 1 full time employee position in the Dispatch Center. Robinson stated a part-time employee will move up to full-time to fill the position.

MOTION: Jon Garber  
SECOND: Jon Fussle  
AYES: 7            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve request to fill 1 full time employee position in the Dispatch Center.

**IN THE MATTER OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – BRAD NEWCOMER:**

Bob Sanders, Council President, presented a Conflict of Interest Disclosure for Brad Newcomer. Larry Teghtmeyer, Councilmen, stated Newcomer has been a member of the Nappanee Public Library for many years, and he's also a jeweler in Nappanee. Newcomer is the owner of E. Newcomer & Sons Jewelers who provides engraving and plaques as needed for library purposes.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Jim Moyer  
AYES: 7            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve Conflict of Interest Disclosure for Brad Newcomer.

**IN THE MATTER OF REGIONAL CITIES INITIATIVE:**

Mark Dobson, President of the Kosciusko County Chamber of Commerce, introduced Alan Tio and John Sampson from the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership. Tio stated the Regional Cities Initiative approaches economic development in a different way. It's not only working with companies and entrepreneurs and building businesses, but also about building product and community that's welcoming and a great place to live. Tio stated the Regional Cities Initiative is a challenge set by the Governor and legislature to encourage us to invest in quality of place. It addresses the challenge of how to grow the population, and population growth means more people working, going to school, and shopping. Tio referenced a list of the Steering Committee

members stating both Brad Bishop and Mark Dobson are representing Kosciusko County. Tio stated the regional objective is to form the Northeast Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA) which is required as the applicants pursue the Regional Cities Initiative. They are working on developing a bold set of world-class projects to enhance the region's attractiveness to talented workers. The goal is to win the first Regional Cities contest to secure \$42 million of state matching funds toward our projects. Tio stated across the country, people will know what Warsaw is about. Tio noted that joining the RDA is mandatory to submit an application; however, there is no commitment to fund if you join. Funding choices are made by interlocal agreements. Funding is flexible and can be project-oriented. Tio stated the goal is to achieve full participation among the 11 county regions. There are 10 counties that have already agreed to join the RDA and Kosciusko County will make 11.

Sampson discussed the RDA process stating the first step is to establish the RDA which is the responsibility of County Councils. The next step is to select a 5 member board for the RDA. Sampson stated the Commissioners and Mayors will go through a process to select the 5 individuals for the development board. The RDA must then submit an application to the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. If you join an RDA, it is for an 8 year period; however, you can withdraw from an RDA, but financial obligations committed in an interlocal agreement must still be honored.

Sanders restated that there is no administration fee unless they decide to be a part of a project. The County could go all 8 years without financially contributing to anything.

Dobson stated they chose to work with the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership because they wanted to control their own destiny rather than be selected into an RDA that may not be as beneficial. Dobson also noted there is a small part of Nappanee in Kosciusko County and wanted to acknowledge that Nappanee will most likely want to work with Elkhart County which would be an exception. However, if Nappanee wanted to work with Kosciusko County, they would be more than welcome to. The nominations for the RDA seats happen next week. If the County is not part of the RDA, it cannot make nomination for the RDA board.

Sanders confirmed with Mayor Thallemer that Warsaw is behind this RDA. Mayor Thallemer stated the City Council believes it is beneficial to be involved in this RDA.

Ron Truex, Commissioner, stated it was decided to partner with this area because it is in our best interest. Truex stated the vote tonight is critical because they want to have representation on the RDA board and nominations take place next week. The state made the decision for us that we had to be involved in an RDA in order to be involved in Regional Cities. If we don't decide which RDA to partner with, the state would decide for us. Sampson noted the state statute makes it clear that you can only be a part of one RDA.

Sampson stated the 5 individuals on the development board are the governing board of the RDA. They have no taxing abilities. There will be group consisting of 27 County and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class City members who have the responsibility of selecting the 5 member board. No county has more than 4 members so no county can dominate the selection process. If the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership is selected to receive funds, then the 5 member board will be part of the

deciding factor on which projects get funded. It is also suggested there be an advisory board to them with representation from each county. Truex noted if we don't get a representative from our county on that 5 member board and we don't benefit from any project that gets funded, we don't have to financially support it.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer

SECOND: Jon Fussle

AYES: 7            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the County of Kosciusko Development Authority Ordinance for Kosciusko County to join the Regional Development Authority.

**ORDINANCE NO. 06-11-001 (2015060554)**

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

**IN THE MATTER OF CF-1/REAL PROPERTY ABATEMENT APPROVALS:**

Sanders stated all of the abatements met or exceeded what they said they were going to do. Sanders asked the Council if they had any questions about the abatements. Heinisch stated on the Louis Dreyfus abatement there is a cost for the real estate improvements but there is no assessed value listed. Steve Snyder, Attorney, and Dave Shelig, General Manager, approached the Council to provide explanation. Snyder stated it is still in the works on what the ultimate assessed value is. Snyder stated the actual cost is \$38 million. Heinisch question if there was any reason for the assessed value to be less than that. Snyder stated that is a question for the Assessor to answer based on the formula they are required to apply by the state. Snyder noted the Assessor controls the assessed value and the company has no control over that.

Jim Moyer asked the County Assessor if all of the companies complied and helped with the research. Marcia Baumgartner, Assessor's Office, stated she had no issues with any of the companies and they were all pleasant to work with.

Sanders requested that they approve all of the abatements with one motion. The following Real Property Abatements and Personal Property Abatements were approved.

- ❖ Biomet Inc. and Subsidiaries
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- ❖ Louis Dreyfus Agricultural LLC
- ❖ Maple Leaf Farms, Inc.
- ❖ North Central LP
- ❖ Thornburgh Family LP
- ❖ Custom Engineered Wheels, Inc.
- ❖ Cass Holdings LLC
- ❖ NG Instruments, Inc.
- ❖ Alpha Manufacturing & Design LLC & The Garden Spot LLC

**CF-1/PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENT APPROVALS:**

- ❖ Louis Dreyfus Agricultural Industries LLC
- ❖ Maple Leaf Farms, Inc.
- ❖ Seymour-Midwest, L.L.C.
- ❖ R.R. Donnelley Inc. (ERA 1 & 2)



- ❖ Custom Engineered Wheels, Inc.
- ❖ Biomet Inc. and Subsidiaries (ERA 2, 3, & 4)
- ❖ IDNA Series, Inc.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer

TO: Approve all CF-1/Real Property

SECOND: Jon Fussle

Abatements and CF-1/Personal Property

AYES: 7            NAYES: 0

Abatements.

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF WHEEL TAX ORDINANCE:**

Sanders stated the wheel tax discussion is continuing due to lack of a consensus to reduce the wheel tax fee at the last Council meeting. Sanders stated he has challenged each of the Council members to find a way to take care of the roads if the wheel tax is reduced. Sanders stated we have collected \$1,134,000.00 in the first 5 months. Sanders took this average and multiplied it by 12 to get an estimate of what will be received by the end of the year which was \$2,300,000.00. This is less than the original estimate of \$2.77 million. Sanders noted the state has reduced the business personal property tax on any personal property below \$20,000.00. The County will lose \$330,000.00 as a result of this. Sanders stated there 10 counties and cities in the northern part of the state have enacted the Frost Law which limits the weight of vehicles over the road during the thaw period which helps in the reduction of damage to the roads. This is a decision for the Commissioners to make not the Council. Sanders stated the Highway Department received 20% fewer funds from the state this year as compared to last year.

For the year 2014, the Highway Department spent \$482,000.00 total on coal mix and patch. This year, as of the 8<sup>th</sup> of June, the Highway Department has spent \$499,000.00 which is more than last year. Sanders questioned where they would get this money if the wheel tax was reduced. Sanders stated it is the Council's job to make sure the County is kept in a safe condition for all of the people who live here. Sanders stated \$40 a year breaks down to \$0.11/week. There are three things that make our County run: water, electricity, and transportation. If we want water, we pay for it. If we want electricity, we pay for it. Sanders made a point that people expect to have the roads and highways but don't expect to pay for it.

Sanders opened the meeting to the public. Richard Boggs came before the Council and stated he had contacted Sanders after receiving his statements from the BMV and thought it was a mistake. Sanders informed Boggs it was not a mistake. Boggs stated it isn't fair that he has to pay \$40 for his trailer and only \$25 for his vehicles when his vehicles are much larger and take up more of the road. Boggs stated he had no problem with the wheel tax until he found out how unfair it is. The citizens want fair taxation. Boggs informed the Council if they are representing people, they can do what they want to do but must be fair. Boggs stated they must look for other avenues to find funding for the roads.

Jo Timen, resident on Lake Tippecanoe, came before the Council to speak in favor of not making any changes to wheel tax. Timen stated no tax is fair and he has talked with many people who live on the lakes. Timen noted the property owners on the lakes have paid the school tax for many years and the fantastic school system and buildings would not be here without the lake taxes. Timen stated the roads in Indiana are some of the worst in the U.S. and he believes the state government isn't doing anything to fix them. Timen informed the Council they must do

something about the roads to fix them and not push the problems down the road to the future generation.

Jim Newcombe came before the Council and stated they don't really know what they will get from this year from the wheel tax and are going strictly with estimates. Newcombe believes it is way too soon to cut funding. Newcombe stated the difference between the current ordinance and the amendment is \$25/year for the up to 3,000 pound trailers and \$15/year for the 3,000-5,000 pound trailers. Newcombe stated most of these are boat trailers and these amounts are equivalent of 3 or 5 gallons of gas purchased at a marina per year which is hardly anything compared with the cost of the boat on the trailer. If the amendment is passed, the impact would be \$500,000 less for our roads. This is the same amount that the Highway Department has already spent so far this year on fixing the roads. Larry Teghtmeyer, Councilman, stated the loss to the County was actually \$186,000. Sanders stated the loss is actually \$277,000 because the cities and towns will also suffer from the loss. Teghtmeyer stated the focus is on County highways. Newcombe stated those amounts were not stated at the last meeting. Newcombe spoke about the people who may decide to not register their trailers to avoid the \$40 fee. He has paid attention to boat trailers on the road and stated 1 out of 3 was legitimately registered and believes this shows the threat is pretty weak. Newcombe spoke with the Clerk's Office and found the fee for an unregistered trailer fine is \$25 but effective July 1<sup>st</sup> the court costs on that fine will increase to \$143 so the total cost for an unregistered trailer is \$168 which is a big risk for someone to take. The cost of one wheel alignment or tire repair far outweighs the wheel tax fee. Newcombe stated it is unsafe to dodge pot holes or rough parts of the road. This is an invitation for a collision.

Mark Dobson, President of the Kosciusko County Chamber of Commerce, came before the Council and stated he asked for direction from the Public Policy Committee of the Kosciusko Chamber and the Board of Directors. The overwhelming consensus from both groups was to retain the rate at the existing \$40 fee for two major reasons. One reason is because the roads are not up to a safe standard or an average rating of 80 throughout the County. There is concern that the roads could impact economic development and job growth in the community. The other reason is the \$40 specifically goes to the roads instead of the general fund which supports the overall budget of the County. Dobson stated one member mentioned the cost of a tire repair for his trailer far exceeds the \$40 wheel tax fee. Dobson stated he understands this is a tough decision and believes the Council is looking for when to sunset the wheel tax. Dobson stated he believes when Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, can report he is maintaining at a high level 250 plus miles of roads each year in a 5 year cycle, then they would be at a position to sunset it. Also, if they can replace a road every 20-25 years they could sunset the ordinance. Garber noted in a letter that Dobson sent the Council last year in May, it noted the importance of maintaining quality roads to most effectively move goods and services. It also stated the current average rating for roads in Kosciusko County was 60. Dobson stated 60 is a failed road and will decline into the 40's within a couple of years according to an engineer.

George Robertson, President of KEDCo, stated the wheel tax has been a focus of the Infrastructure Committee and the Economic Development Board. The committee and board have a hard time ever supporting a tax increase. However, the condition of our roads is a critical thing. Robertson stated the arteries of our economy are our highways and roads. It's how people get from home to work and kids from home to school. It's how farmers get product to market

and supplies to the farm. It's how the businesses transport goods and services. The Infrastructure Committee and Economic Development Board support the wheel tax in its original form. Robertson stated whatever actions the Council may take in the future or whenever, he asked that they figure out how to make it revenue neutral when trying to define fair and equitable.

Brett Harter, representing the Builders Association of Kosciusko and Fulton County, stated they are in support of the wheel tax as it currently is. Harter stated the decisions are tough, but asked that the Council think about the future and where they want this County to be.

Frank Rhoades came before the Council and stated he has never heard of any element of extravagant spending or wastefulness from this group and is appreciative of that. Rhoades stated he believes there is a great disconnect of what the public understands on what it takes to make these roads work and how it's paid for. Rhoades stated instead of calling this a tax, we should call it an investment. He stated he has six trailers under 3,000 pounds and is willing to make that extra investment for the roads because he lives on them and drives on them. Rhoades feels the extra money is worth it.

The meeting was closed to the public and Sanders asked for comments from the Council members. Jim Moyer stated he is not comfortable reducing it at this time. He feels we will receive far less money than what is estimated. Moyer also noted for the Commissioners he does not support a Frost Law and believes it would be a detriment to our community, construction industry and agriculture would definitely be hurt by that. The answer is not driving on roads it's fixing and maintaining them.

Doug Heinisch stated no tax is fair. Heinisch stated we really don't know the impact because we haven't even gone through a whole year. We need to give it more time. It is way too soon to change it.

Brad Tandy stated he has struggled with this the past few meetings. He has indicated he is in favor of modifying the tax, but is now more inclined to stay where we are for a year to see how it comes out. Tandy pointed out he has heard comments about supporting the roads and considering safety. He believes the Council has done this with passing the wheel tax. Tandy agrees that no tax is fair and equitable. He has looked at the counties around us to see what they are doing. He has found the counties around us with respect to small trailers so not charge the tax at \$40. He knows we need the money and is concerned there may be a shortfall and they not hit the projection of \$2.3 million. Tandy stated he is inclined to keep it as is for a year even though he has been on the fence about it.

