

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 8, 2019

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on January 8, 2019 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Cary Groninger - President	Chad Miner – County Attorney
Brad Jackson-Vice-President-Absent	Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Robert Conley	Marsha McSherry – County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF VETERAN OF THE MONTH – RICHARD (DICK) B. HIGGINS:

Rich Maron, Veteran Service Officer, came before the Commissioners to introduce the January Veteran of the month, Richard (Dick) B. Higgins. Maron stated Higgins was born on January 18, 1926, to Forrest and Marion Higgins. He grew up on a farm outside of Silver Lake, attended Franklin School and graduated from Burket High School. Higgins was drafted into the Navy for WWII while he was still in high school but was allowed to finish high school and work on the farm until June, as his father had a broken leg and was unable to take care of the farm. Higgins then went to Florida for training as a diesel mechanic, was stationed on the USS Trego and then went to the Pacific Theater, where he was part of the Invasion of Okinawa. Higgins was in the Navy for 2 years prior to his discharge as a Motor Machine Mechanic 3rd Class. Higgins was awarded the WWII Victory Medal, the American Area Campaign Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign Medal as well as an award for the Invasion of Okinawa.

Maron continued, stating after the service, Higgins worked as a tomato inspector for a few years, then went on to work as an Indiana Conservation Officer for 12 years. Higgins then took over the Original Jonah Club Fish Fry business that his father started and ran the business until he retired. Higgins married his wife, Mary, on November 12, 1961 and they spent a little over 50 years together prior to her passing. Higgins has 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

Maron and the Commissioners thanked Higgins for his service and presented him with a plaque.

IN THE MATTER OF MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN RESOLUTION:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, came before the Commissioners and presented the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution. Rock stated the revised plan, which was started in 2017 has been approved by FEMA, and is a required document for the county's flood insurance to be active. Rock continued, stating the next step in the process is to obtain signatures of approval by all the other municipalities that participated.

MOTION:	Robert Conley	TO:	Approve the Multi-Hazard Mitigation
SECOND:	Cary Groninger		Plan Resolution as presented.
AYES:	2	NAYS:	0
UNANIMOUS			

RESOLUTION NO. 19-01-08-001 (2019010157)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF 2020 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT REQUEST:

Anna Bailey, Community Corrections Director, came before the Commissioners with a request to apply for 2020 Community Corrections funds in the amount of \$541,000. Bailey stated she intends to apply to the Indiana Department of Corrections (IDOC) for \$356,200, which Bailey stated is the same amount as has been awarded for the last 3 years. In addition, Bailey stated she plans to apply for \$184,500 out of House Bill 1006. Bailey stated the additional funds would help support salaries. Bailey continued, stating the Community Corrections program operates with no cost to the County and any additional expenses would be paid for out of the user fees.

Commissioner Conley requested an estimation of how much money is in the user fees fund and Bailey stated her best guess of a combined total of all user fee funds would be around \$908,000.

Bailey continued, stating Community Corrections will be requesting 2 additional officers to assist with the rapidly growing program. In addition, Bailey stated the IDOC has released statistics showing Kosciusko County Community Corrections saved the County, as well as the State of Indiana, approximately 5,681,000 since the start of the program in June 2016.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve the request to apply for the 2020 Community Corrections grant funding in the amount of \$541,000.

SECOND: Cary Groninger

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF KEDCo-AGRIBUSINESS INITIATIVE:

Alan Tio, KEDCo CEO, came before the Commissioners to request \$25,000 in funding in support of the launch of the Kosciusko County Agribusiness Initiative. Tio stated the idea of the initiative is use the ideas, capital and talent we already have within the community to provide for our future business sector.

Kelley Sheiss spoke in support of the initiative, stating with agriculture being such a stronghold in Kosciusko County, it is time to make Kosciusko County the shining star in Indiana for agriculture. Sheiss continued, stating Kosciusko County already ranks in the top 3 or 4 in Indiana and in the top 10, nationally, and with established local businesses such as Louis Dreyfus, Creighton Brothers and Chore Time Brock, we need to position ourselves to attract new businesses, grow existing businesses and enhance the support of collegiate programs using the land, talent, water and other many resources we have available. Sheiss stated we need to showcase our community and grow opportunities within the county.

John Hornbostel, Egg Innovations, also spoke in support of the initiative, stating Egg Innovations is the largest supplier of organic and non-genetically modified eggs in the country for free-range chickens, which Hornbostel stated is accredited to the amount of local family farms who contribute. Hornbostel continued, stating we have several assets in Washington, who are strong supporters and should be utilized to help our cause. In addition, Hornbostel stated involvement in AgriNovus Indiana, which is a state organization that is essentially a think tank for the future of technology in agriculture, would be an enormous asset toward the growth of agriculture within our community on a worldwide level.

Tio summarized the presentation, stating the goal of the initiative is to further the growth of the economic development, by supporting and encouraging the ongoing growth of the agribusiness sector, making Kosciusko County the leader in the State for agriculture.

Commissioner Conley stated the Commissioners would take the request under advisement, giving the County Council an opportunity to review the request and coordinate a decision.

IN THE MATTER OF 2019 BOARD APPOINTMENTS-BOWEN CENTER & MREDD:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, stated the board appointment for the Bowen Center, which was previously a County Council appointment and held by Jon Garber, is now a Commissioner appointment. McSherry stated Garber is willing to continue to serve and is present, if the Commissioners have questions.

In addition, McSherry stated the two appointments for the MREDD Board, which functions under MACOG, are Doug Baumgartner and Rob Parker.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve the board appointments of Jon Garber for Bowen Center and Doug Baumgartner and Rob Parker for MREDD.

SECOND: Cary Groninger

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY BRIDGE 227 COORDINATION CONTRACT:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners and stated the contract received from INDOT for the Local Public Agency Project Coordination Contract for Bridge 227, which he planned to present, was found to contain errors. Tilden stated he would return to the Commissioners with the contract, once he received a corrected copy from the State.

IN MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY ACCEPTANCE FOR COUNTY MAINTENANCE-BELLAIR ROAD:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners and presented an Acceptance for County Maintenance, for approval. Tilden stated the location is Bellair Road, in Prairie Estates, starting at CR 200W and proceeding west 1,414 feet to the cul-de-sac. Tilden stated the road has been inspected, meets the County's specifications and he would recommend the acceptance.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Cary Groninger
AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the acceptance for county maintenance of Bellair Road.

IN THE MATTER OF STOP SIGN ORDINANCE-BELLAIR ROAD:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners and requested an Ordinance for a stop sign at the southwest corner of Bellair Road and CR 200W, exiting Prairie Estates Addition.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Cary Groninger
AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Ordinance for a stop sign at the southwest corner of Bellair Road and CR 200W.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-01-08-002 (2019010158)
As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF SPEED LIMIT AMENDMENT ORDINANCE- OLD RD 30W:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners and requested an Ordinance to extend the 45mph speed limit on Old Rd 30, from a point 500 feet east of Huffer Road to a point 990 feet west of CR 650W, which amends Ordinance 04-11-16-003. Tilden stated the amendment comes as part of the efforts to make the roads safer for children traveling to school on the buses, as well as the rest of the community.

MOTION: Cary Groninger
SECOND: Robert Conley
AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Ordinance making the speed limit 45 mph from a point 500 feet east of Huffer Road to a point 990 feet west of CR 650W.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-01-08-003 (2019010159)
As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY BIDS- ¾ TON TRUCK:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, opened bids submitted for the County Highway ¾ ton, 4WD pickup truck. The following were the results:

Kerlin Ford, Silver Lake	2019 Ford F-250	\$31,983.86
	(with optional camera system= \$1,056)	\$33,039.86
Rice Ford, Warsaw	2019 Ford F-250	\$33,654.00
Lakeside Chevrolet	2019 Chevy 2500HD	\$35,715.00

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, made the recommendation to the Commissioners to take all the bids under advisement. Tilden stated he would review the bids and return to the January 22, 2019 meeting with his recommendation.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Cary Groninger
AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve recommendation to take bids under advisement and review at the January 22, 2019 meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS-911 YEAR END REPORT:

Commissioner Conley extended appreciation to Sarah Lancaster and the staff of the 911 Dispatch Center. Conley stated, upon review of the 911 Communications Center Year End Report, he was astounded to learn that 91,538 calls were handled in 2018. Lancaster clarified, stating the amount of calls were ones where services were assigned, not an actual account of calls answered. Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, clarified that each call is not only answered but also transferred and monitored by the dispatchers.

IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS-EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION:

Commissioner Groninger shared communication received, stating that good customer service was recognized by a tax payer who had recently done business at the Old Courthouse. Groninger extended appreciation to all employees of both the Courthouse and Justice Building who do a good job of serving the community.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
January 22, 2019**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on January 22, 2019 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Cary Groninger - President	Chad Miner – County Attorney
Brad Jackson-Vice-President-Absent	Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Robert Conley	Marsha McSherry – County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF INMATE MEDICAL CONTRACT:

Kyle Dukes, County Sheriff, came before the Commissioners with a request to change health care service providers. Dukes stated the current contract, with Advanced Correctional Healthcare (ACH), will expire February 1st and after hearing proposals from both ACH and Quality Correctional Care (QCC), he would recommend QCC. Dukes stated although the costs would increase by approximately \$10,000 annually, the benefits were significant. Dukes continued, stating QCC would supply 2 nurses 80 hours/week versus 2 nurses at 70 hours/week, provide mental health services and would cover liabilities that ACH could cote offer.

MOTION: Robert Conley	TO: Approve the health care services contract
SECOND: Cary Groninger	with Quality Correctional Care.
AYES: 2	NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS	

IN THE MATTER OF TAX WARRANT CONTRACT:

Kyle Dukes, County Sheriff, came before the Commissioners and presented a contract agreement with Lieberman Technologies. Dukes stated Lieberman currently contracts with 74 other sheriff's offices and provides tax warrant services including all of the data entry, tracking, issuing notices and notifying the sheriff when action is required. Dukes stated this is something the assistant jail matron is currently doing and by contracting the work with Lieberman, Dukes could much better utilize the duties of the employee. Dukes stated the initial set up fees and annual payment would cost \$8,000 but would then be reduced to \$3,500 annually. The Sheriff will cover these costs from his Commissary fund.

MOTION: Robert Conley	TO: Approve the tax warrant contract with
SECOND: Cary Groninger	Lieberman Technologies.
AYES: 2	NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS	

IN THE MATTER OF 2019 COMMISSIONERS SALE RESOLUTION:

Nicole Keller, County Treasurer Chief Deputy, came before the Commissioners to present a resolution establishing the intent to conduct a commissioner's sale to sell tax sale certificated for properties that are severely delinquent in payment of property taxes. In addition, Keller presented a service agreement with SRI, the company that will be performing the services necessary to hold the 2019 commissioner's sale.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Cary Groninger
AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the 2019 Commissioners Sale with a \$100 minimum bid and to approve the service agreement with SRI.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY PURCHASE OF PROPERTY:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated 2 appraisals were obtained regarding the property previously approved by Commissioners to consider purchasing. Miner stated both appraisals came in above the amount considered to purchase the property and requested the Commissioners authorization for Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, to complete the purchase by signing the closing documents.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Cary Groninger
AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request to allow Marsha McSherry, County Administrator to sign closing documents on behalf of the County.

IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGE 227 COORDINATION CONTRACT:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners and presented a project coordination contract with INDOT for Bridge 227, on South Hand Street over Walnut Creek. Tilden stated the contract covers federal funds for preliminary engineering for 80% for construction and inspection costs.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Cary Groninger
AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Bridge 227 Coordination Contract with INDOT.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMITMENT LETTER FOR 2019 COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners and presented a financial commitment letter for the 2019 Community Crossings Grant application, which is due by February 1st. Tilden stated the project and the fund amount is the same as what was approved for the previous grant.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Cary Groninger
AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the financial commitment letter for the 2019 Community Crossings grant application.

IN THE MATTER OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ¾ TON TRUCK:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners and requested a 2 week extension to present his recommendations for the ¾ ton truck. Tilden stated he would be prepared to present his recommendation at the next meeting, which will be February 5th.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Cary Groninger
AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve a 2 week extension to present ¾ ton truck recommendations.

IN THE MATTER OF BID DATE FOR BRIDGE #9:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners and requested the Commissioners approve a bid date for Bridge #9, on Husky Trail over Deeds Creek to

replace the 51 year old culvert with a concrete structure. Tilden suggested February 19, 2019 at 9:15am as the bid deadline.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Cary Groninger
AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS
TO: Approve the bid deadline of February 19, 2019 at 9:15am for Bridge #9.

IN THE MATTER OF BID OPENINGS- MISC COUNTY HIGHWAY:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners with requests to open bids. Chad Miner, County Attorney, opened bids submitted. The following were the results:

Bid Item #1 Two (2) single axle dump truck chassis

Name	Unit price	Total	Trade allowance	Total
Stoops	\$97,835.00	\$195,670.00	\$8,500.00	\$187,170.00
Selking	\$99,399.70	\$198,799.40	\$11,500.00	\$187,299.40
Trans-Chicago	\$97,905.00	\$195,810.00	\$12,750.00 for all 3	

Bid Item #2 Two (2) dump body equipment for single axle chassis

Name	Unit price	Total
(Optional snow plow)	\$10,342.00	\$20,684.00
Total with snow plow		\$155,880.00

Bid Item #3 One (1) tandem axle dump truck chassis

Name	Unit price	Total	Trade allowance	Total
Stoops	\$111,311.00	\$111,311.00	\$8,000.00	\$103,311.00
Selking	\$109,250.40	\$109,250.40	\$10,000.00	\$99,250.40
Trans-Chicago	\$111,372.00	\$111,372.00	\$12,750 for all 3	

Bid Item #4 One (1) dump body equipment for tandem axle chassis

Name	Unit price	Total
W.A. Jones	\$71,867.00	\$71,867.00

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, made the recommendation to the Commissioners to take all the bids under advisement. Tilden stated he would review the bids and return to the February 5, 2019 meeting with his recommendation. Tilden concluded, stating the bids would be available for the public to view following the meeting.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Cary Groninger
AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS
TO: Approve the recommendation to take all the bids under advisement.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY BUILDING ESTIMATES:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented an estimate from Robinson Construction for \$39,655.00 to encase and finish the north side of the highway shop. McSherry also presented estimates for 2 garage doors from Hostetler Askew at \$13,064.96 and Mike's Garage Door Service at \$11,769.28.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Cary Groninger
AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS
TO: Approve Robinson Construction's estimate of \$39,655.00 & Mike's Garage Door Service estimate of \$11,769.28

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM RECERTIFICATION:

Matt Sandy, Area Planning, came before the Commissioners and presented the 2019 recertification for the community rating system. Sandy stated the county has participated in the national flood insurance program for many years and renewing the annual certification means the county continues to meet the requirements and can assist property owners within the flood plain to qualify for discounts on flood insurance.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve the 2019 rating system annual recertification.

SECOND: Cary Groninger

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF MORATORIUM OF APPROVALS FOR COMMERCIAL SOLAR FARMS:

Matt Sandy, Area Planning, came before the Commissioners and presented a resolution ordinance to impose a moratorium on the issuance of permits, licenses or approvals for, or for any construction of, commercial solar energy system farms. Sandy stated County Attorney, Chad Miner, had reviewed the document and approved after minor adjustments. Commissioner Groninger clarified that this would only affect commercial farms.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve the resolution to impose a moratorium on the issuance of permits, licenses or approvals for, or for any construction of, commercial solar energy system farms.

SECOND: Cary Groninger

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-01-22-001 (2019010679)
As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
February 5, 2019

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on February 5, 2019 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Cary Groninger - President
Brad Jackson-Vice-President
Robert Conley-Member

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Marsha McSherry – County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF VETERAN OF THE MONTH –GALE DANNER:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, came before the Commissioners to introduce the February Veteran of the month, Gale Danner. Maron stated Danner was born in July of 1947, to Lorin and Betty (Symons) Danner in Warsaw Indiana. Danner grew up in Pierceton and graduated from Pierceton High School. Maron continued, stating Danner likes to tell the story of how after he finished school, his cousin Bob and his girlfriend's brother, Mike, always told him to join the US Air Force, which they were both in, and he would never see Vietnam but guess what, they lied.

In February of 1967, Danner enlisted in the Air Force and underwent six weeks of basic training at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas. After completing basic training, Danner's Tech Instructor warned him that he would be stationed in Amarillo, where it was the only place you

could AWOL and they would still be able to see you running away three days later. The terrain was so flat you could be knee deep in mud one minute and spitting out dust the next. Following graduation from Airframe Repair Tech training in Amarillo, Danner was awarded 30 days of leave to spend with family before reporting to Travis AFB, where he would begin his adventure in Vietnam.

After missing his initial flight out of Travis AFB by 10 minutes, Danner took the next available flight and landed in Tan Son Nhut AFB, instead of the originally planned Can Ranh Bay AFB. This gave Danner an extra day to find a flight to Pleiku AFB, his intended destination. As Danner settled into life at the base, during the first month, he got acquainted with his Squadron Commander and discovered his commander had graduated from the University of Kentucky. Danner told his commander he was from Indiana and the two became good friends. The commander even pulled some strings to get Danner on the squadron basketball team.

Danner was stationed in Pleiku throughout the Tet Offensive, where despite stories of being overrun circulating back home, Danner and his fellow airmen were able to hold down the perimeter and keep the base operational. A few months later, Danner's base commander ordered them to paint all the buildings on the base, specifically his quarters, whitewashed roof included. Standing out perfectly in the moonlight, one would think this would make his building an easy target for the Viet Cong but instead, the enemy could never land a clean shot on the bright building and instead hit the dark brown maintenance shop that was near invisible from the air at night.