Jon Garber stated he went back to the minutes to see how they got in this situation. Garber referred to last May when Ron Truex, Commissioner, came before the Council to request funding for the Highway Department. Truex reference a letter from Tilden dated back to 2010 which stated the Highway is \$2 million short of maintaining the roads in a suitable fashion. Truex stated the Council and Commissioners need to come up with a source of revenue the Highway can count on instead of continuously requesting money from the Rainy Day Fund and EDIT Fund. Sanders stated one option is the wheel tax. After a meeting with Umbaugh and

Associates as well as a meeting to discuss the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund (MVH), it was projected that if no action was taken by the Council to add new revenue into the MVH Fund, the cash reserve would be depleted by the end of 2015. This is where the wheel tax came into discussion. Garber referenced the meeting last June which sought public input concerning the wheel tax. Tilden came before the Council to give a brief overview of what it would take to get the roads into a standard that is acceptable. Tilden stated if they continue at the funding they are currently using, they are working on a 26 year cycle for chip and seal and a 300 year cycle for paving roads. Tilden said the need is great and the roads will not improve if nothing is done. Garber pointed out that the need of funds to repair and maintain our roads has not changed. The \$40 fee is about the cost of 1 fill up of gas for a vehicle and when compared to the cost of repair to the undercarriage of a vehicle that hits an unfilled pot hole (estimated over \$100 or more), \$40 would be much more palatable. Garber understands that safe and well maintained roads is of high importance to the citizens of this County and will not make that job harder for the County Highway Department by reducing available funds. Garber noted if another source of funding of equal or greater revenue for road maintenance becomes available, he will be first in line for such action. Sanders mentioned that the state is not looking for any funding resources to help us with the condition of the roads in 2016.

Larry Teghtmeyer stated there have been many great comments stated and he agrees with many of them, but he feels the tax rate will never get rescinded if they don't do it now. Teghtmeyer stated this tax is putting the repair of the roads on small trailers and he believes this is the wrong thing to do. Teghtmeyer believes the estimates they have are close to what the actual numbers will be. He believes they could find the money to make up for the \$186,000 loss from reducing the wheel tax. Teghtmeyer stated he has lobbied the state representative from his area to raise the gas tax. He believes this is the way to fund the roads. Teghtmeyer stated he is in favor of passing the ordinance to reduce the wheel tax fee.

Jon Fussle thanked everyone who attended and voiced their opinions. Fussle stated the vote for this wheel tax amendment is not saying the roads are fine. He stated they are continuing to look for ways to fund the County Highway better. He believes they will make up what they lose if they reduce the wheel tax. Fussle stated they have heard from many people who use their trailers and vehicles for business, and Fussle believes any tax into the highway can be handed off to the customer. Fussle stated someone needs to speak up for the people who may have to pay the fee twice. Fussle stated \$186,000 is only 1% of the county budget. He believes this break should be handed to the taxpayers.

Teghtmeyer stated the increase in oil prices was part of the reason for the problems with the highways, but oil prices are now 65% of what they were so he believes they should wait it out. Tilden stated asphalt has come down a little also, but with two severe winters back to back and the spring thaw was really hard on the roads.

Sanders stated he feels for the retired person on a fixed income, but stated the roads are used by all of us. Sanders stated we can't sit here and wait for the state to help us. Sanders stated Elkhart has reduced their wheel tax rates, but is now talking about increasing it because they don't have enough money.

Larry Teghtmeyer made a motion to adopt the wheel tax ordinance amendment. Jim Moyer, Doug Heinisch, Brady Tandy, and Jon Garber opposed the motion. Sanders abstained from voting as the opposing side already had the majority vote.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve the amended ordinance to  
SECOND: Jon Fussle reduce the wheel tax fees.  
AYES: 2 NAYES: 4 ABSTAIN:1  
MOTION FAILED

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

## Kosciusko County Council July 9, 2015

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 7:00p.m. in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Sanders  
Larry Teghtmeyer  
Jon Fussle  
Jon Garber

Brad Tandy  
James Moyer  
Doug Heinisch  
Michelle Puckett, County Auditor  
Chad Miner, County Attorney

The meeting was called to order by Bob Sanders.

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 11, 2015 MEETING:**

MOTION: Jon Garber TO: Approve the minutes for the June 11,  
SECOND: Jim Moyer 2015 meeting.  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

### **IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS - HEALTH:**

Bob Weaver, Health Department, requested a transfer of \$135.00 from 1159-34001-000-0000 Property Liability Insurance to 1159-11604-000-0000 Workmen's Compensation Insurance. Weaver explained this is to cover a shortfall in their Workmen's Compensation fund.  
MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve transfer of \$135.00 from  
SECOND: Doug Heinisch 1159-34001-000-0000 Property Liability  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 Insurance to  
MOTION CARRIED 1159-11604-000-0000 Workmen's  
Compensation Insurance.

**IN THE MATTER OF MEDICAL REFRIDGERATOR FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT:**

Bob Weaver, Health Department, stated the Health Department has a vaccine refrigerator that stopped working. As a result, some of the product stored in the refrigerator had to be thrown away. Weaver stated there are Medicaid funds to use to purchase a new medical refrigerator. A medical refrigerator keeps things at a proper temperature and notifies you when the power goes off. The cost of the medical refrigerator is \$8,001.60 installed.

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Doug Heinisch  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the Health Department to purchase a new medical refrigerator for \$8,001.60.

**IN THE MATTER OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT CASH DRAWER:**

Bob Weaver, Health Department, stated there is a small cash drawer at the clinic they keep \$30.00 in for change. Weaver stated he would like to have an official cash change fund to keep at the clinic so they have enough change to give people who come in for vaccines and treatments. Weaver would like to increase the \$30.00 amount to \$150.00.

MOTION: Doug Heinisch  
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve Health Department to keep \$150.00 in the cash drawer at the clinic to use for change.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS - HIGHWAY:**

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, requested a transfer of \$10,934.00 from 1176-34001-000-050 Liability Insurance to 1176-11604-000-050 Workmen's Compensation. Tilden stated this is to cover the workmen's compensation premium they received. Tilden explained they didn't budget enough for this during budget time.

MOTION: Jon Garber  
SECOND: Jim Moyer  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$10,934.00 from 1176-34001-000-050 Liability Insurance to 1176-11604-000-050 Workmen's Compensation.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS - HIGHWAY:**

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, requested a transfer of \$15.43 from 1176-11203-000-051 Highway Equipment Operators to 1176-11136-000-051 Highway Assistant Superintendent. Tilden stated this is to cover a payroll account shortage.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$15.43 from 1176-11203-000-051 Highway Equipment Operators to 1176-11136-000-051 Highway Assistant Superintendent.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION - HIGHWAY:**

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$100,000.00 for 1176-22037-000-051 Bituminous and \$25,000.00 for 1176-22043-000-051 Stone, Gravel and Other Aggregates. Tilden explained they have done several road dig

outs this spring as a result of the harsh winter which has affected the road patching funds. This money will go toward the shortfall in funds. Tilden stated the money being collected from the wheel tax is helping get the roads fixed.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer

SECOND: Jim Moyer

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$100,000.00 for 1176-22037-000-051 and \$25,000.00 for 1176-22043-000-051 Stone, Gravel and Other Aggregates.

**IN THE MATTER OF REPLACING 2 FULL TIME POSITIONS – HIGHWAY**

**DEPARTMENT:**

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, requested permission to fill 2 full-time positions at the Highway Department. Tilden stated one employee resigned a couple of weeks ago and another employee is retiring at the end of July. Tilden explained the 2 positions are for truck drivers.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer

SECOND: Jon Garber

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve request to replace 2 full time truck driver positions at the Highway Department.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – SHERIFF -**

**EXTRADITIONS:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$475.13 for 1155-32003-000-000 Extraditions/Mileage, Fuel, Travel and \$300.00 for 1155-32003-000-000 Extraditions/Mileage, Fuel, Travel.

MOTION: Brad Tandy

SECOND: Doug Heinisch

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve additional appropriation in the amount of \$475.13 for 1155-32003-000-000 Extraditions/Mileage, Fuel, Travel and \$300.00 for 1155-32003-000-000 Extraditions/Mileage, Fuel, Travel.

**IN THE MATTER OF TIN CAPS GAMES – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, informed the Council the Sheriff’s Department plans an employee Christmas party each year through their donation account. Rovenstine stated the Tin Caps would like to honor the Sheriff’s Department at one of their games in August, and the Department would like to attend the Tin Caps game using the Christmas party money.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer

SECOND: Jim Moyer

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the Sheriff’s Department to use the Christmas party money from their donation account to attend a Tin Caps games.

**IN THE MATTER OF REPLACING 5 EMPLOYEES – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested permission to replace 5 employees. Rovenstine stated they have lost 2 Cooks, 1 Nurse, 1 Jail Officer, and 1 Chief Dispatcher, and he would like to fill these positions.

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 6        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve replacing 5 employees in the Sheriff's Department.

**IN THE MATTER OF NURSE CONTRACT – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, stated Advanced Medical supplies doctoring and medical supplies to the Sheriff's Department, and they would like to supply a nurse as well. Rovenstine said the current nurse is resigning at the end of July, and they will be in need of one. Rovenstine requested permission to enter into a contract with Advanced Medical in which they would supply the nursing staff. This would take the liability off of the County and put it on Advanced Medical. Rovenstine stated this is something they were going to look into for next year, but feels it is more appropriate to do so now since their current nurse is leaving. Rovenstine stated he did not know how the monthly cost of this organization would compare with the nurse wages. Larry Tegtmeyer, Councilmen, stated the cost may be a little more, but they won't have the liability, and the cost to hire a new nurse was going to go up next year because of the increased workload. The Council wanted to know what the actual cost would be before making a decision. Rovenstine stated there is a part-time person he could ask to cover from August 1<sup>st</sup> to August 13<sup>th</sup> until the next Council meeting if they don't make a decision at this meeting. Rovenstine will talk with Advanced Medical to see what the cost would be and let the Council know. The Council decided to table the vote until their next meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – EMA – 2014 EMPG GRANT:**

Ed Rock, Director of Emergency Management, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$60,000.00 for 8167-36065-000-0000 Training/Structural Collapse. Rock stated this training is for the District 2 Technical Rescue Team (TRT). The training is an 80 hour course over a period of two weeks. Rock stated District 2 covers a 7 county area. The training will be held at the training facility in South Bend. Rock explained the District received the grant and Kosciusko County is managing the grant funds.

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Jon Garber  
AYES: 6        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve additional appropriation in the amount of \$60,000.00 for 8167-36065-000-0000 Training/Structural Collapse.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – SYRACUSE LIBRARY:**

Kim Blaha, Director of Syracuse Library, came before the Council to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$71,000.00. Blaha stated this is money they already have. Blaha said they will be using the money to cover the cost of a bill from last December.

Doug Heinisch abstained from voting.

MOTION: Larry Tegtmeyer  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 5        NAYES: 0    ABSTAIN:1  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriation request in the amount of \$71,000.00 for Syracuse Library.



### **IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:**

George Robertson, President of KEDCo, stated the County hit the post recessionary low in 2010 with an unemployment rate of 13.5%. Since then, this County has built and expanded many businesses. Robertson stated there have been around 500 new jobs created each of the past two years. Last year, there was over \$30 million in new investments. The County has now hit the highest number of people ever employed at over 39,000. Robertson stated KEDCo was formed to create jobs, keep companies happy, keep businesses in our County, and keep companies growing while continuing to diversify the County. According to Robertson, it is going to be another good year.

Robertson stated economic development is a team activity. They partner with all of the agencies and organizations in the community for workforce as well as with Ivy Tech and school districts. These partnerships are very important. Robertson stated the local government sets the business climate of the County. Robertson thanked the Council for their support in making our County business-friendly.

The Economic Development Commission is increasing their budget this year. Robertson stated the KEDCo office is currently located across from the Probation Department. Robertson believes with the mandates coming from the state, the Probation Department is going to get larger and need the space that KEDCo is currently using. Therefore, the KEDCo office will be moving into a new building. This adds an additional cost which will increase their budget.

Robertson stated one of the most in-demand jobs in our County is Machinists. They have worked with Ivy Tech to create a great Advanced Manufacturing Center in machining. They have also formed a Joint Advisory Committee to work with the schools to provide students with the opportunity to graduate high school with one year of a two year degree in Machining and Advanced Manufacturing already completed. Robertson stated they are also designing programs in healthcare and working with the school systems, hospitals and nursing homes.

Robertson stated they will kick-off the Come Back Kosciusko Campaign this fall which will advertise for skilled jobs. The best people to bring back are the people who left here with the advanced skills our jobs need. They will also be kicking off Kosciusko Kick Start this fall which is targeted for young people who may have not thought about their career. This consists of a course that will get them a good job with benefits.

### **IN THE MATTER OF NON PROFIT BUDGET PRESENTATIONS:**

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

- ❖ **Historical Society** – Jerry Frush, Museum President, and Sally Hogan, Museum Director, requested the amount of \$19,647.00 for 2016. Frush stated their membership has increased as well as their visitor donations. They had a new drop ceiling and lighting put in the building last winter. This has been a huge improvement for the museum library. Frush explained this was paid for out of trust funds. Hogan stated the outlook for the museum looks really good. There have been visitors from all across the country. Hogan stated they also had someone from Germany come to visit the museum. There are

also many school kids who come to visit the museum. Hogan said they operate by donation only.