Danner was sent to Corrosion Control School for two weeks at Clark AFB in the Philippines, which was a change of pace from the combat zone he was in before. Danner returned to the US exactly one year to the day from when he left. During a thirty day leave, Danner purchased a brand new Camero before reporting to McChord AFB in Tacoma, Washington. Within Danner's first few months in Tacoma, he earned his third stripe and began Buck Sergeant duties. Danner would spend the remainder of his Air Force career in McChord, with a break in 1969 to attend High Performance Aircraft Tech School at Chanute AFB.

In 1970, Danner received his fourth stripe, earning him the rank of Staff Sergeant. That same year, Danner married his first wife and welcomed a daughter, Karen. Danner concluded his Air Force career with an honorable discharge in 1971 and welcomed a son, James, the following year.

Danner spent the next four years working for Safeway Beverage, in Bellevue, Washington, before returning to his hometown, in Indiana, in 1976. Back home, Danner worked off and on, for his father, at Danner's Garage, training as a jack of all trades. Danner also held positions at notable Warsaw companies, such as Dalton Foundry, Peabody ABC and Jomac, before marrying his second wife, Juanita, and gaining his step-son, Roger. The Danners welcomed daughter, Samantha, in 1989.

Danner is now retired and resides in Warsaw. He is the proud grandfather of five young women and three young men and great-grandfather to two girls and three boys. Over the years, Danner has enjoyed working on roundy round race cars and dragsters, even serving as on-site pit crew during the actual races.

Maron and the Commissioners thanked Danner for his service and presented him with a plaque.

IN THE MATTER OF KABS-QUARTERLY CONTRACT INVOICE:

Amanda Landis, KABS Director, came before the Commissioners with the INDOT Contract Invoice for reimbursement period October 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018, which will close out the 2018 INDOT year. The amount of reimbursement being requested is \$33,435 for the State share portion and \$48,819 for the Federal share portion.

Landis stated KABS was able to provide 58,809 rides in 2018, approximately a 9% increase from 2017, which Landis stated could be contributed to the new software and the addition of a dedicated driver for providing rides for medical appointments. In addition, Landis stated in August of 2019 KABS will be getting two new busses and the self-scheduling portal should be available in the spring so passengers can logon and schedule their own rides, which Landis anticipates should provide an additional increase for 2019.

Landis continued, stating INDOT will perform a compliance review this year, which she anticipates will require the presence of one of the Commissioners. Landis stated the review is done every four years to inspect the facility and the busses.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the quarterly contract invoice report in the amounts of \$33,435 for the State share portion and \$48,819 for the Federal share portion.

Commissioner Groninger expressed appreciation to Landis and KABS, stating as a member of MACOG, he understands that other communities are showing a decrease in bus services.

IN THE MATTER OF 2019 BOARD OF FINANCE-ELECTION OF PRESIDENT:

Rhonda Helser, County Treasurer, came before the Commissioners, stating Robert Conley has agreed to continue as the 2019 President of the Board of Finance.

IN THE MATTER OF 2019 BOARD OF FINANCE-ORGANIZATION & INVESTMENT POLICY:

Rhonda Helser, County Treasurer, came before the Commissioners and stated an increase in interest of \$469,173.64 was shown from 2017, which Helser stated was attributed to the interest rate going up from 1.62 in March of 2018 to 2.60 by the end of 2018. In addition, Helser presented the 2019 Board of Finance Organization and Investment Policy.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the 2019 Board of Finance Organization and Investment Policy as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF BOARD OF FINANCE-CANCELLATION OF WARRANTS:

Rhonda Helser, County Treasurer, came before the Commissioners and presented to 2018 Cancellation of Warrants, stating approval is necessary to cancel checks that are two years old and have not been cashed.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the 2018 Board of Finance Cancellation of Warrants as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF CARDINAL SERVICES LEASE AGREEMENT:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented a 2-year lease agreement renewal with Cardinal Services, stating both the County and Cardinal Services utilize the onsite clinic agreement with MedStat LLC. Miner stated the lease agreement, in the amount of \$1,000 per month, is to cover Cardinal Services' portion of building rental.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the 2-year lease agreement with Cardinal Services in the amount of \$1,000 per month.

IN THE MATTER OF COURTHOUSE SECURITY-SPECIAL DEPUTY:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented an agreement regarding special deputy providing courthouse security. McSherry stated the agreement between the Sheriff's Office and the Commissioners would allow the courthouse security personnel to serve as a special deputy, having full deputy powers, such as the ability to make arrests.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the agreement regarding special deputy providing courthouse security as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF AUTOMATED PHONE SYSTEM:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, stated with the impending resignation of a part-time employee, currently utilized to run the switchboard position within the courthouse's information booth, a position staffed by the Auditor's Office, Puckett has had an opportunity to review the possibility of an automated telephone system. Puckett stated since the possibility of using a completely automated system had been discussed previously by the Commissioners, she was presenting them with the opportunity to make such a decision in the matter. Puckett stated she would not pursue a replacement for the position, if the Commissioners approved the use of an automated system.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the use of an automated telephone system to be reevaluated after a 6-month trial basis.

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented a proposal agreement from Advanced Products Group (APG), the County's current service provider, in the amount of \$3,948.24. McSherry stated the agreement would cover the cost to automate the existing system and could be done as early as next week.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the agreement with APG, to automate the telephone system within the Courthouse, in the amount of \$3,948.24.

In addition, Commissioner Groninger confirmed with McSherry that the postage and fax machines would remain in their present locations and remain available to each department.

IN THE MATTER OF BID RECOMMENDATIONS-1 2019 ¾ TON TRUCK:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners with his recommendation from the January 8th 2019 bid opening for a new ¾ ton 4WD truck. Tilden stated after reviewing the bids, his recommendation to the Board of Commissioners is to award the bid to the lowest responsive and responsible bid for a 2019 Ford F-250 to Rice Ford for a total bid of \$33,654.

MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Robert Conley
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the recommendation by Tilden to accept the bid from Rice Ford for a 2019 Ford F-250 Ford for a total amount of \$33,654.

IN THE MATTER OF BID RECOMMENDATIONS-2 NEW SINGLE AXLE CHASSIS:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners with his recommendation from the January 22nd 2019 bid opening for 2 new single axle chassis. Tilden stated after reviewing the bids, his recommendation to the Board of Commissioners is to award the bid to the lowest responsive and responsible bid to Stoops Freightliner for 2 2020 Western Star chassis (without trades) for a total bid of \$195,670.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the recommendation by Tilden to accept the bid from Stoops Freightliner for 2 2020 Western Star chassis (without trades) for a total amount of \$195,670.

IN THE MATTER OF BID RECOMMENDATIONS-2 NEW SINGLE AXLE DUMP BODY EQUIPMENT:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners with his recommendation from the January 22nd 2019 bid opening for 2 new single axle dump body equipment. Tilden stated after reviewing the bid, his recommendation to the Board of Commissioners is to award the bid to the only submitted bid to WA Jones for 2 new single axle dump body equipment (including snow plow options) for a total bid of \$155,880.

MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Robert Conley
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the recommendation by Tilden to accept the bid from WA Jones for 2 new single axle dump body equipment (including snow plow options) for a total amount of \$155,880.

IN THE MATTER OF BID RECOMMENDATIONS-1 NEW TANDEM AXLE CHASSIS:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners with his recommendation from the January 22nd 2019 bid opening for 1 new tandem axle chassis. Tilden stated after reviewing the bids, his recommendation to the Board of Commissioners is to award the bid to the lowest responsive and responsible bid to Stoops Freightliner for 1 2020 Western Star tandem axle chassis (with a trade allowance) for a total bid of \$103,311.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the recommendation by Tilden to accept the bid from Stoops Freightliner for 1 2020 Western Star tandem axle chassis (with a trade allowance) for a total amount of \$103,311.

IN THE MATTER OF BID RECOMMENDATIONS-1 NEW TANDEM AXLE DUMP BODY EQUIPMENT:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners with his recommendation from the January 22nd 2019 bid opening for 1 new tandem axle dump body equipment. Tilden stated after reviewing the bid, his recommendation to the Board of Commissioners is to award the bid to the only submitted bid to WA Jones for 1 tandem axle dump body equipment for a total bid of \$71,867.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the recommendation by Tilden to accept the bid from WA Jones for 1 tandem axle dump body equipment for a total amount of \$71,867.

IN THE MATTER OF REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED TRUCK:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners requesting guidance on the loss of a fleet truck, which was determined to be a total loss, following a weather related roll-over accident January 22nd. Tilden stated once the deductible is met and the buy-back salvage amount of \$2,183 is subtracted, the insurance reimbursement will be \$14,717. Tilden stated the salvaged 2001 Sterling axle will provide parts for the 3 or 4 other Sterling axle trucks still in use and since Sterling is no longer producing the trucks, parts have become increasingly hard to find and is therefore, worth the salvage amount.

Tilden continued, stating with production approximately 13 months out on a replacement truck, and the anticipation of the fleet being down a daily driven truck through the summer months and well into the next plowing season, Tilden is looking for a solution.

Tilden suggested the possibility of purchasing a dealer spec truck, which he states research indicates there is one in production that might be available by mid-summer. Tilden stated although the specifications are not a perfect match to a truck the County would typically order, they are close and pricing would be comparable with the bids approved today.

There was a brief discussion regarding the funding options for a replacement truck under the present circumstance. Chad Miner, County Attorney stated the purchase would probably fit under the emergency and/or special opportunity clause, due to the significant need to maintain the fleet and the anticipated cost being comparable with what was approved today. Miner suggested, as part of the emergency process, contacting the same bidders that submitted bids for approval today and including the stipulation that the truck must be delivered within 6 months. Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, confirmed part of the purchase could qualify under County Cum Capital Development.

MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Robert Conley
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the purchase of a replacement dump truck per County Attorney's recommendation regarding the emergency. Bid specification will include demand for delivery within 6 mos. Commissioners will fund ½ of the total purchase price and the other half will need to be requested through additional appropriation.

IN THE MATTER OF FUTHER BUSINESS-SAND BAGS:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, came before the Commissioners and stated with the anticipated rain forecast, it should be noted sand and sand bags will be available to the general public, outside the gate, at the County Highway Department. Rock continued, stating although the sand and bags are available, anyone needing the items will need to provide their own shovel and manpower.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
February 19, 2019**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on February 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Cary Groninger - President
Brad Jackson-Vice-President
Robert Conley-Member

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Marsha McSherry – County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF EAGLE SCOUT-ELMER (EJ) KIRKPATRICK:

Elmer (EJ) Kirkpatrick came before the Commissioners and was recognized for his accomplishment as an Eagle Scout. Commissioner Groninger introduced Kirkpatrick and a plaque was presented.

IN THE MATTER OF JAIL CHEMICAL ADDITION PROGRAM (JCAP) GRANT REQUEST-SHERIFF:

Sheriff Kyle Dukes came before the Commissioners to request approval to apply for the 2019 JCAP Grant in the amount of \$278,260. Dukes stated the grant will support the JCAP program, currently being offered through the jail, under a committee consisting of the Prosecutor's office, Probation, Community Corrections, The Bowen Center, the Sheriff's office and Courtney Jenkins. Dukes continued, stating the committee has met several times and determined the proposed grant is the best choice going forward.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request to apply for the 2019 JCAP grant in the amount of \$278,260.

IN THE MATTER OF SECURITY CAMERA QUOTE-WORK RELEASE:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented a quote in the amount of \$8,430 from Cottage Watchman Security Systems, for 5 dome cameras and 8 LED outdoor motion lights, due to the expansion of the facility.

MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Robert Conley
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the addition of 5 dome cameras and 8 LED outdoor motion lights in the amount of \$8,430 for the Work Release facility.

IN THE MATTER OF SECURITY SOFTWARE-COURTHOUSE:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented a quote in the amount of \$20,870 from Security Automation Systems (SAS), for a virtual panic button system within the Courthouse, which will signal the security officer of the location of a need for assistance. McSherry stated the cost of the installation could be less, depending on the number of alarms installed.

MOTION: Robert Conley TO: Approve the virtual panic button system
SECOND: Brad Jackson in the amount of \$20,870 for the Courthouse.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COURTHOUSE INFORMATION BOOTH-AUDITOR:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, extended appreciation to the Commissioners for the thought and consideration, and steps taken to provide security within the Courthouse.

In addition, there was a brief discussion regarding the automated telephone system recently implemented in the Courthouse. Puckett stated the transition seems to be going very well.

IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGE #9-BID OPENING:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners and requested the bid opening for the reconstruction of Bridge #9, located at Husky Trail over Deeds Creek, previously scheduled for today, be cancelled and rescheduled for March 19, 2019 at 9:00 am with the bid opening to occur at 9:15 am. Tilden stated the recommendation of The Troyer Group, the County's consulting firm, is to make adjustments to the project so it can be completed in a much more timely manner, at a more cost effective rate.

Commissioner Groninger stated he had met with The Troyer Group and with the goal being to only have Husky Trail closed or under construction when school is not in session, because of such a high volume of traffic in that area, along with the requirements of the DNR and Army Core to redirect the creek while construction is underway, the time constraints make it nearly impossible to complete to work before school begins. Groninger stated changes in the project specs for engineering may be necessary to complete the task within the right timeframe.

MOTION: Robert Conley TO: Approve cancelling the bid opening today
SECOND: Brad Jackson and rescheduling with the changes to March
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 19, 2019 at 9:00 am.

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF J FURBEE HOLDING LLC-ENCROACHMENT:

Steve Snyder, Attorney for the Petitioner, came before the Commissioner to request approval for an encroachment agreement for 1.6 feet of a building sitting in the right of way of South Street in Atwood. Snyder stated the encroachment was discovered when a survey was done for the impending purchase of the property and although the encroachment has existed since at least the 1950's, Snyder stated the title company prefers an agreement is reached prior to the sale. Snyder continued, stating the encroachment agreement presented states the building can remain unless there is ever a need to widen the roadway, in which case, the building would have to be reconstructed to sit entirely inside the property lines.

Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated he had reviewed the document and found it to be acceptable.

MOTION: Brad Jackson TO: Approve the encroachment agreement as
SECOND: Robert Conley presented.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF HEFFELFINGER/CLAY ENCROACHMENT:

Steve Snyder, Attorney for the Petitioner, came before the Commissioner to request approval for an encroachment agreement for a utility shed and a set of exterior stairs sitting within the right of way. Snyder stated a previous request to vacate a portion of the right away was denied but he is now requesting an encroachment agreement, following the suggestion of the Commissioners,

which Snyder stated had indicated they would agree to, if the Board of Zoning approved the setbacks. Snyder stated the BZA has since approved the setbacks and the Petitioner is in agreement with the neighbor, whose only request is to include a clause stating if the need arises for him to access his well or grinder pump, currently blocked by the location of the Petitioner's shed, the Petitioner agrees to move the shed, pending a 90 day notice.

Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated he had reviewed the document and found it to be acceptable.

There was a brief discussion regarding details of the agreement, considering future maintenance and/or repair of the shed and stairs, as well as the future possibility of changes to the roadway. It was determined that provisions for such occurrences are contained in the document presented.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the encroachment agreement as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING REQUEST-ERNE:

Matt Sandy, Area Planning, came before the Commissioners and presented a request to rezone a 1.2A tract at EMS B40 and Old Shoe Lake Road, from agricultural to residential. Sandy stated the area is compatible with residential zoning but stated the Area Plan Commission discussed concerns regarding adding a mobile home or steel building, as well as provisions for limiting access to B40 as opposed to 450N, following a discussion with the County Highway Superintendent. Sandy stated the Petitioner was in agreement with the stipulations proposed and therefore, the Area Plan Commission made a unanimous recommendation to allow the rezoning.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request to rezone a 1.2A tract at EMS B40 and Old Shoe Lake Road, from agricultural to residential as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING REQUEST-HOCHSTETLER:

Matt Sandy, Area Planning, came before the Commissioners and presented a request to rezone a 5A tract, along 1350N, just about 1 mile south of Nappanee, from residential to agricultural. Sandy stated several zoning changes to commercial, have recently been approved in the area, which the Petitioner is aware of. Sandy continued, stating the Area Plan Commission made a unanimous recommendation to allow the rezoning.

Attorney Charles Zercher, Kindig & Sloat, came before the Commissioners on behalf of the Petitioner, stating Mr. Hochstetler, an Amish gentleman, purchased the property through an auction with the intention of using the property for a barn and horses. Zercher continued, stating the Petitioner is aware of the surrounding commercial zoning as well as the county tile, which runs through the property.

There was a brief discussion regarding future plans of the tile, which the Drainage Board is currently in the planning stages of making changes to, as well as the restrictions attached.

Attorney Zercher stated the Petitioner is well informed and has no objections.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request to rezone a 5A tract, along 1350N, just about 1 mile south of Nappanee, from residential to agricultural.

IN THE MATTER OF FURTHER BUSINESS-SOLAR FARM:

Bob Bishop, Kosciusko County Farm Bureau President, along with Mike Long, Farm Bureau Board Member and County Council Member, came before the Commissioners to present information regarding a recent push for solar farms, in the area west of Leesburg.

Bishop stated he has been contacted by two companies wanting to use his farm ground to put solar panels on, presumably because of the flat ground the area provides. Bishop continued, stating one company requested 1,000-2,000 acres and the other wanted 800-1,600, both of which provided him copies of the proposed 25-35 year lease agreements, outlining the details of the contracts, including the mineral rights to the land.

Bishop continued, stating a meeting will be held tonight to discuss the proposed project. In addition, Bishop stated he has been in contact with Farm Bureau's Attorney, and is willing to organize a presentation to discuss concerns. Bishop stated he would let the Commissioners know as soon as a date for the presentation was available.