- ❖ **4-H Council** – Renea Messmore, spoke on behalf of the 4-H Council requesting \$36,388.00 for 2016. Messmore stated there are 786 kids participating in 4-H in Kosciusko County and 270 volunteers. They have started a program called Girl Power which reaches out to at-risk 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls to provide them with positive adult relationships and life skills help. They have also started a Robotics Program with 20 kids participating. 4-H has also started participating in First Fridays. Messmore introduced Noelle Ceste who is a 1<sup>st</sup> year 4-Her. Ceste stated she is taking Legos and a goat to the fair. Nate Ceste also spoke about his 4-H project, a Lego set. He is taking a rabbit to the fair as well. Messmore also invited Shana Messmore, a former 4-Her, to share her 4-H experience. She stated she completed 10 years of 4-H which had an impact on her life. She learned things such as competitiveness, initiative, confidence, and public speaking skills. 4-H assisted Messmore with her college funds as well. Renea Messmore stated 4-H is creating future employees and future educators and leaders. She thanked the Council for their support of the 4-H program.
- ❖ **Cardinal Services** – Jane Wear, President/CEO, requested the amount of \$94,187.00 for 2016 which is a 2% increase from last year. Wear stated the cost of medical insurance went by \$700,000.00 in one year. Wear explained the funds will be used for financial support of three programs offered by Cardinal Services: Head Start (services children birth through age 5), Community Living Program (services adults with developmental and physical disabilities) and KABS (bus services provided throughout the County). Wear stated there are 229 children being served through the Head Start Program this year. These children come from needy families. Wear said there are 51 people being served through the Community Living Program, and the KABS program provided 45,000 rides this past year helping people get to work and medical appointments. Wear stated KABS works together with Kosciusko Community Senior Services so they don't overlap their bus routes. Wear thanked the Council for their support.
- ❖ **Home Care & Hospice** – Rick Paczkowski, Executive Director, requested \$43,200.00 for 2016 for the REAL Service Program which is a 2% increase from last year. Paczkowski stated this is a state-run program that is contracted through the Area II Agency on Aging. They provide services to the elderly and disabled in our County with nurses, home health aides, and homemakers. Last year, they made over 4,000 visits and traveled over 46,000 miles to visit these clients. The state reimbursement rate only covers about 50% of the true costs. Paczkowski stated without these services, many of the clients could not stay in their homes. They would have to be placed in a nursing home. Paczkowski stated he is thankful for his passionate employees and their dedicated work to the clients. Paczkowski thanked the Council for their past support.
- ❖ **Beaman Home** – Tracie Hodson, Executive Director, requested \$60,000.00 for 2016. Hodson thanked the Council for supporting the not-for-profit programs. Hodson stated the Beaman Home provides services to domestic violence victims and their children. They operate a 24/7 emergency shelter as well as other outreach services. The idea behind the program is to empower and encourage people to become self-sufficient and independent. Hodson stated they are planning to move into their new building in January of 2016. This will triple their residential capacity and open up an outreach center that provides life skills training, educational opportunities, support groups, mental health

counseling, and children's programming. Hodson explained they would like to hire 2 new Crisis Desk Specialists positions for their new facility. These positions will be the hub of their security and will be in charge of monitoring all of the security cameras, taking calls from the crisis hot line, greeting all visitors who enter the building, and accessing the emergency button that contacts dispatch and the police in an emergency situation. Hodson stated they want to hire trained and qualified people for these two positions. Hodson also said they go to the schools in our community and talk with the students about healthy relationships and cyber safety.

- ❖ **Kosciusko Community Senior Services** – David Neff, Executive Director, requested an amount of \$42,000.00 for 2016. Neff thanked the Council for their continued support of their program. Neff explained they not only receive funding from the County but also through fundraiser activities and grants. Neff stated they have done a board turnover and have revised their bylaws and succession plan. They have changed and improved their accounting system as well. Neff stated they collaborate with KABS on transportation routes so they are not overlapping. Neff said their daily attendance at the senior center averages around 20 to 25 people. They provide 14,000 rides and 26,000 mobile meals. Neff stated they have successfully procured a van from INDOT, and the old van they are retiring will be donated to Fellowship Missions.
- ❖ **Animal Welfare League** – Darla McCammon, Director, requested an amount of \$74,194.00 for 2016. McCammon said the AWL does many great things for the community. They house pets for people staying at the Beaman Home, allow organizations such as 4-H to come out and visit the animals in the shelter, help senior citizens overcome depression by visiting the animals, and help people be healthy by walking the animals. McCammon stated they have one of the highest adoption rates in the U.S. for a shelter of their size. They not only help animals but are also helping people. McCammon stated they will be moving to a new building that is much larger but needs some remodeling. The architect will have the new design and plan ready within a month, and McCammon stated she hopes to be moved into the building within a year.
- ❖ **Bowen Center** – Kurt Carlson, CEO, requested \$570,910.00 for 2016 which is the amount mandated by the State. Carlson stated this past year, they served 5,861 patients within Kosciusko County which is 1 out of every 13 citizens. Carlson said they just opened a community center in Enchanted Hills which contains a thrift store, food pantry, and storm shelter. They are training 65 new staff which shows how much they are growing and trying to keep up with the need.
- ❖ **St. Joe River Basin** – Jeremy Reiman, Environmental Planner, requested an amount of \$450 for 2016. The St. Joseph River Basin Commission is a group of elected officials, local officials, and the 7 counties in the Indiana portion of the St. Joseph River Watershed that work on projects to improve water quality in the St. Joe River. Reiman stated the northern part of Kosciusko County drains into the St. Joseph River including Turkey Creek and Lake Wawasee. The Commission does water monitoring sampling and partners with environmental groups to host educational workshops.
- ❖ **Arrowhead RC & D** – was not requesting any funding for 2016

**IN THE MATTER OF REPLACING 2 FULL TIME POSITIONS IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE:**

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, spoke on behalf of Ann Torpy, County Clerk, to request permission to replace 2 full time positions in the Clerk's Office.

MOTION: Doug Heinisch

TO: Approve replacing 2 full time positions in the Clerk's Office.

SECOND: Larry Tegtmeyer

AYES: 6            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF WATER ISSUES IN THE JUSTICE BUILDING:**

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated they had a water problem in the Justice Building a couple of weeks ago from having too much rain. At the beginning of the week, Robinson stated they had no water at all and the Justice Building had to be closed on Tuesday as a result. They believe this is a result of the water conditioner not working properly. Robinson explained the water conditioner they have is obsolete and no longer made. Robinson stated they don't know yet if the flooding in the basement caused any damage. He believes they may have to replace some drywall, but thinks the tile looks fine. They are currently operating on only one hot water boiler, but are in the process of getting new ones set up.

**IN THE MATTER OF CUM JAIL FUND RESOLUTION:**

Bob Sanders, President, stated the Cum Jail fund has not been used since December 31, 2014 and there needs to be a resolution stating they are no longer using the Cum Jail fund. The balance in the fund needs to be transferred to the County General fund.

MOTION: Jim Moyer

TO: Approve the Cum Jail fund Resolution.

SECOND: Jon Garber

AYES: 7            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-07-09-002 (2015070396)**

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

**IN THE MATTER OF WHEEL TAX ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:**

Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated the BMV requested an amendment on the wheel tax ordinance to include motor driven vehicles such as mo-peds since they now have to be registered and titled. The BMV wants to add the vehicle class, motor driven cycles, to the ordinance because they are already subject to the \$25 surtax. This amendment is to clean up the wording in the ordinance and make it consistent with the present law. Miner stated the amendment doesn't change anything in the ordinance. Jon Fussle, Councilmen, stated he is still opposed to the wheel tax but would vote for the amendment to clean up the wording. Fussle stated he is looking forward to finding a solution to get funding from somewhere else for the roads.

MOTION: Larry Tegtmeyer

TO: Approve the Wheel Tax Ordinance

SECOND: Jim Moyer

Amendment to include the vehicle class, motor driven cycles.

AYES: 7            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-07-09-003 (2015070397)**

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

**IN THE MATTER OF AMY PROCER:**

Amy Procer came before the Council to ask what the standards are and how they decide which not-for-profit organizations receive money from the County. Sanders explained the non-profit agencies present their budgets to the Council as well as the Commissioners for them to review. In August, they will have budget hearings, and the Council will go through and set the budgets at that time. Larry Teghtmeyer, Councilmen, explained that anyone who is interested in receiving money from the County must appear before the County Commissioners to make a request and then appear before the Council who is the final authority that decides whether or not to adopt it. The Commissioners present a recommendation to the Council, and the Council decides whether or not pass it. Jim Moyer, Councilmen, stated he believes the Commissioners would want to know if the agency provides a service for the entire County, what type of service it is, and how beneficial the service is. Moyer stated anyone would be welcome to make a request from the Commissioners. Teghtmeyer stated with 3 Commissioners and 7 Council members, they must have a majority to go through.

**IN THE MATTER OF REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – TIF DISTRICTS TOUR:**

Larry Teghtmeyer, Councilmen, reported to the Council that the Redevelopment Commission toured the TIF Districts in our County. Teghtmeyer stated it is very refreshing to see what is going on in our County not only on the industrial side but also the agricultural side. The Redevelopment Commission met with the Chamber of Commerce Director in Syracuse at the end of their tour and learned a little bit about the town of Syracuse. Teghtmeyer feels it was a very good trip.

**IN THE MATTER OF AIC CONFERENCE:**

Jim Moyer, Councilmen, stated he and Bob Sanders, President, attended the AIC Conference in Shelbyville, IN. Moyer stated he would make copies of the legislative update for the Councilmen to review. Moyer spoke about the change with non-binding recommendations. Moyer stated in certain circumstances, it could occur that a township board have too many members of a volunteer department on their board, and it could come back to the Council for a binding recommendation on their budget. There could be more local units of governments that have to present their budgets to the Council. Moyer stated it was a very good conference. Sanders agreed it was a good conference and encouraged the other Council members to attend sometime.

**IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Sanders stated there will be an Executive Session on August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM to discuss personnel issues.

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

# Kosciusko County Council

## August 13, 2015

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday August 13, 2015 at 7:00p.m. in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Sanders  
Larry Teghtmeyer  
Jon Fussle  
Jon Garber

Brad Tandy - ABSENT  
James Moyer  
Doug Heinisch  
Michelle Puckett, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by Bob Sanders.

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 9, 2015 MEETING:**

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Doug Heinisch  
AYES: 5      NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the minutes for the July 9, 2015 meeting.

### **IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS - SHERIFF:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested a transfer of \$544.98 from 1000-00563-000-000 Insurance Payment to 1000-35001-000-019 Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance. Roventstine stated this is for a car accident with a police car.

MOTION: Jon Garber  
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer  
AYES: 5      NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$544.98 from 1000-00563-000-000 Insurance Payment to 1000-35001-000-019 Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance.

### **IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS - SHERIFF:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested a transfer of \$318.20 from 1000-00563-000-000 Insurance Payment to 1000-35001-000-019 Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance. Roventstine stated this for a police car vs. deer accident.

MOTION: Jon Garber  
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer  
AYES: 5      NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$318.20 from 1000-00563-000-000 Insurance Payment to 1000-35001-000-019 Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance.

### **IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS - HIGHWAY:**

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, requested a transfer of \$7,000.00 from 1176-10325-000-051 Truck Driver to 1176-11301-000-051 Part-Time. Tilden explained this will allow the Highway Department to the keep the part-time roadside mowers until the 1<sup>st</sup> of October.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Jim Moyer  
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$7,000.00 from  
1176-10325-000-051 Truck Driver  
to  
1176-11301-000-051 Part-Time.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION - HIGHWAY:**

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$313,072.48 for 1176-22025-000-051 Bituminous. Tilden explained this is from the May/June distribution of the wheel tax, and it will be used to purchase hot mix asphalt for paving projects. Tilden stated 65 miles of chip and seal have been completed. Tilden said he would bring a map to the next meeting of the roads they will be paving which is about 10 miles.

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer  
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve additional appropriation in the  
amount of \$313,072.48  
for  
1176-22025-000-051 Bituminous.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION - COIT:**

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$65,000.000 for 1121-11605-000-0000 COIT – Group Insurance and \$102,000.00 for 1121-11601-000-0000 COIT – Social Security Contributions. Puckett explained the latest estimate showed this is the amount needed to complete the 2015 year. Puckett stated the group insurance premiums go up in October so there is always an adjustment at the end of the year that cannot be budgeted for when they do budgets the prior year. Puckett explained the social security contributions consist of the total wages of everyone that works the overtime and part-time that's budgeted and this is the amount needed to complete the year.

MOTION: Doug Heinisch  
SECOND: Jim Moyer  
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve additional appropriation in the  
amount of \$65,000.00  
for 1121-11605-000-0000 COIT – Group  
Insurance and \$102,000.00  
for 1121-11601-000-0000 COIT – Social  
Security Contributions.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – SUPERIOR COURT 2 & 3:**

Judge Sutton spoke on behalf of Superior Court 2 & 3 to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$8,000.00 for 2502-31040-000-044 Jury Per Diem / Travel. Judge Sutton stated they do not have sufficient funds in the Jury Per Diem fund to cover the anticipated jury trials this year. Judge Sutton explained with every case that is filed, a small amount of money goes to a sideline fund, and this is the money they are requesting to appropriate to the Jury Per Diem fund. Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, stated there is about \$80,000 cash in the sideline fund.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Jon Garber  
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve additional appropriation in the  
amount of \$8,000.00  
for  
2502-31040-000-044 Jury Per Diem / Travel.

**IN THE MATTER OF RECORDER’S RECORD PERPETUATION FUND:**

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, spoke on behalf of Joetta Mitchell, County Recorder, to present an Ordinance for the Recorder’s Record Perpetuation Fund. Puckett stated the ordinance explains what the Recorder can and cannot pay out of the Recorder’s Perpetuation Fund as well as what the Recorder plans to spend the following year. Puckett said Mitchell is planning to spend \$5,000 out of the Records Perpetuation fund to supplement the expenses she usually pays out of the County General fund.

MOTION: Jim Moyer

TO: Approve Ordinance for Recorder’s Record Perpetuation Fund.