Long stated, as a land owner, he is not for or against solar farms but is concerned about the potential of land use being controlled by county officials and stated he sees little difference between crops and solar panels, with no information currently to support a detriment of solar farms to human health but still needs more information.

There was a general discussion with Matt Sandy, Area Planning, regarding the County's current ordinances and/or restrictions on commercial wind and solar farms, as well as some of the pros and cons of the potential introduction of such farms into the County. There was further discussion regarding the possible extension of the 60-day moratorium, approved January 22, 2019 by the Commissioners, on the permitting of solar energy system farms.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Gave directive for the Area Plan

SECOND: Brad Jackson

Commission to pursue an additional 90 days

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

to the moratorium ordinance.

UNANIMOUS

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS March 5, 2019

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on March 5, 2019 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Cary Groninger - President
Brad Jackson-Vice-President
Robert Conley

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Marsha McSherry – County Administrator-Absent

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

IN THE MATTER OF MARCH VETERAN OF THE MONTH – JOHN M KIMPEL:

Rich Maron, Veteran Service Officer, came before the Commissioners to introduce the March Veteran of the month, John Kimpel. Maron began, stating Kimpel was born August 4th, 1946, in Kendallville Indiana, to Lowell and Kathleen Kimpel, of South Milford, where Kimpel spent most of his childhood mowing yards, delivering newspapers and helping his dad during farming seasons. Sometime after the 8th or 9th grade, Maron stated, Kimpel's parents moved to a farm near Pleasant Lake but Kimpel and his two older brothers moved back to South Milford, living at J.O. Mory's Stores, where Kimpel worked, while attending high school. Kimpel graduated Kendallville High School in 1964, and enrolled at Tri-State College in Angola, where he attained a 2 Yr. Associates Degree in Drafting and Designing. As Kimpel was finishing college, the Vietnam conflict was ramping up so Kimpel joined the Air Force in May of 1966, not knowing when his number might come up for the draft. Kimpel left for basic training with other enlistees from Indiana, that he became friends with, was assigned to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas and from there, was assigned to Lowery Air Force Base in Denver, Colorado, where he trained as a Weapons Mechanic. Following his training in 1966, Kimpel was assigned to Kincheloe AFB in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, where he learned the fundamentals of loading and hooking up rockets and missiles on F-106 Air Defense Jets. Maron continued,

stating Kimpel recalled the base being nice but a little rough in the winter, stating most vehicles had orange balls on their antennas so you could see them over the top of the snow.

In 1967, Maron stated, Kimpel and a fellow Indiana enlistee answered a notice for volunteers to work and fly as Gunners on AC-47 Gunships in Vietnam. Following Chamber Testing at Bunkerhill AFB, Kimpel was trained in mini-guns and flying at England AFB and then went on to survival school training at Fairchild AFB. After further training in the Philippines and many stops along the way, Kimpel was assigned to Beinh Hoa Air Base, just northeast of Saigon, where he was stationed for the next year. Kimpel's job was to provide air support and light from candlepower parachute flares for bases, hamlets and military outposts throughout South Vietnam, during night only operations. Kimpel recalls that being in the air at night was better than being on the ground when the rockets and mortars were being shot at their base. Kimpel also recalls during his tour, he flew more than 150,000 combat missions and saw the loss of 88 crew members.

On February 17, 1969, Kimpel boarded a freedom bird to depart from Vietnam, arriving back in Indiana, where he had a couple weeks off before his new assignment as an instructor gunner on AC-119's and AC-130 Gunships, at Lockbourne AFB, near Columbus, Ohio. During that break, Kimpel married Wendy E Warner, whom he had met prior to enlisting and had kept in touch with through his deployment. Following a brief honeymoon, the two traveled to Lockbourne, where they resided until Kimpel's honorable discharge in April of 1970.

Maron continued, stating upon the couples return to Warsaw, Kimpel worked for DH Lessig Engineering in the mechanical drafting and layout department, then for Dalton Foundries, as a draftsman. Once Kimpel obtained his Indiana Land Surveying License, he and his friend started their own company, "John Kimpel & Associates". Kimpel and his wife raised three children and are now retired, enjoying their children, grandchildren and their border collie.

IN THE MATTER OF INDOT 5339 MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASE AGREEMENT:

Amanda Landis, KABS Director, came before the Commissioners with the INDOT 5339 Motor Vehicle Purchase Agreement to purchase two (2) medium transit buses, each with a 14-passenger capacity. Landis stated these will be the first buses to come equipped with back-up cameras and are anticipated to be delivered in August. The total amount of the agreement is for \$110,364.00.

MOTION:	Robert Conley	TO:	Approve the INDOT 5339 Motor Vehicle
SECOND:	Brad Jackson		Purchase Agreement in the amount of
AYES:	3	NAYS:	0
			\$110,364.00 for two buses.
UNANIMOUS			

IN THE MATTER OF INMATE HEALTHCARE AGREEMENT ADDENDUM:

Sheriff, Kyle Dukes, came before the Commissioners and first extended appreciation to the Commissioners and some Council members, present at the meeting, for attending the first JCAP graduation, as well as for participating in the jail tour. Dukes stated the graduation was a success and some new ideas were discussed following the tour.

Dukes then continued, presenting an agreement addendum with Quality Correctional Care LLC (QCC). Dukes stated the new medical team for the jail, which began February 1, are doing a phenomenal job and after further research, he would recommend extending their hours to include Saturdays and Sundays, which Dukes stated would not only significantly reduce the liability of med distribution, currently being done by jail officers, but would also go a long way to alleviate jail personnel from making health decisions or providing urgent care or even hospital transports.

Dukes stated adding 14-hour shifts on Saturdays and Sundays would increase the cost of the current contract with QCC by only \$28,130.00 annually, which Dukes added is already budgeted and considering the savings in other areas, most significantly liability, is more than worth the cost.

MOTION:	Brad Jackson	TO:	Approve the Inmate Healthcare Services
SECOND:	Robert Conley		Agreement Addendum with Quality
AYES:	3	NAYS:	0
			Correctional Care LLC, as presented.
UNANIMOUS			

IN THE MATTER OF PTABOA MEMBER- REPLACEMENT:

Susan Engelberth, County Assessor, came before the Commissioners, with her recommendation for a Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA) board member. Engelberth stated Dave Knisely recently resigned from the 3-member board. Upon receiving Knisely's resignation, Engelberth stated she contacted Phyl Olinger, who has previous work experience with Indiana tax assessment and currently holds her Level II.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept Engelberth's recommendation of Phyl Olinger as replacement for Knisely on the PTABOA Board.

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF FLEET VEHICLES:

Shane Bucher, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office, came before the Commissioners and presented bids he received for four replacement police fleet vehicles; 2 SUVs, 1 car and 1 pick-up truck. Bucher stated, following requests for bids on the already budgeted vehicles from five different dealerships, he received three and made the recommendations as follows:

Vehicle	Type	Price	Dealership
SUV (2)	Interceptor Utility	\$33,077.56	Rice Ford, Warsaw
Car (1)	Dodge Charger	\$25,565	John Jones, Salem, IN
Truck (1)	Dodge Ram 1500	\$29,020	John Jones, Salem, IN

Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated he had reviewed the bids presented and found no objection to the bids or the recommendation presented.

There was a brief discussion to confirm whether or not local businesses had been given ample opportunity to submit bids and it was determined that they had.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the recommendations as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF 2020 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT REQUEST:

Anna Bailey, Community Corrections Director, came before the Commissioners, with a request for signatures on two letters of support, which Bailey stated will be submitted along with the grant applications, already approved by the Commissioners. Bailey stated the Community Corrections grant, which had previously been one grant, will be two grants in 2020 and therefore will require two applications.

MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Robert Conley
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve two letters of support for the application process for the Community Corrections 2020 Grant applications, as presented.

**IN THE MATTER OF TIPPY CHAPMAN REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT-
ADDENDUM:**

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented an Addendum to Petition in regard to the Tippy Chapman Regional Sewer District. Miner stated following the Commissioners' and Council's approval, the Petition was filed with IDEM, December 27, 2018 to create the sewer district. Following IDEM's review of the Petition, Miner stated, two corrections were required; 1) needed to include the data for the median income reported and 2) needed to have the verbiage corrected from Lakeland to the Commissioners, being the appointing party of two board of trustee members, in the event that Lakeland Regional Sewer District is selected as the waste water treatment center.

Miner continued, stating he has prepared an exhibit to attach, showing the median income data and the attorney at Ice Miller has prepared the addendum, presented today, correcting the verbiage in the Petition previously submitted and upon the Commissioner's approval, Miner stated he would submit the addendum to IDEM.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the addendum and exhibit for the Tippy Chapman Regional Sewer District Petition, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF CSI CONTRACT TERMINATION:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated with the Clerk's Office converting from CSI to Odyssey, it is necessary to give CSI a 90-day written notice of the termination of the contract.

MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Robert Conley
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve a 90-day written notice, terminating the contract with CSI.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN-FLOOR COVERING:

Brad Jackson, on behalf of Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented an estimate from BC Tile for the Area Plan Department's floor covering. Jackson stated the total of the estimate is \$15,949.17 but stated opportunity exists for a savings of around \$5,980, by having the carpet removed by our own staff.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the estimate in the amount of \$15,949.17, from BC Tile, for Area Plan Department's floor covering.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS March 19, 2019

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on March 19, 2019 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Cary Groninger - President
Brad Jackson-Vice-President
Robert Conley

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Marsha McSherry – County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF EAGLE SCOUTS- DEVIN VAN LUE & CARTER BOWMAN:

Devin Van Lue and Carter Bowman came before the Commissioners and were recognized for their accomplishments as an Eagle Scouts. Commissioner Groninger introduced Van Lue and Carter and plaques were presented.

IN THE MATTER OF CR 400E FLOODING:

Mike Kissinger, County Surveyor, came before the Commissioners stating reoccurring flooding issues on 400E, just north of 900S, are due to drainage problems at the county regulated drain known as Plunge Creek. Kissinger presented an estimate in the amount of \$46,410 for the highway to raise the road but stated this has been done multiple times and because of the erosion caused by the failing drain, it will only be a matter of a few years before it will need to be done again. Kissinger continued, stating the road has been closed numerous times due to flooding and with the additional congestion of the railroads siding, where the trains park and block the intersection, the inaccessibility to the home between the railroad tracks and the flooding area has become a matter of public safety, since the school bus as well as emergency vehicles are unable to get through.

Kissinger requested the Commissioners consider making a contribution toward the reconstruction of the drain, which he stated would correct the problem as opposed to masking or prolonging it by raising the road once again. Due to the unique situation concerning public

safety, Kissinger stated he believed it would be acceptable for the Commission to offer assistance with the proposed project.

Commissioner Groninger stated when the information was presented to the Drainage Board, he shared in the concerns regarding public safety, stating he had been informed of an ambulance that had recently driven through approximately 24 inches of water to answer a distress call in that area. In addition, Groninger stated further research indicates a uniquely large diameter tile needs to be replaced and with only 670 acres involved and a limited number of taxpayers sharing the costs, it would mean each taxpayer's contribution would calculate to about \$300/acre, which is nearly double what typical reconstruction costs are.

There was a brief discussion comparing costs as well as benefits, between raising the road and reconstructing the drain, which is estimated to cost approximately \$200,000 and Kissinger reminded the Commissioners that even if a contribution was approved, the project would still need to go through the proper channels for approval.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve a contribution in the amount of \$92,820 toward the drainage reconstruction of Plunge Creek (twice the estimated cost presented to raise the road).

IN THE MATTER OF ANY OFFICE HOLDER / DEPARTMENT HEAD:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, came before the Commissioners, stating today is day the State of Indiana conducts tornado testing across the state, which not only tests governing alerts and alarms but also gives the public the opportunity to prepare and/or practice their emergency plan. Rock continued, stating all emergency alerts and alarms are scheduled to sound at 10:15am. In addition, Rock stated the county will sound their sirens and informers at 7:15pm with the intention of enabling local family participation.

IN THE MATTER OF KEDCO QUARTERLY UPDATE:

Alan Tio, CEO, came before the Commissioners to present the quarterly update. Tio stated the 90 day plan to re-launch started in September and is well underway. Tio continued, stating part of the plan includes ways to introduce the agribusiness initiative project, with Kosciusko County being the first community in Indiana to join AgriNovus, a development that encourages the start and growth of agricultural businesses in the area.

Tio stated the Peer Cities project will meet and offer a presentation sometime in April, offering guidance and direction to local businesses. In addition, Tio stated the group will be visiting other cities around the state, gathering information and bringing new and innovative ideas to our area.

In conclusion, Tio stated KedCo has moved to a different office within the Chamber Building, has added new computers and has made some changes to their IT, all of which is anticipated to enable better organization to support the re-launch, as well as encourage growth and development within the community.

IN THE MATTER OF TIPPY/CHAPMAN REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT UPDATE:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated the addendum to petition, changing the board appointment as well as the inclusion of income information, as required by IDEM, have been forwarded to Ice Miller for submission. In addition, Miner stated IDEM has appointed a person to start the process and anticipates a public meeting will be scheduled sometime in the near future. In response to Commissioner Conley's question regarding the remonstrance period, Miner stated it expires either 6 months or 180 days from the date the petition was filed, which was December 27th, 2018.

IN THE MATTER OF JUSTICE BUILDING H/C COIL REPLACEMENT:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented an estimate, from CORE Mechanical Services Inc, in the amount of \$17,059 to replace the heating/cooling coils on the Justice Building. McSherry stated the coils froze and broke during the severely cold temperatures this winter and were temporarily repaired.

MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Robert Conley

TO: Approve the amount of \$17,059 to replace the heating/cooling coils on the Justice

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 Building.
UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCES- CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT & CUMULATIVE BRIDGE:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, stated 2020 budgeting has begun, and it is therefore time to look at current tax rates and establish them back to the levels originally approved, which will then be available for consideration when working on the 2020 budgets.

There was a brief discussion regarding the significant need for some bridge projects, which may require raising the Cumulative Bridge fund and how the bridge ordinance presented would allow the consideration of such change.

MOTION: Robert Conley TO: Approve the Ordinances establishing the
SECOND: Brad Jackson Cumulative Capital Development Fund and
the Cumulative Bridge Fund as presented.
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

Cum Capital Development ORDINANCE NO. 2019-03-19-001 (2019030679)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

Cum Bridge ORDINANCE NO. 2019-03-19-002 (2019030678)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF B17A-ORDINANCE TO REMOVE FROM E911:

Lee Taylor, Area Planning, came before the Commissioners, stating the RV's which once made it necessary to label the privately maintained access drive, known as B17A, are no longer on the property. Taylor, therefore, presented an Ordinance requesting the removal of B17A Ln from the E911 road system, stating there are no other structures with the address of B17A Ln.

MOTION: Brad Jackson TO: Approve the Ordinance removing B17A
SECOND: Robert Conley Ln from the E911 road system.
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-03-19-003 (2019030677)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF SOLAR MORATORIUM ORDINANCE:

Matt Sandy, Area Planning, came before the Commissioners, stating the Commissioners had previously requested the Area Planning Commission review and advertise for a moratorium on commercial solar farms. Sandy stated the Planning Commission agreed unanimously to recommend the 90-day moratorium. Sandy presented the Ordinance for Commissioners' final approval.

MOTION: Brad Jackson TO: Approve the 90-day Moratorium on the
SECOND: Robert Conley Issuance of Permits, Licenses, or Approvals
for, or for any Construction of, Commercial
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 Solar Energy System Farms, as recommended
UNANIMOUS by the Area Planning Commission.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-03-19-004 (2019030676)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR EASEMENT VACATION IN CROWS ADDITION-CHROMAPROPERTIES LLC, PETITIONER:

Dan Richard, Area Planning Director, came before the Commissioners with a unanimous recommendation from the Area Planning Commission to vacate a 15' wide portion of ground, platted as a private drive in Crow's Addition, which as Richard indicated divides the Petitioners property but has never been utilized as a drive. In addition, Richard stated it was the desire of the Commission to vacate the entire drive but understands each property owner is responsible for their own petition, and will therefore need to look at each request individually.

Steve Snyder, Attorney for the Petitioner, stated he agreed with Richard's presentation of the request.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the vacation of a 15' wide portion of ground, platted as a private drive in Crow's Addition, as recommended by the Area Planning Commission.

IN THE MATTER OF UNOFFICIAL DETOUR ROUTE-SR13 OVER TIPPECANOE RIVER:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, presented a letter of understanding between the Indiana Department of Transportation and the Commissioners for an unofficial detour route. Tilden stated the detour will be necessary for INDOT to install a bridge deck overlay, on SR13, over the Tippecanoe River, approximately 8.02 miles north of US 30. Tilden continued, stating the unofficial detour route will be E 500 N to N 750 E returning to SR13, with the official detour route on SR6, SR15 & US30.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the letter of understanding with INDOT for an unofficial detour route, while bridge deck overlay is installed on SR13 over the Tippecanoe River.

IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGE #9 BID OPENING:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, opened bids submitted for the Bridge #9 project. The only bid received was a base bid from Reith Riley Construction Company, in the amount of \$1,838,467.17. There were no bids submitted for either alternate 1 or alternate 2.

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, stated the submitted bid amount is substantially higher than the engineers' estimates. Tilden made the recommendation to the Commissioners to reject the bid, stating the engineers' estimates ranged from \$1,103,000 and \$1,146,000. Tilden continued, stating he typically takes the bids under advisement and returns to the Commissioners at their next meeting with his recommendation but in this case, he does not see the need to return as his recommendation is not expected to change.

MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Robert Conley
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the recommendation of Tilden to reject the bid.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
April 2, 2019

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on April 2, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Cary Groninger - President
Brad Jackson-Vice-President, Absent
Robert Conley

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Marsha McSherry – County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF GIS/PICTOMETRY AGREEMENT- ASSESSOR:

Susan Engelberth, County Assessor, came before the Commissioners, stating MACOG has agreed to be the contract holder with Pictometry. Engelberth, therefore, presented a data sharing agreement for approval, which states MACOG will provide 70% of the funding, leaving our

county with a balance of 30%, or \$67,339 for the 2019 aerial imagery, the first of a two-year contract, with the first flight project scheduled to be launched in the spring.

County Attorney, Chad Miner, stated he had reviewed the contract and found no objection.

Groninger noted the changes, stating what a significant savings the contract will be for the County, concluding that previous MACOG contributions have not exceeded 10%.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Cary Groninger
AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Data Sharing Agreement with MACOG, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY WELLNESS PROGRAM UPDATE:

Jackie Franks, Health & Human Services Educator, Purdue Extension, came before the Commissioners with an update regarding the success Purdue Extension has experienced with county employee participation in the wellness programs presented thus far. Along with a statistical report, outlining the program's successes, Franks shared the following information:

- 120 people registered to participate in the Get Walking program, which encourages participants to track their steps. Participants have already reported over 29 million steps since the program began in January. Franks reported, since the program's launch, she has never had such an invested group of people participate.
- Dining with Diabetes, which consisted of 8 total class hours and offered education on how to prepare diabetic recipes, was hugely successful with more people wanting to take the course than space allowed. Franks stated the feedback on the information provided was very positive.
- 46 county employees attended the Brain & Social Connections course. Approximately 93% reported they would share some of the information they were given with other people.

Groninger noted he is receiving really good feedback from employees regarding the program and its benefits.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF KENNEL ITEMS:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, stated upon the purchase of the old Sasso veterinary clinic, for the purpose of housing the county coroner facility, several dog cages and dog runs have been obtained. With the Animal Welfare League showing an interest in the items, McSherry requested permission to transfer ownership of the items to the Animal Welfare League.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Cary Groninger
AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve transfer of ownership of kennel items, obtained in the coroner building purchase, to the Animal Welfare League.

IN THE MATTER OF CORONER'S BUILDING REMODEL:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented two estimates for the remodel of the Coroner's building.

The estimate amounts were presented as follows:

Clint Davis Construction- \$41,655.51 Robinson Construction- \$53,983.00

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Cary Groninger
AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the estimate in the amount of \$41,655.51, presented on behalf of Clint Davis Construction, for the remodel costs of the Coroner's Building.

IN THE MATTER OF GATHERING SPACE ON THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented two estimates for the previously approved landscaping of a gathering space to be created on the southeast corner of the courthouse square.

McSherry stated the project will be funded through Patronicity, a state grant, for which the County was awarded matching funds.

The estimate amounts were presented as follows:

Anderson Greenhouse- \$64,900.00

Beyond Landscaping- \$114,382.50

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve the estimate in the amount of

SECOND: Cary Groninger

\$64,900.00, presented on behalf of Anderson

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

Greenhouse, for the landscaping costs of the

UNANIMOUS

Courthouse Square gathering space.

IN THE MATTER OF CR 800W & CR 1000W COMMUNITY CROSSING GRANT CONTRACTS:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, stated the County has been awarded Community Crossing matching grant funds for the two projects submitted, one at CR 800W from US 30 to SR 19 and the other at CR 1000W from CR 700S to CR 1000S. Tilden presented the contracts for approval, stating the combined award amount was one million dollars, and the matching funds were already budgeted.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve community Crossing grant

SECOND: Cary Groninger

contracts for the CR 800W and CR 1000W

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

projects.

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IN THE MATTER OF BID LETTING DEADLINE- CR 800W & CR 1000W PROJECTS:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, requested a bid letting date for the two projects mentioned above: one at CR 800W from US 30 to SR 19 and the other at CR 1000W from CR 700S to CR 1000S. Tilden suggested a bid letting date of May 14, 2019 at 9:15am, with 9am as the final time to submit.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve the bid letting date of May 14,

SECOND: Cary Groninger

2019 at 9:15am, with 9am as the final time to

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

submit, for projects at CR 800W and CR

UNANIMOUS

1000W.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY AUCTION, LIST OF EQUIPMENT:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, presented a list of equipment, requesting the items be deemed surplus, so they can be made available for sale through public auction. Tilden stated the projected auction date is April 27, 2019.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve the request to deem the list of

SECOND: Cary Groninger

equipment presented as surplus so it can be

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

made available for sale through public

UNANIMOUS

auction.

IN THE MATTER OF ANNUAL PARKING PERMIT REQUEST-BACKWATER RETRIEVER CLUB:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, presented a permit application for right of way parking, during an annually held event. Tilden stated the Backwater Retriever Club will be holding an event from April 12-14, 2019, and are requesting parking along one side of CR 1000E from CR 750N to CR 1000N. Tilden concluded, stating the event is held within the tri-county fish & wildlife area and is to be conducted pursuant to the guidelines of the permit application.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve the permit application for right

SECOND: Cary Groninger

of way parking during the Backwater

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

Retriever Club event, to be held April 12-14,

UNANIMOUS

2019.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS April 16, 2019

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on April 16, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Cary Groninger - President
Brad Jackson-Vice-President
Robert Conley

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Marsha McSherry – County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF VETERAN OF THE MONTH- HAROLD REX WILDMAN:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, came before the Commissioners to introduce the April Veteran of the month, Harold Rex Wildman. Maron began, first pausing to extend condolences to Wildman and his family, for the loss of his wife, just last night, and then continued, stating Wildman, best known as Rex, was born in Deedsville, Indiana on April 22, 1923. Wildman, who was the oldest of ten children, moved to Kosciusko County at the age of ten, when his parents purchased a farm near Leesburg. As a youth, Wildman experienced the hardships that many Americans endured during the great depression.

Wildman witnessed the electrification of rural America and the replacement of horses by gasoline engines to move and power farm machinery. Wildman graduated from Leesburg High School in 1941, only a few months before the US entered into World War II. Wildman joined the United States Army and then applied to and was accepted into the US Army Air Force, where he trained as a pilot and was then assigned to the China, India, Burma Theater, where he became one of the famous “hump” pilots. Their main task was to fly troops and supplies from Burma over the Himalayan Mountains to assist the Chinese in their desperate fight to repel the invading Japanese Army.

Wildman flew fifty missions through the unpredictable and extreme weather and treacherous terrain that over the course of the war claimed over 600 planes and more than 1000 lives (a full third of the men who flew this route over “the roof of the world”.)

Following the war’s conclusion, Wildman left the US Army Air Force as a first lieutenant in 1946, returned to Indiana, and married Lorabel Ferverda. Shortly after, the couple moved to Nappanee, where the first of their five children was born in 1948. After working as a fuel oil distributor for Standard Oil, Wildman launched his career as a businessman and entrepreneur, with the purchase of a dry cleaning business in Nappanee. In 1963, Wildman sold the business in Nappanee and moved his family to Warsaw, where he became a partner in a local dry cleaning business. Several years later, Wildman purchased the Buffalo Street Cleaners and Laundry, which became the foundation for what is now the Wildman Business Group, a Warsaw-based company with over 200 employees that is still thriving today, under a third generation of family ownership.

Wildman has been active in his local church, wherever he has lived, having served in every lay leadership position over the years and through service and public spiritedness, Wildman has contributed to the vitality of his local community.

Wildman was a member of the Kiwanis International service organization in both Nappanee and Warsaw, serving as President of the Warsaw club in 1985 and was a member of the Warsaw City Council from 1980 through 1984. He answered his country’s call, served courageously during the Second World War and afterward, contributed wholeheartedly to the growth of his county and the betterment of his local community.

Maron and the Commissioners thanked Wildman for his service and presented him with a plaque.

IN THE MATTER OF LAKELAND REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT BOARD

APPOINTMENT-BOB MARCUCCILLI:

Commissioner Groninger presented a certificate to appoint Bob Marcuccilli to the Lakeland Regional Sewer District Board of Trustees. Groninger stated Marcuccilli, who was unable to be present today because he is currently serving on the Board, has stated he would agree to continue serving.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Appoint Bob Marcuccilli to the Lakeland Regional Sewer District Board of Trustees to serve a four year term, expiring on April 18, 2023.

IN THE MATTER OF PYRAMID CONSULTING:

Terry Burnworth, Owner of Pyramid Consulting, came before the Commissioners and introduced himself, stating he does radio consulting all over the United States. Burnworth presented an estimate for a two-part assessment for the public safety communications system. He spoke about the necessity to assure public safety and the risks involved when equipment, frequencies and/or radio signals are insufficient. Burnworth estimated three months to complete the assessment, with a competed estimate projected to be available by July of this year.