SECOND: Jon Garber

AYES: 5            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-08-13-001 (2015080907)**

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

**IN THE MATTER OF MILFORD LIBRARY APPOINTMENT – MARK**

**BAUMGARTNER:**

Bob Sanders, President, stated the Council received a letter from Mark Baumgartner stating his willingness to serve on the Milford Library board. Baumgartner also included a short biography about himself. Sanders stated they have discussed in the past how they prefer to have the appointee attend the meeting so they can ask questions. Jim Moyer, Councilman, stated he agreed he would like the appointee to attend the meeting, but pointed out that it is budget time for the library. Moyer didn’t want to slow the library’s budget process due to lack of appointment. Moyer felt they should approve the appointment, but ask Baumgartner to attend the next meeting.

MOTION: Jim Moyer

TO: Approve the appointment of Mark Baumgartner to the Milford Public Library board.

SECOND: Doug Heinisch

AYES: 5            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF PRECISION PULLETS, LLC ABATEMENT:**

Steve Snyder, Attorney for Precision Pullets, LLC, presented the Declaratory Resolution designating an Economic Revitalization Area and Statement of Benefits for approval. Snyder explained this is the initial adoption and approval of the Resolution and Statement of Benefits, and a public hearing would be held next month. Snyder stated Precision Pullets raises chickens, and they are proposing to expand the existing facility by doubling the size which would allow them to produce 1.5 million pullets per year. Snyder stated this is an industrial facility even though it is agriculturally related. Precision Pullets would like to add a 56 foot by 360 foot structure to their existing facility at a cost of \$2.5 million. Snyder said there would be two additional employees added to the expanded facility with a total salary of \$84,000/year. Snyder acknowledged this is most likely the first time they have looked at a facility this closely related to the agricultural industry in regard to tax abatement for the structure. Snyder stated this building qualifies for the structural real property improvement abatement because the statute does not limit tax abatements to manufacturing facilities. Precision Pullets grows chickens instead of manufacturing something. Snyder referred to the definition of redeveloping or rehabilitating real property which does not limit tax abatement for Precision Pullets. The statute for real estate improvements only states the items for which it will not be allowed, and the statute



does not prevent this type of facility. Snyder stated he would like to schedule the matter for a public hearing at the September 10, 2015 Council meeting.

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Doug Heinisch  
AYES: 5            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the Declaratory Resolution designating an Economic Revitalization Area and Statement of Benefits for Precision Pullets, LLC and to hold a public hearing at the Council meeting on September 10, 2015.

**IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF – NURSING CONTRACT:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, presented a proposal from Advanced Correctional Healthcare to provide nursing staff for the jail. Rovenstine stated the jail's current nurse has retired, and it was discussed at the last Council meeting the benefits of contracting a nurse from Advanced Correctional Healthcare instead of the County employing a nurse. At the previous meeting, the Council requested to see an estimated cost of contracting a nurse before making a decision. Rovenstine said he received the annual report from Advanced Correctional Healthcare which shows they save the County considerable amounts of money with the discounts they provide. Rovenstine informed the Council that Advanced Correctional Healthcare has only had two lawsuits in the past 9 years, one of which has been paid off and the other was denied. Rovenstine stated he was impressed with this information.

Larry Teghtmeyer, Councilman, stated the Wage Committee has already looked at the proposal and recommends using Advanced Correctional Healthcare instead of employing a staff person. Doug Heinisch, Councilman, questioned what the difference would be in the annual cost. Rovenstine explained it doesn't matter what they do with the new contract, the cost will increase because the number of jail inmates has increased. Rovenstine said it is recommended there be one nurse for every 100 inmates, and the jail has almost 300 inmates. Rovenstine stated the average daily population has increased from 131 to 216. The Council is asked to approve the contract with Advanced Correctional Healthcare through the end of the 2015 year. It will be discussed at budget time if they want to continue the contract for 2016.

Jon Fuzzle, Councilman, joined the meeting and voted on this matter.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Jim Moyer  
AYES: 6            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve signing a contract with Advanced Correctional Healthcare to provide nursing staff for the jail.

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING ON AUGUST 25, 2015:**

Ron Truex, Commissioner, invited everyone to the Commissioners meeting on August 25, 2015 at 9:00AM in the Old Courtroom.

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

# Kosciusko County Council

## August 20, 2015

The Kosciusko County Council met for a special meeting on Thursday August 20, 2015 at 6:30p.m. in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Sanders  
Larry Teghtmeyer - ABSENT  
Jon Fussle - ABSENT  
Jon Garber

Brad Tandy  
James Moyer  
Doug Heinisch - ABSENT  
Michelle Puckett, County Auditor  
Chad Miner, County Attorney

The meeting was called to order by Bob Sanders.

### **IN THE MATTER OF CO-OP TIF ISSUANCE OF BONDS RESOLUTION:**

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented a Resolution approving a Bond Resolution in which the Redevelopment Commission previously adopted. Rob Zeldenrust, Agronomy Manager for North Central Co-op, spoke at the August 20, 2015 Redevelopment meeting and thanked the County for their help with the TIF district and fiber optics project. Zeldenrust also discussed the importance of infrastructure for the roads to be respectful to the neighbors as well as the rest of the community. Zeldenrust explained that most of their supplies are delivered via railroad but are shipped out on trucks. No one had any questions about the Resolution. The Council voted to approve the Resolution.

MOTION: Brad Tandy

SECOND: Jon Garber

AYES: 4      NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the Resolution approving a Bond Resolution adopted by the Redevelopment Commission.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 15-08-20-002 (2015081278)**

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

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

# Kosciusko County Council

## August 24, 2015

The Kosciusko County Council met for their preliminary budget meeting on Monday August 24, 2015 at 6:00p.m. in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Sanders  
Larry Teghtmeyer  
Jon Fussle  
Jon Garber

Brad Tandy  
James Moyer  
Doug Heinisch  
Michelle Puckett, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by Bob Sanders.

**IN THE MATTER OF ASSESSOR, PROPERTY REASSESSMENT - ASSESSOR AND PROPERTY REASSESSMENT – COM/INDUSTRY REASSESSMENT 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Susan Engelberth, Assessor Office, presented the budget request to Council for approval. Brad Tandy stated the wage committee approved one new position and the COMOT level increases that Engelberth is requesting for her 2016 budget. Jon Garber questioned Engelberth on the Pictometry expense and the reduced budget amount. Engelberth stated the contract allows a portion to be paid in 2015 and 2016. Larry Teghtmeyer stated the COMOT level increases and job descriptions were reviewed by Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele & Associates and they were in agreement with the classification changes that were requested by Engelberth. Jim Moyer made a motion to accept the Assessors budget with the exception of the wages and salaries until the wage committee has an opportunity to present the complete recommendation. Jon Fussle was not present to vote on this budget. Teghtmeyer questioned Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, on the Reassessment fund and the tax levies. Puckett stated the Reassessment fund is in our max levy and the rate that is established and advertised is not enough to bring back that balance. Currently \$800,000 is being spent per year and only \$400,000 is being collected per year. Puckett stated that at some point changes will need to be made. The changes could be to increase the reassessment rate for 2016, but the county general rate would need to be decreased. Another option would be to remove expenses from the Reassessment fund into County General. Puckett continued by stating there is enough funds for 2016, but in 2017 there will have to be some decisions made to the Reassessment fund.

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Jon Garber  
AYES: 6            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the Assessor, Property Reassessment – Assessor and Property Reassessment – Com/Industry Reassessment 2016 budgets as presented with the exception of the wages and salaries. Approve one new position and the COMOT level increases.

**IN THE MATTER OF JAIL, SHERIFF, COUNTY EXTRADITION, GUN PERMITS, COUNTY CORRECTION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT FORFEITURES 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, came before the Council for approval of the 2016 budget request. Jim Moyer stated the wage committee recommended four new positions be approved and the re-establishment from a Sergeant and Corporal positions. Moyer confirmed these were not new positions, but increasing from jailer pay levels. Brad Tandy stated the new positions will be used to help staff appropriately for the women's work release program and for more women the opportunity to participate in that program. The overcrowding of the jail situation is from a change at State level requiring the county to house Level 6 felons. Doug Heinisch questioned Rovenstine on the increase in medical for the prisoners. Rovenstine stated the nurse position is

included in that total, but will be removed and moved over to the nurse contract for medical services. The amount will be roughly \$75,000 to \$80,000. Rovenstine stated the increase is from the increase in inmates that the jail houses. Tandy made a motion to approve the Jail, Sheriff, County Extradition, Gun Permits, County Correction and Law Enforcement Forfeitures along with the four new positions, re-establishment from a Sergeant and Corporal positions and the nurse's contract. Jon Fussle arrived at 6:15pm and was in attendance to vote on Tandy's motion.

MOTION: Brad Tandy  
SECOND: Larry Tegtmeyer  
AYES: 7            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the Jail, Sheriff, County Extradition, Gun Permits, County Correction and Law Enforcement Forfeitures 2016 budget request in addition to four new positions, re-establishment from a Sergeant and Corporal positions and the nurse's contract.

**IN THE MATTER OF E911 AND STATEWIDE 911 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, presented the E911 and Statewide 911 – 2016 budget request to the Council for approval. Jim Moyer stated the wage committee's recommendation to remove two positions from the Statewide 911 budget and move them to the County General E911 Dispatch fund. Larry Tegtmeyer stated the reason for the moving of the positions is due to the Statewide 911 fund does not have sufficient funds to support those two positions for 2016. Doug Heinisch questioned Rovenstine on the increase in the Group Insurance. Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, explained every year there is a short fall in the group insurance due to the rate change that takes effect in October of every year. The amount of the increase for 2016 includes the increase in the insurance rates from October to December, which has not been done in past years.

MOTION: Larry Tegtmeyer  
SECOND: Jim Moyer  
AYES: 6            NAYES: 1  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the E911 and Statewide 911 2016 budget as presented along with moving two positions from the Statewide 911 fund to the E911 fund.

Doug Heinisch opposed

**IN THE MATTER OF EXTENSION 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Kelly Heckaman, Extension Director, presented the 2016 budget to the Council for approval. Heckaman commented on a few of the grants they received and programs they are involved in.

MOTION: Jon Garber  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 7            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approved the Extension 2016 budget as presented.

**IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Jim Moyer, Council Member and Area Plan Commission, presented the 2016 Area Plan budget on behalf of Dan Richard, Area Plan Director. Moyer stated there are no increases for 2016.

MOTION: Brad Tandy  
SECOND: Doug Heinisch  
AYES: 7            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the Area Plan 2016 budget as presented.

**IN THE MATTER OF AUDITOR, PLAT BOOK, INELIGIBLE DEDUTION AND COIT 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, presented the Auditors 2016 budget to Council for approval.

MOTION: Doug Heinisch TO: Approve the Auditor, Plat Book, Ineligible  
SECOND: Jim Moyer Deduction and COIT fund 2016 budgets as  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF MAINTENANCE 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented the Maintenance 2016 budget to Council for approval. Robinson stated the only increase was to the inspections of the elevators, which is due to the increase in fees by the state.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve the Maintenance 2016 budget as  
SECOND: Jim Moyer presented.

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented the Commissioners 2016 budget to Council for approval. Robinson stated the \$5,000 listed under account number 21008 supplies can be removed from the budget as it will not be needed. Marsha McSherry, Assistant County Administrator, stated a determination for the items highlighted in blue needs to be made as to pay for these out of County General or the CCD Fund. The highlighted accounts total roughly \$1.1M. McSherry stated these items have been paid out of the CCD fund in the past. Doug Heinisch questioned the \$90,000 for office supplies. Heinisch stated he feels that amount should be adjusted due to the decrease in the amount spent over the past couple years. Robinson stated there is no way to predict the amount of increase that will occur in 2016 and feels the amount should remain at \$90,000 to insure any increases are covered. Jon Garber questioned if the county would be able to submit a reduction at a later date if they realize these funds are not required. Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, stated the county could submit a reduction in budget if needed and has been done in the past. Bob Sanders, Council President, stated the Commissioners made a recommendation to not give an increase for 2016 for the Non-For Profit organizations. Brad Tandy stated that by the state statute the county is mandated to give the Bowen Center an increase. Larry Teghtmeyer questioned Puckett on how the county would stand if the accounts highlighted in blue were left in the County Commissioners budget for 2016. Puckett stated that if these items are left in the County General's budget the cash balance will be depleted by roughly \$1.1M. Puckett continued by stating the ultimate decision will determine how much of a cash balance the Council would like to maintain in the County Generals budget for the overall operating balance. Moyer stated the highlighted blue items should be removed from the Commissioners budget and funded out of CCD in 2016 in order to maintain an acceptable operation balance for the county.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve the Commissioners 2016 budget  
SECOND: Jon Garber with the removal of the \$5,000 for supplies  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 1 (account 21008), no increases for the Non-For  
MOTION CARRIED Profit Organizations, with the exception of

Doug Heinisch opposed

Bowen Center as this is a mandated increase by the State, and exclude the items highlighted in blue.

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Jon Garber  
AYES: 7            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve to move the highlighted blue items on the Commissioners budget and fund them out of the CCD fund for 2016.

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY EDIT 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented the County Edit 2016 budget to Council for approval. Robinson stated the increase to KEDCo is due to them having to move to a new location. The probation department is in need of additional space so they will be occupying the location that KEDCo is currently at.

MOTION: Brad Tandy  
SECOND: Doug Heinisch  
AYES: 7            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the County Edit 2016 budget as presented.

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY CUM CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT (CCD) 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented the CCD 2016 budget to Council for approval. Robinson stated the increase in computer equipment is due to a legislation change that will not allow the Sheriff's fund to pay for the in car computer or camera equipment. The cost for this equipment was moved to the CCD fund. The additional item for trucks has been included by a recommendation of the Commissioners. The Commissioners feel it is necessary to purchase two new trucks for the County Highway over the next several years. Robinson stated the Highway's fleet of trucks date back to the 1970's and 1990's and will need to be gradually replaced.

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Jon Garber  
AYES: 7            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the County Cum Capital Development (CCD) 2016 budget as presented.

**IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented the Employee Health Insurance 2016 budget to Council for approval. Robinson stated the additional funding is due to increases in fees and services. Robinson also stated the clinic has been a big success for the county and has ultimately saved the county money.

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 7            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the Employee Health Insurance 2016 budget as presented.

**IN THE MATTER OF REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented the Redevelopment Commission 2016 budget to Council for approval.

MOTION: Jon Garber

TO: Approve the Redevelopment Commission 2016 budget as presented.

SECOND: Brad Tandy

AYES: 7            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, presented the Emergency Management and Local Emergency Planning 2016 budget to Council for approval.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer

TO: Approve the Emergency Management and Local Emergency Planning 2016 budget as presented.

SECOND: Doug Heinisch

AYES: 7            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF CLERK, REGISTRATION OF VOTERS, CLERK DOCUMENT STORAGE FEE & CLERK AARA 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Ann Torpy, County Clerk, presented the Clerk 2016 budget to Council for approval. Jim Moyer stated the wage committee made a recommendation to approve one of the two positions that Torpy had requested for 2016. Doug Heinisch questioned the new storage amount. Torpy stated they are running out of storage space and will need to store the permanent files at an offsite warehouse facility. The files being stored offsite will be from the 1950's to 1990's. The files can be retrieved at any time and will be scanned and sent via email.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer

TO: Approve the Clerk, Registration of Voters, Clerk Document Storage Fee and Clerk AARA 2016 budget as presented.

SECOND: Jim Moyer

AYES: 7            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ELECTION BOARD 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Ann Torpy, County Clerk, presented the County Election Board 2016 budget to Council for approval. Torpy stated the increases in costs are due to state increases, which they have to pay. Torpy requested \$2,500 to be removed from Operating Supplies (22015) and moved to Polling Places (36035). Torpy overlooked this during the submission of the budget.

MOTION: Jon Fussle

TO: Approve the County Election Board 2016 budget as presented.

SECOND: Jon Garber

AYES: 7            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF CORONER 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Mike Wilson, County Coroner, presented the Coroner 2016 budget to Council for approval.

MOTION: Doug Heinisch

TO: Approve the Coroner 2016 budget as presented.

SECOND: Jim Moyers

AYES: 7            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, TITLE IV-D, PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION, INFRACTION DEFERRAL, VOCA, PROSECUTOR IV-D INCENTIVE & KCODE 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Dan Hampton, County Prosecutor, presented the Prosecuting Attorney, Title IV-D, Pre-Trial Diversion, Infraction Deferral, VOCA, Prosecutor IV-D Incentive and KCODE 2016 budget to Council for approval. Hampton stated the additional Part Time employees are due to an increase in work load from the additional cases they are receiving each month. The Part Time employees will assist the Investigator with their duties. Brad Tandy questioned Hampton on what the additional expense was for the Community Out-Reach program. Hampton stated the Barriers to Employment was eliminated to allow for an out-reach program to be offered to the community, which Hampton stated would serve the community in a more effective way. Doug Heinisch questioned the increase in the KCODE fund. Hampton stated they have to project the amount they will be raising through the governor's office. Hampton assured Council that they will only spend what they are able to raise throughout the year and would not be able to spend anything beyond what they have raised. Hampton requested the wage committee to take into consideration one point when making their recommendation to wages. Hampton would like for them to have the Pre-Trial Diversion and the incentive fund exempt from their decision so it does not affect the sub-accounts that are within those funds.

MOTION: Doug Heinisch  
SECOND: Larry Tegtmeyer  
AYES: 7        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the Prosecuting Attorney, Title IV-D, Pre-Trial Diversion, Infraction Deferral, VOCA, Prosecutor IV-D Incentive and KCODE 2016 budget as presented.

**IN THE MATTER OF RECORDER, COUNTY ID SECURITY PROTECTION, RECORDS PERPETUATION & COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Joetta Mitchell, County Recorder, presented the Recorder, County ID Security Protection, Records Perpetuation & County Elected Officials Training 2016 budget to Council for approval. Jim Moyer stated the wage committee made the recommendation to move the full time position (10076) back into the County General Recorders fund for 2016. This position was moved to the Recorders Perpetuation fund two years ago due to the excess funds that were available. Those funds have now been exhausted and the position moved back to County General Recorders fund.

MOTION: Larry Tegtmeyer  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 7        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the Recorder, County ID Security Protection, Records Perpetuation and County Elected Officials Training 2016 budget as presented.

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY SERVICE OFFICER 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Bob Sanders stated since the County Service Officer was not present to present the 2016 budget for approval. The request will be made for the County Service Officer to attend the budget meeting on Thursday, August 27, 2015 at 6PM.



**IN THE MATTER OF SOIL & WATER 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Darci Zolman, Soil and Water, presented the Soil and Water 2016 budget to Council for approval. Zolman stated they have been working diligently to apply and search for grants that will help supplement their funding.

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Jon Garber  
AYES: 7        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the Soil and Water 2016 budget as presented.

**IN THE MATTER OF SURVEYOR, DRAINAGE BOARD & SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Sue Gladieux, Surveyors office, presented the Surveyor, Drainage Board and Surveyor Corner Perpetuation 2016 budget to Council for approval.

MOTION: Larry Tegtmeyer  
SECOND: Jon Fussle  
AYES: 7        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the Surveyor, Drainage Board & Surveyor Corner Perpetuation 2016 budget as presented.

**IN THE MATTER OF TREASURER 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Treasurer, presented the Treasurer 2016 budget to Council for approval. Larry Tegtmeyer stated the wage committee made the recommendation to approve the one new position that Mitchell is requesting. Mitchell stated she will be leaving in a little over a year and it will take at least a year to train someone with all the knowledge she has. Mitchell presented the Council with a letter explaining the importance of hiring someone in 2016. Doug Heinisch questioned Mitchell on possibly increasing the fees on mobile home permits and NSF fees. Mitchell stated she is not against revisiting the fees associated with mobile home permits and NSF fees. Mitchell stated she would review and possibly return to Council with a recommendation.

MOTION: Larry Tegtmeyer  
SECOND: Doug Heinisch  
AYES: 7        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the Treasurer 2016 budget as presented.

**IN THE MATTER OF CIRCUIT AND SUPERIOR 1 COURTS 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Judge Reed and Judge Cates, presented the Circuit & Superior Courts and Jury fee 2016 budget to Council for approval.

MOTION: Larry Tegtmeyer  
SECOND: Doug Heinisch  
AYES: 7        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the Circuit & Superior Courts and Jury Fee 2016 budget as presented.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADULT PROBATION USER FEES 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Tammy Johnston, Probation, and Barry Andrews, Probation Director, presented the Adult Probation User Fee 2016 budget to Council for approval. Larry Tegtmeyer questioned the increase in Home Detention Expenses. Johnston stated this is an anticipated amount as they do

not know from month to month. Johnston and Andrews stated the Home Detention participation is increasing and is being very effective. Jon Garber questioned the increase in the Telephone Expense. Johnston stated it is due to the increase in Home Detention, which required the purchase of additional IPADS. Jim Moyer stated if they are doing Home Detention it keeps them out of the jails, which saves the county money.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer

TO: Approve the Adult Probation User Fee  
2016 budget as presented.

SECOND: Jim Moyer

AYES: 7            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF DRUG & ALCOHOL USER FEES 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Tammy Johnston, Probation, and Barry Andrews, Probation Director, presented the Drug & Alcohol User Fees 2016 budget to Council for approval. .

MOTION: Jon Fussle

TO: Approve the Drug & Alcohol User Fees  
2016 budget as presented.

SECOND: Brad Tandy

AYES: 7            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF PROBLEM SOLVING COURT FEE 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Tammy Johnston, Probation, and Barry Andrews, Probation Director, presented the Problem Solving Court Fee 2016 budget to Council for approval. Andrews stated they are addressing the issues with the increase in cases. Andrews stated that for every individual who participates in the Home Detention program and every dollar the county spends on them will save the county an overall \$3.36 for the community. Andrews stated there will be more exciting news as the programs expand. Andrews and Johnston are both very pleased with the way all the programs are working and helping the community.

MOTION: Jim Moyer

TO: Approve the Problem Solving Court Fee  
2016 budget as presented.

SECOND: Doug Heinisch

AYES: 7            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF SUPERIOR II & III AND JURY FEE 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Judge Sutton and Judge Bauer presented the Superior II & III and Jury Fee 2016 budget to Council for approval. Judge Sutton stated the biggest increase is in Pauper Council and he and Judge Bauer are both working hard to re-coop those fees.

MOTION: Brad Tandy

TO: Approve the Superior II & III and Jury  
Fee 2016 budget as presented.

SECOND: Jon Fussle

AYES: 7            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Jim Moyer, Councilman, presented the Council 2016 budget to Council for approval.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer

TO: Approve the Council 2016 budget as  
presented.

SECOND: Jim Moyer

AYES: 7            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF HEALTH, HEALTH MAINTENANCE GRANT, LOCAL HEALTH DEPT GRANT, HEALTH CLINIC ADMINISTRATIVE, PRENATAL, TB MEDICAL EXPENSES, PANDEMIC AND WELL CHILD 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Bob Weaver, County Health Director, presented the Health, Health Maintenance Grant, Local Health Dept Grant, Health Clinic Administrative, Prenatal, TB Medical Expenses, Pandemic and Well Child 2016 budget to Council for approval. Larry Teghtmeyer questioned Weaver on the funds in the Health Maintenance Grant for a vehicle. Weaver stated he has been trying to fund his vehicle purchases through grant funds. Weaver stated he requested this just in case he needed to purchase a vehicle in 2016. Weaver stated additional Prenatal funds have become available and he applied for and will be receiving \$43,129 a year for the two year grant. Weaver stated he will be able to pay for the Community Health Care position with this grant money.

MOTION: Jon Fussel

SECOND: Jim Moyer

AYES: 7            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the Health, Health Maintenance Grant, Local Health Dept Grant, Health Clinic Administrative, Prenatal, TB Medical Expenses, Pandemic and Well Child 2016 budget as presented.

**IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY, LOCAL ROAD AND STREET, CUM BRIDGE 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, presented the Highway, Local Road and Street & Cum Bridge 2016 Budget to Council for approval. Tilden stated the increase in Other Equipment is due to the age of the equipment and the purchasing of replacement equipment. Tilden stated he increased the salt due to the shortage the county has right now. Tilden stated the price is very low right now and is a prime time to order.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer

SECOND: Doug Heinisch

AYES: 7            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the Highway, Local Road and Street & Cum Bridge 2016 Budget as presented.

**IN THE MATTER OF WAGE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

Bob Sanders, Council President, asked the Wage Committee members if they were going to take the information that was presented tonight at the Council meeting and make their recommendation or table it to the Thursday, August 27, 2015 budget hearing. Wage Committee members, Brad Tandy, Jim Moyer and Larry Teghtmeyer were all in agreement to table their recommendation till the August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF WAGE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

Larry Teghtmeyer, Wage Committee member, made a motion to accept the request from Bob Weaver, Health Department Director, to increase the Health Board members pay from \$26.53 to \$75.00 per meeting for 2016.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer

SECOND: Brad Tandy

AYES: 7            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the Health Board member pay from \$26.53 to \$75.00 per meeting for 2016.

Bob Sanders, Council President, thanked the County Department Heads for all the time and effort they have placed into reviewing and submitting their budgets for 2016. Sanders also thanked the Council for their diligence on reviewing all the information that was presented and for their input in making the recommendations that were placed before them.

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

## Kosciusko County Council August 27, 2015

The Kosciusko County Council met for their preliminary budget meeting on Thursday, August 27, 2015 at 7:00p.m. in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Sanders  
Larry Teghtmeyer  
Jon Fussle  
Jon Garber

Brad Tandy  
James Moyer  
Doug Heinisch  
Michelle Puckett, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by Bob Sanders.

### **IN THE MATTER OF SOLID WASTE 2016 BUDGET REVIEW:**

Shelly Heckert came before the Council to present the 2016 budget review for Solid Waste. Heckert stated the budget is up 6% from last year, and explained the majority of the increase is in HHW collection and processing fees. This is a result of the cost of television recycling increasing greatly. Heckert stated the HHW Coordinator position received a promotion last year to get to a more competitive level of duties, and the budget shows about a 3% increase for a raise in 2016. Heckert pointed out there is a new category added for Misc/General Labor which is for additional help when needed. Heckert said she will usually get volunteers to do this work, but occasionally there aren't any available so she will pay someone \$10/hour to help her. The Solid Waste Management Board has already approved this budget. Heckert explained she is getting lots of TV's because they are the only place that will take them.

MOTION: Doug Heinisch

TO: Approve the 2016 budget as presented for Solid Waste.

SECOND: Jon Garber

AYES: 6      NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

### **IN THE MATTER OF PLAIN TOWNSHIP 2016 BUDGET REVIEW:**

Jerry Kammerer, Plain Township Trustee, came before the Council to present the 2016 budget review for Plain Township. Kammerer stated there are two volunteer firefighters on the board

who must be excluded from voting on the 2016 budget; therefore, the County Council must approve or deny the petition for an increase in the 2016 budget. Kammerer presented a Resolution granting the petition of Plain Township requesting an increase in the Township's budget and property tax levies.

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 6        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve Resolution granting the petition of Plain Township requesting an increase in the Township's budget and property tax levies.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-08-27-001 (2015081784)**

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

**IN THE MATTER OF VETERAN AFFAIRS OFFICER 2016 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Bob Sanders, President, spoke on behalf of Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, to present the 2016 budget request for the Veteran Affairs Office. Sanders noted the Veteran Affairs Officer is doing a great job at bringing money into the County by helping Veterans who, in turn, spend their money here. Sanders said there are 5,004 Veterans in Kosciusko County.

MOTION: Doug Heinisch  
SECOND: Jim Moyer  
AYES: 6        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the 2016 budget as presented for the Veteran Affairs Office.

**IN THE MATTER OF WAGE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

Brad Tandy, Council and wage committee member, stated the wage committee has had several discussions over the past few months in regard to wage increases and additional positions. Tandy said with respect to wage increases, the recommendation from the wage committee is a 1% increase for full-time and part-time employees for 2016. Tandy explained several factors have been considered such as an employee evaluation process. The wage committee would like to see this implemented next year. Tandy stated it has already been discussed with the county officials. There may be a pool of money allocated and available from the Council, and the department heads would evaluate their employees and make recommendations on wage increases based on the evaluations. Tandy stated the wage committee has recommended 7 new positions for 2016. There are considerable costs associated with these positions in terms of salary and benefits, but the wage committee believes these positions are necessary. Tandy said the wage committee also considered the consumer price index and cost of living expenses which they have not seen an increase in. Tandy explained there would be no increase in wages for boards with the exception of the Health Department which the wage committee recommends an increase from \$26.53 per meeting to \$75 per meeting.

Larry Teghtmeyer, Council and wage committee member, stated he agrees with the 1% wage increase. Teghtmeyer pointed out the anticipated cost of living index for social security recipients is expected to be zero next year. Teghtmeyer believes there is a lot of opportunity for advancement in the county and opportunities for employees to move up. Teghtmeyer noted employees get a 4% increase after their 1<sup>st</sup> year, 3<sup>rd</sup> year and 6<sup>th</sup> year of employment. Teghtmeyer doesn't believe they are giving raises, but instead adjusting to the cost of living. Teghtmeyer acknowledged the county has reached a point where they must hire 7 new positions because of things such as Obamacare, the state telling the county they must keep level 6 felons,

the change in the assessment date in the Assessor's office and the increased workload in the Clerk's office. Teghtmeyer believes these are valid reasons to increase the staff. Teghtmeyer also mentioned the county share of health insurance is increasing at a rapid pace.

Jim Moyer, Council and wage committee member, informed the department heads the wage committee met many times and they discussed wages and salaries at every meeting. They are looking for ways to provide incentives and rewards for those who work hard as well as provide incentive for those who don't work as hard to improve themselves. Moyer understands this is totally dependent upon the department heads. Moyer feels the employee evaluation is a starting point in working with the department heads.

Bob Sanders, President, stated there was an executive committee meeting where they discussed this topic and realized the Council has been the givers of increase to all of the employees without any knowledge of who is doing a good job and who is not. Sanders said it seems they have taken away the ability from the department heads to reward an employee who is exceeding in their work duties, and the ones not doing a good job are still being rewarded. Sanders believes some of the responsibility should be put back on the department heads to reward employees based on their evaluation.

Jon Fuzzle arrived at 6:22pm and abstained from voting on this matter.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer

TO: Approve the wage committee's recommendation for a 1% wage increase for 2016 and implementing an employee evaluation process.

SECOND: Jim Moyer

AYES: 6      NAYES: 0      ABSTAIN:1

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVED WAGE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Brad Tandy, Council member, went through the additional recommendations of the wage committee which were already approved at Monday night's Council meeting on August 24, 2015.

Bob Sanders, President, thanked the Council for the time they put in to looking at the budgets and the time they spent listening to the department heads. Sanders also thanked the department heads for their cooperation with putting budgets together. Larry Teghtmeyer expressed his appreciation for the Auditor's office for getting the budgets prepared for the Council and supplying them with information as well as appreciation for the County Administrator. Sanders thanked Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, for all of her help as well.

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

# Kosciusko County Council

## September 10, 2015

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday September 10, 2015 at 7:00p.m. in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Sanders  
Larry Teghtmeyer  
Jon Fussle  
Jon Garber

Brad Tandy  
James Moyer  
Doug Heinisch - ABSENT  
Michelle Puckett, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by Bob Sanders.

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>, AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>, AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>, & AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 MEETINGS:**

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 5        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the minutes for the August 13<sup>th</sup>, August 20<sup>th</sup>, August 24<sup>th</sup>, & August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meetings.

### **IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS - HIGHWAY:**

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, requested a transfer of \$680.00 from 1176-00563-000-0000 Insurance to 1176-35001-000-0050 Repairs.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Jon Garber  
AYES: 5        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$680.00 from 1176-00563-000-0000 Insurance to 1176-35001-000-0050 Repairs.

### **IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS - SHERIFF:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested a transfer of \$3,140.97 from 1000-00563-000-000 Insurance Payment to 1000-35001-000-019 Repairs & Maintenance. Rovenstine stated this is for a car vs. deer accident.

MOTION: Brad Tandy  
SECOND: Jim Moyer  
AYES: 5        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$3,140.97 from 1000-00563-000-000 Insurance Payment to 1000-35001-000-019 Repairs & Maintenance.

### **IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS - SHERIFF:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested a transfer of \$281.01 from 1000-00563-000-000 Insurance Payment to 1000-35001-000-019 Repairs and Maintenance. Rovenstine stated this is for a car vs. landscaping rock accident.

MOTION: Brad Tandy  
SECOND: Jim Moyer  
AYES: 5        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$281.01 from  
1000-00563-000-000 Insurance Payment  
to  
1000-35001-000-019 Repairs & Maintenance.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – SHERIFF -  
EXTRADITIONS:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,520.00 for 1155-32003-000-000 Mileage, Fuel & Travel.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Jim Moyer  
AYES: 5        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve additional appropriation request  
in the amount of \$1,520.00 for  
1155-32003-000-000 Mileage, Fuel & Travel.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS - CORONER:**

Mike Wilson, Coroner, was not present to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$20,000.00 for 1000-31013-000-0010 X-ray & Lab Expense. The Council agreed to table this request until their next meeting because they don't have the information they need to make a decision.

Jon Fuzzle arrived to vote on this matter.

MOTION: Jon Garber  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 6        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve to table the Coroner's additional  
appropriation request of \$20,000.00 for  
1000-31013-000-0010 X-ray & Lab Expense  
until their next meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – AREA PLAN:**

Jim Moyer, Councilman, spoke on behalf of Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$3,500.00 for 1000-33002-000-002 Public Legal Notices. Moyer explained there are more variances and things that need to be advertised than there have been in the past.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 6        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve additional appropriation in the  
amount of \$3,500.00 for  
1000-33002-000-002 Public Legal Notices.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS - HIGHWAY:**

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$144,047.56 for 1176-22025-000-051 Bituminous. Tilden stated these are funds from the July wheel and sur tax distribution.

MOTION: Brad Tandy  
SECOND: Jim Moyer  
AYES: 6        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve additional appropriation in the  
amount of \$144,047.56 for  
1176-22025-000-051 Bituminous.



**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION:**

Dan Hampton, Prosecutor, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$7,000.00 for 2503-31010-000-0000 Community Policing Assistance, \$17,000.00 for 2503-36048-000-0000 Drug Testing and \$1,500.00 for 2503-31016-000-0000 Professional Conferences.

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer  
AYES: 6        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve additional appropriation in the amount of \$7,000.00 for 2503-31010-000-0000 Community Policing Assistance, \$17,000.00 for 2503-36048-000-0000 Drug Testing and \$1,500.00 for 2503-31016-000-0000 Professional Conferences.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS - PROBATION:**

Barry Andrews, Probation Director, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$8,608.28 for 2000-11505-000-0000 Adult Probation User Fee. Andrews explained this is to cover one of the Case Manager’s salary.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Jon Fussle  
AYES: 6        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve additional appropriation in the amount of \$8,608.28 for 2000-11505-000-0000 Adult Probation User Fee.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS - PROBATION:**

Barry Andrews, Probation Director, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$14,486.00 for 2501-10186-000-0000 Drug & Alcohol User Fees, \$725.00 for 2501-11601-000-0000 Drug & Alcohol User Fees and \$4,901.00 for 2501-11602-000-0000 Drug & Alcohol User Fees. Andrews explained this is to cover one of the Case Manager’s salary.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Jon Fussle  
AYES: 6        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve additional appropriation request in the amount of \$14,486.00 for 2501-10186-000-0000 Drug & Alcohol User Fees, \$725.00 for 2501-11601-000-0000 Drug & Alcohol User Fees and \$4,901.00 for 2501-11602-000-0000 Drug & Alcohol User Fees.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS - PROBATION:**

Barry Andrews, Probation Director, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$12,000.00 for 2506-36048-000-0000 Problem Solving Court. Andrews explained there have been more people admitted into the drug program which means they need more money to cover the drug screens.

MOTION: Brad Tandy  
SECOND: Jim Moyer  
AYES: 6        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve additional appropriation request in the amount of \$12,000.00 for 2506-36048-000-0000 Problem Solving Court.

**IN THE MATTER OF MILFORD LIBRARY APPOINTMENT – MARK BAUMGARTNER:**

Mark Baumgartner, Milford Library Board Appointee, came before the Council to answer any questions they had. Baumgartner was not present at the previous Council meeting when the Council approved his appointment to the Milford Library Board. The Council requested Baumgartner attend this meeting so they could meet him and ask questions. Jim Moyer asked how long Baumgartner had been in the Milford community. Baumgartner stated he was born and raised in Milford and has lived there for 54 years, his entire life. Baumgartner helped start New Beginnings Childcare in Milford and was also part of the Kiwanis Club for 13 years where he served as President. Baumgartner stated he has been involved in many fundraising campaigns and enjoys being a community leader. Baumgartner feels he will be a good fit on the Milford Library Board. The Council thanked Baumgartner for attending the meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR PRECISION PULLETS, LLC:**

Steve Snyder, Attorney, came before the Council for a public hearing on a 10 year abatement for Precision Pullets, LLC, a \$2.5 million dollar facility in Silver Lake. Snyder stated Precision Pullets is a state-of-the-art facility. With the abatement, the facility would build a 2<sup>nd</sup> structure to produce 750,000 pullets a year. The cost of this structure is \$2.5 million. The business currently has 4 employees, and with the addition of the 2<sup>nd</sup> structure, 2 additional employees would be added with a total of \$84,000 in salaries. Snyder believes this is the first agricultural facility to request abatement from the County.

No one from the public came before the Council to speak for or against the abatement. Jim Moyer stated this type of abatement could hit them hard in the future since this is a heavy agricultural community. Moyer said there would be concern for the tax base if there were a lot more requests of this type. Brad Tandy questioned Snyder about advocating for only 2 new jobs. Snyder explained the business is fully automated, and it doesn't take many people to operate the facility. Along with the 2 new jobs, Precision Pullets would also be bringing another production facility to the County. Snyder stated the question of whether it generates enough jobs should be looked at from the standpoint of the length of the abatement as opposed to whether the abatement is approved.

Larry Teghtmeyer stated he agreed with Moyer's comment that this could open up a whole new field of abatements, and the County may not be ready to see an erosion of the tax base. Bob Sanders stated they could choose to shorten the 10 year abatement term. Jon Fussle stated he is concerned about an erosion of the tax base. Fussle feels this could be seen as favoring one business over another, and he thinks it needs to be kept as fair as possible. Jon Garber stated he looks at the number of jobs being created when considering tax abatement because this is important. Garber stated he is not in favor of this abatement due to the fact it will only create 2 new jobs. Tandy stated he does not make a distinction between agriculture and industry and believes both are very important to the community. Tandy believes if tax abatement grows the community they should be in support of it, but feels this particular abatement may not be that compelling.

The Council was in agreement to not approve the Confirmatory Resolution for the abatement request. However, the Declaratory Resolution was approved by the Council at their August 13, 2015 meeting. Therefore, a motion was made to deny the abatement request and rescind the previously approved Declaratory Resolution.

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Jon Fussle  
AYES: 6            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Deny the 10 year abatement request for Precision Pullets, LLC and rescind the previously approved Declaratory Resolution.

**IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET REVIEW OF TAXING UNITS / NON-BINDING RECOMMENDATION - RESOLUTION:**

Bob Sanders, President, presented a resolution for the budget review of taxing units. Larry Teghtmeyer suggested a rewording of the resolution. Teghtmeyer pointed out the 4th line under "BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED" where it states "the unit's *budget* be held at or below the 2.6% property tax levy growth quotient." Teghtmeyer believes this should read "the unit's *levy* be held at or below the 2.6% property tax levy growth quotient." Teghtmeyer explained they are more interested in what the levy does from year to year rather than the budget. Teghtmeyer stated the Council's recommendation should address the levy not the budget. The Council agreed with Teghtmeyer's suggestion.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Jim Moyer  
AYES: 6            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the resolution for the budget review of taxing units with the rewording of *budget* to *levy* in the 4<sup>th</sup> line under "BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED."

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-09-10-001 (2015090491)**

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

**IN THE MATTER OF 2016 COUNTY BUDGET DISCUSSION & ADOPTION:**

Bob Sanders, President, asked for discussion of the 2016 County budget. Larry Teghtmeyer stated he talked with the County Auditor, Michelle Puckett, and felt the budget is financially responsible and is on track to recover some of the balances that have been expended over the past few years. Puckett stated the final numbers for the County budget equal \$15,709,757.00 which is an increase of about \$900,000 due to the 1% increase, the 7 new employees, the medical contract and the 3 positions that used to be paid from other funds that are now being paid out of the general fund. Puckett said, even with this increase, the overall average cash balances in the general fund are more than half a million greater than what they were last year at this time. Jim Moyer thanked the department heads for all their work and believes they have done a very good job this year trying to keep costs low. Sanders agreed with Moyer's comment and stated it has been good working with the department heads.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 6            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the 2016 County budget of \$15,709,757.00.

**IN THE MATTER OF 2016 COUNTY SALARY ORDINANCE ADOPTION:**

The 2016 County Salary Ordinance was presented to the Council. Larry Teghtmeyer stated the Council has already agreed to the Salary Ordinance and made a motion to officially approve it.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve the 2016 Salary Ordinance.

SECOND: Jim Moyer

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF EDIT RESOLUTION:**

Bob Sander, President, stated it was discussed to move \$2 million from the EDIT fund to the general fund. The Edit Resolution is to confirm this decision. Jim Moyer stated they already adopted the 2016 budget so they need to approve the money to fund it.

MOTION: Jim Moyer TO: Approve the EDIT Resolution.

SECOND: Jon Garber

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-9-10-002 (2015090490)**

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

**IN THE MATTER OF 2016 SOLID WASTE BUDGET DISCUSSION & ADOPTION:**

Bob Sanders, President, suggested keeping the increases in the Solid Waste employee's wages to the same as what the County has suggested at 1%. Jon Garber stated they did this last year, and he feels it is appropriate to keep it the same as the County employees.

MOTION: Jon Garber TO: Approve the 2016 Solid Waste budget.

SECOND: Jon Fussle

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – REQUEST TO REPLACE FULL-TIME HOUSEKEEPER:**

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, requested permission to replace a full-time housekeeper position. Robinson stated he would like to fill the position with 2 part-time employees, but wants the full-time position to be approved in case he is unable to. Robinson stated he is not having much luck with filling part-time positions.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve request to replace a full-time housekeeper position.

SECOND: Jon Garber

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – REQUEST TO REPLACE FULL-TIME POSITION IN SURVEYOR'S OFFICE:**

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated Mike Kissinger has been elected to become the new Surveyor which leaves the Assistant Surveyor position open. Robinson stated Kissinger has a candidate he would like to fill the position with.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 6        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve request to replace the Assistant Surveyor position.

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY AUDITOR – REQUEST TO REPLACE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE:**

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, requested permission to replace a full-time employee in the Auditor's Office. Puckett stated she is currently accepting applications for this position.

MOTION: Jim Moyer  
SECOND: Jon Fussle  
AYES: 6        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve request to replace a full-time employee in the Auditor's Office.

**IN THE MATTER OF INVITE TO COMMISSIONERS MEETING:**

Ron Truex, Commissioner, invited all the Council members to the next Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 9AM.

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

## Kosciusko County Council October 8, 2015

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday October 8, 2015 at 7:00p.m. in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Sanders  
Larry Teghtmeyer  
Jon Fussle  
Jon Garber

Brad Tandy - ABSENT  
James Moyer - RESIGNED  
Doug Heinisch - ABSENT  
Michelle Puckett, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by Bob Sanders.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 10, 2015**

**MEETING:**

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Jon Garber  
AYES: 4        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the minutes for the September 10, 2015 meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS – PROBLEM SOLVING COURT:**

Tammy Johnston, Chief Probation Officer, requested a transfer of \$1,000.00 from 2506-31015-000-0000 Medical Treatment to 2506-21001-000-0000 Office Supplies. Johnston stated they are starting a new program in which they need books for. Johnston explained everyone who goes through the problem solving court are required to go through a series of classes. These people will pay for the books as part of their fees, but the books are needed beforehand to get the class started.

MOTION: Jon Garber  
SECOND: Jon Fussle  
AYES: 4            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$1,000.00 from  
2506-31015-000-0000 Medical Treatment  
to  
2506-21001-000-0000 Office Supplies.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS - CORONER:**

Tony Ciriello, Coroner, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$20,000.00 for 1000-31013-000-0010 X-Ray & Lab Expense. Ciriello stated the x-ray and lab expenses include all toxicology tests and autopsies. Ciriello said with the amount of overdose deaths this year, the money that was budgeted for this has already been spent. Ciriello believes the \$20,000 additional appropriation should last through the end of the year.

MOTION: Jon Garber  
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer  
AYES: 4            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve additional appropriation request  
in the amount of \$20,000.00  
for  
1000-31013-000-0010 X-Ray & Lab Expense.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER:**

Rich Maron, Veteran Service Officer, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$200.00 for 1000-32003-000-0018 Mileage, Fuel & Travel. Maron stated Governor Pence wanted all Veteran Service Officers in the state of Indiana to get accreditation. Maron went to Wisconsin for a four day accreditation training which was not budgeted for. Maron stated he is attending a fall conference at the end of this month, and he needs an additional appropriation of \$200 to pay for the hotel and gas expenses.

MOTION: Jon Fussle  
SECOND: Jon Garber  
AYES: 4            NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve additional appropriation in the  
amount of \$200.00  
for  
1000-32003-000-0018 Mileage, Fuel & Travel.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – HEALTH DEPARTMENT:**

Bob Weaver, Health Department Administrator, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$41,395.00 for 8182-21017-000-0000 Bioterrorism Fund. Weaver stated this is a reimbursable grant up to this amount. Weaver explained back in July, he requested approval to use Medicaid reimbursement money to purchase a medical refrigerator which was before he knew about the preparedness grant. Weaver stated he would now like to use the money from the preparedness fund, and he will put the money used from Medicaid reimbursement back into that fund.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Jon Garber  
AYES: 4        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve additional appropriation request  
in the amount of \$41,395.00  
for  
8182-21017-000-0000 Bioterrorism Fund.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS - HIGHWAY:**

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$133,491.67 for 1176-22025-000-051 Bituminous. Tilden stated this is from the August distribution of the wheel tax. It will be used to purchase hot mix asphalt for paving projects. Tilden stated they have completed about 13 miles of asphalt so far, and they finished their chip and seal project of 67 miles on Labor Day. Tilden stated if the wheel and sur tax was not in place, he would have only been able to do about 10 miles of chip and seal and 0 miles of pavement.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Jon Fussle  
AYES: 4        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve additional appropriation request  
in the amount of \$133,491.67  
for  
1176-22025-000-051 Bituminous.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – EDIT - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR & COUNTY ATTORNEY:**

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, and Chad Miner, County Attorney requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$750,000.00 for 1112-45002-000-0000 EDIT. Miner stated it was suggested to borrow money from the county EDIT fund to cover the cost of projects in the Co-Op TIF area instead of issuing bonds. Miner explained the TIF revenue will pay this money back to the county. This saves the county in interest expense. Larry Teghtmeyer, Council member, informed the Council the Redevelopment Commission approved a resolution that dedicates all of the TIF funds to pay the money back to the county EDIT fund.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Jon Garber  
AYES: 4        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve additional appropriation in the  
amount of \$750,000.00  
for  
1112-45002-000-0000 EDIT.

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-10-08-003 (2015100404)**

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS - PROBATION:**

Tammy Johnston, Chief Probation Officer, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,000.00 for 2000-22058-000-0000 Adult Probation User Fee. Johnston explained the number of people who have been placed on home detention has increased since the 2015 budgets were prepared. This additional appropriation is needed to pay the claims for the home detention electronic monitoring equipment. Johnston stated the clients will pay these fees back to the Probation Department.

MOTION: Jon Fussle  
SECOND: Jon Garber  
AYES: 4        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve additional appropriation in the  
amount of \$5,000.00  
for  
2000-22058-000-0000 Adult Probation User

Fee.

**IN THE MATTER OF 2016 KCCRVC BUDGET REQUEST:**

Jo Paczkowski, KCCRVC President, presented the 2016 KCCRVC budget request to the Council. Paczkowski stated it is projected the KCCRVC will receive 6% more in revenue for 2016. Paczkowski pointed out they have added a new line for Grace College's Center for Lakes and Streams. The KCCRVC has committed \$30,000 to the Center for Lakes and Streams for 2016. Paczkowski addressed the concern of maintaining the water quality of our lakes. Paczkowski also noted two new members have joined the KCCRVC this year, and there is a new CVB Director as well.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer

TO: Approve the 2016 KCCRVC budget request.

SECOND: Jon Fussle

AYES: 4            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF TORRENT ENGINEERING & EQUIPMENT ABATEMENT:**

Randy Morgan, Attorney, presented a Declaratory Resolution designating an economic revitalization area for Torrent Engineering and Equipment Co., LLC. Morgan stated this company dominates the American snow-making market and is a major producer in the global snow-making market. The company also produces equipment to meet the needs of irrigation, municipal water and gas-oil industries. Morgan explained the company is outgrowing their current facility and are currently under contract to buy more property at 406 E. Bell Drive, Warsaw, IN. The property has a 5,500 square foot building on it. Torrent Engineering is proposing to invest \$565,000 in real estate improvements to this property and plans to construct a new 11,600 square foot building as well as renovate the existing building. Morgan said the company currently has 9 employees, and with the expansion, is expecting to create 12 new jobs averaging \$28/hour. The company is requesting a 10 year abatement on real property and personal property.

Jon Garber stated he has seen the property the company wants to improve and expand to, and it seems to be a neglected area. Garber feels it would be good for the company to do what they plan to at the site as well as add more employees. Larry Teghtmeyer agreed with Garber and stated this is diversifying the economy. Teghtmeyer expressed his concern about the number of years of abatement on the personal property. Teghtmeyer said it is customary to approve 10 year abatements on real property and 5 year abatements on personal property. Teghtmeyer noted this does not need to be discussed at this time since they only have the Declaratory Resolution before them for approval. Garber pointed out the business owners are loyal to this community and have turned down offers to move their business to other states.

MOTION: Jon Garber

TO: Approve Declaratory Resolution designating an economic revitalization area for Torrent Engineering and Equipment.

SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer

AYES: 4            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-10-08-004**



**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS - SHERIFF:**

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, spoke on behalf of the Sheriff's Department to request a transfer of \$400.00 from 9134-11706-000-0000 DNR Grant – Personnel to 9134-32037-000-0000 DNR Grant – Misc.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer

SECOND: Jon Fussle

AYES: 4            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$400.00 from 9134-11706-000-0000 DNR Grant – Personnel to 9134-32037-000-0000 DNR Grant – Misc.

**IN THE MATTER OF NORTHEAST INDIANA REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP:**

John Sampson, presented “the road to one million plan” to the Council. Sampson stated they now understand the significance of being successful in implementing this plan to invest in quality of place asset. Sampson said the purpose of the regional cities initiative for the state was to better position the state to have a national identity which leads to attracting more talent to this region and community. Sampson stated we cannot meet the needs of employers if the region isn't growing fast enough. Out of seven regions, two regions will win \$42 million from the state to match local government investment in quality of place assets. Sampson stated each region's plan has been made public and can be reviewed on the IEC website. Sampson explained how the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership's plan is different from the others because it sticks to the quality of place assets that make these communities more attractive for young professionals to come and be a part of this region. Sampson believes this is significant investment with great potential. Sampson shared an executive summary which puts most of the attention on the first two years of the project. The plan in total, over a 10 year period, is over \$1.4 billion in capital investment of quality of place assets. Sampson stated it's time to start thinking about how these projects will be funded. Sampson believes they need to figure out how to do as many of these projects as possible, if not all of them, without assuming they will receive money from the state. Sampson said the projects have such great potential of attracting talent to our community.

Sampson said all of the communities are represented in one form or another in this plan. There was an incredible level of cooperation with all communities. Sampson stated Brad Bishop from Orthoworx was elected as one of the 5 board members. It was important to Warsaw to have good representation on the board. Sampson explained if the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership receives the \$42 million, the state needs to know it was a good investment to achieve national recognition, population growth and economic growth as a result because these are the three main elements the state is looking for. Sampson pointed out a chart that shows it will take until 2067 for us to be a region of 1 million people with the current growth rate of 0.7% per year. Sampson stated, as of today, the region has 780,000 people, and if we do what the benchmark communities do, we could go from a 0.7% growth rate to a 2% growth rate. If our region obtains a 2% growth rate, we can achieve a population of 1 million by 2031. Sampson believes we need to be thinking as a community as we attract talent here we will have to accommodate that in our planning and structures. Sampson feels this is a good challenge to have.

Sampson addressed the timeline on when the two regions are to be chosen for the \$42 million from the state. There will be a public meeting on October 20, 2015, and they will advise the IEC board. The IEC board will meet on December 15, 2015. Sampson said by mid-December they

should have the answer to this question. Sampson stated if we do not receive the \$42 million dollars, we still need to find a way to do these projects on our own.

**IN THE MATTER OF VACANT SEATS ON COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:**

Bob Sanders, President, informed the Council there are vacant seats on some committees and boards that Jim Moyer served on. Moyer has resigned his position on the Council; therefore, he will no longer serve on these boards. Sanders talked with County Attorney, Chad Miner, about the President of the Council sitting in as a replacement for the remainder of this year. Sanders stated there needs to be a resolution to show this position has authority to vote on these committees and boards.

Jon Fussle stated he has a scheduling conflict with the Solid Waste board meetings and is unable to attend them for the remainder of the year because of his busy work schedule during the holiday season. Fussle suggested Sanders fill the remainder of his term for the rest of this year. Garber stated if Sanders is willing to fill these positions, he is in favor of it.

Larry Teghtmeyer made a motion for Sanders to be authorized to fill the position being vacated by Fussle on the Solid Waste board for the remainder of this year.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer

SECOND: Jon Garber

AYES: 4            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve President Bob Sanders to fill the position on the Solid Waste board being vacated by Jon Fussle for the remainder of this year.

Larry Teghtmeyer made a motion for Sanders to fill the positions on the Area Planning Commission and Wage Committee being vacated by Moyer who resigned his Council seat for the remainder of this year. Teghtmeyer thanked Sanders for his willingness to serve on these boards.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer

SECOND: Jon Fussle

AYES: 4            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve President Bob Sanders to fill the positions on the Area Planning Commission and Wage Committee being vacated by Jim Moyer who resigned his seat on the Council for the remainder of this year.

**IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING MCKINLEY AND ANGLIN:**

Bob Sanders, President, recognized Evan McKinley who is a 17 year old senior at Warsaw High School. McKinley contacted Sanders about what the Council does. Sanders invited McKinley to a meeting with County Auditor, Michelle Puckett and Commissioner, Ron Truex to show him a snapshot of the process they do on a county level. Sanders stated he is encouraged to have young people interested in government. Sanders said he would like to have a student from each high school in the area attend a Council meeting to better understand how county government works.

Sanders also recognized Tom Anglin who used to serve on the county Council.

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

# Kosciusko County Council

## November 12, 2015

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday November 12, 2015 at 7:00p.m. in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Bob Sanders  
Larry Teghtmeyer - ABSENT  
Jon Fussle - ABSENT  
Jon Garber

Brad Tandy  
Tom Anglin  
Doug Heinisch  
Michelle Puckett, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by Bob Sanders.

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 8, 2015**

#### **MEETING:**

The Council discussed tabling the approval of the October 8, 2015 minutes until the next meeting due to 3 of the present members being absent from the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and 2 members being absent at this meeting. There were not enough members present from the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to approve the minutes.

### **IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS - CLERK:**

Ann Torpy, County Clerk, requested a transfer of \$300.00 from 1000-11551-000-0012 Absentee Voting Board to 1000-11507-000-0012 Overtime. Torpy explained the hours exceeded what was budgeted for overtime for the election.

MOTION: Brad Tandy

TO: Approve transfer of \$300.00 from  
1000-11551-000-0012 Absentee Voting Board  
to

SECOND: Tom Anglin

AYES: 5            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

1000-11507-000-0012 Overtime.

### **IN THE MATTER OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER:**

Bob Sanders, President, recognized the new Council member, Thomas Anglin. Anglin replaced Jim Moyer who resigned from the Council in September to take the Assistant Surveyor position.

### **IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS - SHERIFF:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested a transfer of \$1,600.00 from 9134-11706-000-0000 DNR Grant – Personnel to 9134-32037-000-0000 DNR Grant – Misc. Rovenstine stated the Indiana Department of Natural Resources awards a grant to the County to patrol the lakes. This transfer is to cover pier dock rental.

MOTION: Brad Tandy

TO: Approve transfer of \$1,600.00 from  
9134-11706-000-0000 DNR Grant  
to

SECOND: Doug Heinisch

AYES: 5            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

9134-32037-000-0000 DNR Grant – Misc.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS - SHERIFF:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested a transfer of \$1,572.00 from 1000-11590-000-013 Jail Longevity to 1000-11168-000-013 Corporal Jail (\$1,056.00), 1000-10171-000-013 (\$117.00), 1000-10172-000-013 (\$117.00), 1000-10173-000-013 (\$117.00) and 1000-10136-000-013 (\$165.00). This is for calculation errors and a payout for a jailer.

MOTION: Brad Tandy

SECOND: Doug Heinisch

AYES: 5        NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$1,572.00 from 1000-11590-000-013 Jail Longevity to

1000-1168-000-013 Corporal Jail (\$1,056.00), 1000-10171-000-013 (\$117.00), 1000-10172-000-013 (\$117.00), 1000-10173-000-013 (\$117.00) and 1000-10136-000-013 (\$165.00).

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS - SHERIFF:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested a transfer of \$10,000.00 from 1000-11507-000-019 Sheriff Overtime to 1000-10012-000-019 Sheriff Payroll. This is for an increase in salary that was not budgeted.

MOTION: Brad Tandy

SECOND: Doug Heinisch

AYES: 5        NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$10,000.00 from 1000-11507-000-019 Sheriff Overtime to

1000-10012-000-019 Sheriff Payroll.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS - SHERIFF:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested a transfer of \$3,000.00 from 1000-11320-000-019 Civil Process Part-Time to 1000-11590-000-019 Jail Longevity. This is for a calculation error.

MOTION: Brad Tandy

SECOND: Doug Heinisch

AYES: 5        NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$3,000.00 from 1000-11320-000-019 Civil Process Part-Time to

1000-11590-000-019 Jail Longevity.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS - SHERIFF:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested a transfer of \$10,316.00 from 1000-10084-000-019 Hart's Salary (\$6,800.00), 1000-10107-000-019 Fowler's Salary (\$255.00), 1000-11163-000-019 Shepherd's Salary (\$500.00), 1000-10104-000-019 Hill's Salary (\$1,000.00) and 1000-11507-000-019 Sheriff Overtime (\$1,761.00) to 1000-11100-000-019 Captain Payroll. This is for a payout of vacation time.

MOTION: Brad Tandy

SECOND: Doug Heinisch

AYES: 5        NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$10,316.00 from 1000-10084-000-019 Hart's Salary (\$6,800), 1000-10107-000-019 Fowler's Salary (\$255.00), 1000-11163-000-019 Shepherd's Salary (\$500.00), 1000-10104-000-019 Hill's Salary (\$1,000.00) and 1000-11507-000-019 Sheriff Overtime (\$1,761.00),

to

1000-11100-000-019 Captain Payroll.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS - SHERIFF:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested a transfer of \$821.00 from 1000-10118-000-054 E911 Dispatcher to 1000-10119-000-054 Dispatch Salary (\$160.00), 1000-11022-000-054 Dispatch Salary (\$1.00), 1000-11107-000-054 Chief Dispatch Salary (\$500.00) and 1000-11478-000-054 Dispatch Salary (\$160.00). This is to cover calculation errors and a payout for the Chief Dispatcher.

MOTION: Brad Tandy

SECOND: Doug Heinisch

AYES: 5            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$821.00 from 1000-10118-000-054 E911 Dispatcher to

1000-10119-000-054 Dispatch Salary (\$160.00), 1000-11022-000-054 Dispatch Salary (\$1.00), 1000-11107-000-054 Chief Dispatch Salary (\$500.00) and 1000-11478-000-054 Dispatch Salary (\$160.00).

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS - SHERIFF:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested a transfer of \$5,000.00 from 1222-11590-000-000 Longevity-911 to 1222-11605-000-000 Group Insurance. This is to cover shortages due to a calculation error.

MOTION: Brad Tandy

SECOND: Doug Heinisch

AYES: 5            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$5,000.00 from 1222-11590-000-000 Longevity-911 to

1222-11605-000-000 Group Insurance.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS - SHERIFF:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested a transfer of \$2,760.00 from 1222-10117-000-000 Dispatcher to 1222-10127-000-000 Dispatcher (\$160.00), 1222-11602-000-000 Retirement (\$600.00) and 1222-11605-000-000 Group Insurance (\$2,000.00).

MOTION: Brad Tandy

SECOND: Doug Heinisch

AYES: 5            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$2,760.00 from 1222-10117-000-000 Dispatcher to

1222-10127-000-000 Dispatcher (\$160.00), 1222-11602-000-000 Retirement (\$600.00) and 1222-11605-000-000 Group Insurance (\$2,000.00).

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS - SHERIFF:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested a transfer of \$1,283.42 from 1000-00563-000-000 Insurance Payment to 1000-35001-000-019 Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance. This is to cover collision damage.

MOTION: Brad Tandy

SECOND: Doug Heinisch

AYES: 5            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$1,283.42 from 1000-00563-000-000 Insurance Payment to

1000-35001-000-019 Vehicle Repairs &

Maintenance.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS - SHERIFF:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested a transfer of \$25,000.00 from 1000-22003-000-019 Gas / Motor Oil to 1000-35001-000-019 Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance. This is to cover year end expenses.

MOTION: Brad Tandy  
SECOND: Doug Heinisch  
AYES: 5        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$25,000.00 from  
1000-22003-000-019 Gas / Motor Oil  
to  
1000-35001-000-019 Vehicle Repairs &  
Maintenance.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS - SHERIFF:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested a transfer of \$20,000.00 from 1000-22003-000-019 Gas / Motor Oil to 1000-35070-000-019 Travel / Extraditions. This is to cover year end expenses.

MOTION: Brad Tandy  
SECOND: Doug Heinisch  
AYES: 5        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$20,000.00 from  
1000-22003-000-019 Gas / Motor Oil  
to  
1000-35070-000-019 Travel / Extraditions.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – SHERIFF - EXTRADITIONS:**

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$900.00 for 1155-32003-000-000 Mileage, Fuel & Travel. Rovenstine stated this is an extradition reimbursement.

MOTION: Tom Anglin  
SECOND: Doug Heinisch  
AYES: 5        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve additional appropriation in the  
amount of \$900.00  
for  
1155-32003-000-000 Mileage, Fuel & Travel.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS - HIGHWAY:**

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$143,445.43 for 1176-22025-000-051 Bituminous. Tilden stated this is from the September wheel tax distribution, and it is to buy hot mix asphalt to pave the county roads.

MOTION: Brad Tandy  
SECOND: Tom Anglin  
AYES: 5        NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve additional appropriation in the  
amount of \$143,445.43  
for  
1176-22025-000-051 Bituminous.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS - HIGHWAY:**

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,000.00 for 1176-31001-000-051 Contractual Services. Tilden stated this is to cover the cost of snow removal in December.

MOTION: Jon Garber  
SECOND: Doug Heinisch  
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,000.00 for 1176-31001-000-051 Contractual Services.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS - HIGHWAY:**

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$20,000.00 for 1176-22038-000-051 Calcium, Salt & Weed Spray.

MOTION: Tom Anglin  
SECOND: Doug Heinisch  
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve additional appropriation in the amount of \$20,000.00 for 1176-22038-000-051 Calcium, Salt & Weed Spray.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS - HIGHWAY:**

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$30,000.00 for 1176-22042-000-051 Paint Striping. This is to paint center lines on newly paved roads and existing roads.

MOTION: Doug Heinisch  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve additional appropriation in the amount of \$30,000.00 for 1176-22042-000-051 Paint Striping.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS - HIGHWAY:**

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$49,890.00 for 8161-35001-000-000 Railroad Grant. Tilden explained this is for railroad crossing pavement milling and resurfacing at CR 600N and Old State Road 15.

MOTION: Brad Tandy  
SECOND: Doug Heinisch  
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve additional appropriation in the amount of \$49,890.00 for 8161-35001-000-000 Railroad Grant.

**IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST TO REPLACE A MECHANIC POSITION:**

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, requested permission to replace a full-time mechanic position.

MOTION: Jon Garber  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve request to replace a full-time mechanic position at the Highway Department.

**IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND WHEEL TAX FUNDS:**

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, stated last year, the Highway did 36-37 miles of chip and seal and around 4-5 miles of paving. Tilden stated without the wheel tax this year, they could've only done about 10 miles of chip and seal and 0 miles of paving. With the wheel tax, Tilden said they were able to do 67 miles of chip and seal and 17 miles of paving so far.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – KCADP – DRUG & ALCOHOL USER FEE:**

Nicole Wallick, Case Manager, spoke on behalf of Barry Andrew, KCADP Director, to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,000.00 for 2501-22015-000-0000 Operating Supplies / Expenses. Wallick stated this is to cover the cost of workbooks for the Drug & Alcohol Program. Wallick explained there has been over a 90% increase in the number of clients from last year. This amount will get them through the rest of the year.

MOTION: Tom Anglin

TO: Approve additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,000.00

SECOND: Doug Heinisch

AYES: 5            NAYES: 0

for

MOTION CARRIED

2501-22015-000-0000 Operating Supplies / Expenses.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – EMPLOYEE HEALTH CLINIC:**

Marsha McSherry, Assistant County Administrator, spoke on behalf of Ron Robinson, County Administrator, to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,400.00 for 4700-21032-000-0000 Employee Clinic Medications, \$4,300.00 for 4700-22057-000-0000 Employee Clinic Labs, \$70.00 for 4700-31131-000-0000 Employee Clinic Monthly Fees and \$7,700.00 for 4700-33029-000-0000 Employee Clinic Hourly Rate.

MOTION: Jon Garber

TO: Approve additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,400.00 for 4700-21032-000-0000

SECOND: Brad Tandy

AYES: 5            NAYES: 0

Employee Clinic Medications, \$4,300.00 for 4700-22057-000-0000 Employee Clinic Labs,

MOTION CARRIED

\$70.00 for 4700-31131-000-0000 Employee Clinic Monthly Fees and \$7,700.00 for

4700-33029-000-0000 Employee Clinic Hourly Rate.

**IN THE MATTER OF K-CODE GRANT AWARDS SHEET:**

Dan Hampton, Prosecutor, and Nicole Wallick, Case Manager, presented an awards sheet to the Council. Hampton said this follows up on the budget that was submitted in August of 2015. Hampton stated the amount was divided to cover different programs. Different agencies presented grant proposals to the KCODE members. Each category including Prevention & Education, Intervention & Treatment, Law Enforcement & Justice, and K-CODE Coordinator consists of \$19,000.00. This amount was divided among the agencies in each category.

MOTION: Doug Heinisch

TO: Approve the Grant Awards Sheet for K-CODE.

SECOND: Jon Garber

AYES: 5            NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF TORRENT ENGINEERING ABATEMENT – CONFIRMATORY RESOLUTION:**

Randy Morgan, Attorney, presented a Confirmatory Resolution for a 10 year real estate and 5 year personal property abatement for Torrent Engineering and Equipment Co., LLC. Morgan stated the Declaratory Resolution was adopted by the Council at their October 8, 2015 meeting.



Morgan said the company is looking to invest in property at 406 E. Bell Drive, Warsaw and make significant real estate improvements to the property. The company plans to renovate the existing building as well as construct a new commercial building on the property. There are currently 9 employees and 12 additional employees are expected to be hired as a result of the expansion. No one from the public spoke in favor of or against the proposed abatement.

MOTION: Doug Heinisch

TO: Approve the Confirmatory Resolution for a 10 year real estate abatement and 5 year personal property abatement for Torrent Engineering and Equipment Co., LLC.

SECOND: Jon Garber

AYES: 5 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-11-12-001 (2015110509)**

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

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

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, presented the Inter-local Agreement for the Solid Waste District. Puckett stated the County has been working with the Solid Waste District for 16 years. In exchange for the County's services, the Solid Waste District pays the County \$6,000 per year. The Solid Waste Board approved to have the Auditor's office act as their controller for another year. Puckett stated there have not been any changes to the agreement from previous years.

MOTION: Jon Garber

TO: Approve the Inter-local Agreement with the Solid Waste District.

SECOND: Doug Heinisch

AYES: 5 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2015:**

Ron Truex, Commissioner, invited the Council members to the Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 9:00AM in the Courtroom. Sanders thanked Truex for attending the Council meeting.

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