Groninger clarified, noting the Commissioners had formed a committee to discuss some of the issues within the county, had heard Burnworth's presentation and had recommended having him do an assessment to see what options the county has to make improvements.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Move forward with the assessment to see what options the County has in making improvements to radio frequencies, which are critical to communication of emergency response teams across the county.

IN THE MATTER OF COMPREHENSIVE EMA PLAN (CEMP):

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, came before the Commissioners and presented a Promulgation of the Kosciusko County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). Rock stated the plan has been in place for a long time, with several revisions over the years and the purpose is to have an established plan in place, in the event of a major disaster, which will best save lives and protect costs. Rock requested the Commissioners approval on the plan submitted.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Promulgation of the Kosciusko County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP).

IN THE MATTER OF SOLAR MORATORIUM UPDATE:

Dan Richard, Area Planning Commission, came before the Commissioners and presented an update on the proposed ordinance amendment regarding solar energy system farms. Richard stated following a public hearing to gather input and formulate a recommendation, the board continues to have questions and would like an opportunity to collect some additional information over the next month. Richard continued, stating the board will meet again, May 1st and may have a recommendation to present if they are able to gather enough information.

There was a brief discussion regarding the existing moratorium as well as the time frame in which they are trying to reach a decision in the matter, along with the benefits of being able to consider all possible information.

As part of the discussion, it was determined that the Commissioners would give the Area Plan Commission the opportunity to gather additional information to possibly present a recommendation, if one can be arrived at, at the Commissioner's May 28, 2019 meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF ANNUAL OPERATIONAL REPORT-COUNTY HIGHWAY:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, presented the Annual Operational Report for Local Roads and Streets and Bridges for approval.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Annual Operational Report for Local Roads and Streets and Bridges, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGE #18 SERVICE AGREEMENT:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, presented a contract between the County and CARDNO Inc, in the amount of \$22,000, stating the contract is for the three year wildlife mitigation required, for the work done on Bridge #18, on CR 300N over the Tippecanoe River. Tilden continued, stating the contract would cover maintenance, monitoring and recording of the mitigation, as required by the State.

MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Robert Conley
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the contract with CARDNO Inc, in the amount of \$22,000, for the wildlife mitigation for Bridge #18.

IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGE #98 SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO.1:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, presented a contract between the County and USI Consultants Inc, for an additional amount of \$22,300, stating the amendment is for the right-of-way acquisition, which was not anticipated when the contract was entered into for work on Bridge #98, on CR 800W at the outlet of Hoffman Lake. Tilden continued, stating the significant amount of utilities, where the work will take place, is what generated the need for the amendment.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the amendment of contract with USI Consultants Inc, for an additional amount of \$22,300, for right-of-way acquisition for Bridge #98.

IN THE MATTER OF FURTHER BUSINESS-

Mike Long, resident of CR800 W, came before the Commissioners, to express his appreciation for the work put into obtaining the Community Crossings Grant, which will allow for the repaving of CR800 W. In addition, Long requested the Commissioners consider adopting a through truck traffic ordinance, limiting heavy truck use, stating having lived and farmed in the area for more than 40 years, he can attest to the unstable base of peat and marrow that supports the road. Long continued, stating he is concerned that without limiting the heavy truck traffic, the cost and labor to repair the road will be a wasted effort within a short amount of time.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
April 30, 2019

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on April 30, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Cary Groninger - President
Brad Jackson-Vice-President
Robert Conley

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Marsha McSherry – County Administrator

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

**IN THE MATTER OF HONOR & REMEMBER COMMITTEE- HONORING D DAY
75TH ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION:**

John Sadler and Ken Locke came before the Commissioners and presented a proclamation, requesting to declare June 2019, D Day Month of Remembrance. The Honor & Remembrance Committee presented flags, which Sadler stated would be displayed by the county, the city, the VFW, the American Legion and the Kosciusko Historical Society, in honor of the 75th Anniversary of D Day.

MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Robert Conley
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the proclamation, declaring June 2019, D Day Month of Remembrance.

IN THE MATTER OF ABATE-MOTORCYCLE SAFETY MONTH PROCLAMATION:

Jerry Ganger, County Representative of ABATE, came before the Commissioners and presented a proclamation to declare May as motorcycle safety awareness month.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the proclamation, declaring May 2019, Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

IN THE MATTER OF EAGLE SCOUT-ETHAN HAYS:

Ethan Hays came before the Commissioners and was recognized for his accomplishment as an Eagle Scout. Commissioner Groninger introduced Hays and a plaque was presented.

IN THE MATTER OF EAGLE SCOUT-TARAN KISTLER:

Taran Kistler came before the Commissioners and was recognized for his accomplishment as an Eagle Scout. Commissioner Groninger introduced Kistler and a plaque was presented.

IN THE MATTER OF KABS 1ST QUARTER CLAIM:

Amanda Landis, KABS Director, came before the Commissioners with the INDOT Contract Invoice for first quarter reimbursement. Landis stated over 15,000 rides were provided during the first quarter and the driver positions are now fully staffed.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the INDOT Contract Invoice from 1/1/19-3/31/19 in the amount of \$133,914, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF HVAC-CORONER'S BUILDING:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented the following estimates for the HVAC at the Coroner's Building:

CORE Mechanical Services Inc	\$17,500.00
N.E.W. Plumbing Heating Cooling	\$18,900.00

MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Robert Conley
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the estimate from CORE Mechanical Services Inc in the amount of \$17,500.00 for HVAC at the Coroner's Building.

IN THE MATTER OF PLUMBING-CORONER'S BUILDING:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented the following estimates for plumbing at the Coroner's Building:

CORE Mechanical Services Inc	\$9,700.00
Clint Davis Construction LLC	\$10,600.00

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the estimate from CORE Mechanical Services Inc in the amount of

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 \$9,700.00 for Plumbing at the Coroner's Building.
UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, presented a temporary road closure permit for approval. Tilden stated the closure would take place on County Farm Road, from CR 400S to CR 700S on May 18, 2019, between 10AM and 6PM for the purpose of the Fat and Skinny Tire Fest.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the temporary road closure permit, closing County Farm Road, from CR 400S to CR 700S on May 18, 2019, between 10AM and 6PM for the purpose of the Fat and Skinny Tire Fest.

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
May 14, 2019

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on May 15, 2019 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

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| Cary Groninger - President | Chad Miner – County Attorney |
| Brad Jackson-Vice-President | Michelle Puckett – Auditor |
| Robert Conley | Marsha McSherry – County Administrator |

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

IN THE MATTER OF MARCH VETERAN OF THE MONTH – JOEL R LIGHT:

Rich Maron, Veteran Service Officer, came before the Commissioners to introduce the May Veteran of the month, Joel R Light. Maron began, stating Light was born June 8, 1948, in Warsaw to Bob and Vivian Light. Light spent his entire childhood in Warsaw, graduating from Warsaw High School in 1966. In December of 1967, Light married his high school sweetheart, Cindy Bayne. Shortly after that, Maron continued, Light was drafted into the US Army. Light went to Indianapolis to swear in and was sent to Fort Bragg, North Carolina for eight weeks of boot camp. Light was then sent to Fort Benning, Georgia, for advanced infantry training and after ten weeks, was sent to Fort Riley, Kansas, where he moved his family and lived for six months, before being shipped to Germany for three months of training, and then being transferred to the 3rd Brigade 82 Airborne Division in Vietnam. Light said the only good thing about being drafted during Vietnam was you were only required to serve two years on active duty as opposed to three years if you volunteered and only one year of service in Vietnam was required.

In 1972, President Nixon signed the paperwork to begin the withdraw of 35,000 troops from Vietnam and Light was one of the lucky ones who was discharged in early November of 1972.

After returning home to Warsaw, Light began a career with RR Donnelley's that lasted 45 years until his retirement in 2015.

Light and his wife, Cindy, have two children and five grandchildren. Light has been a member of the American Legion for many years and his biggest hobby is his collection of Frank Sinatra memorabilia.

Maron and the Commissioners thanked Light for his service and presented him with a plaque.

IN THE MATTER OF 2019 SENIOR HUB GRANT REQUEST:

Dan Hampton, County Prosecutor, came before the Commissioners to request permission to apply for the 2019 Senior HUB Grant, stating this is a grant the county has previously utilized,

which funds the administrative support and this year, will also include supplies necessary to assist the Special Prosecutors who are appointed when a conflict of interest exists.

MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Robert Conley
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the 2019 Senior HUB grant request in the amount of \$20,000 as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF 2019 SHSP UAS GRANT:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, came before the Commissioners to request permission to apply for the 2019 SHSP UAS reimbursement grant, stating the funding will be used for the purchase and operator training of three drones, which will augment the one drone the county currently utilizes. Rock continued, stating the Sheriff and Prosecutor already have a program in place and the additions made, if this request is approved, will be made part of the existing program. In addition, Rock stated the objective is to have a drone and operator available for each quarter of the county, making response times shorter should they be needed in an emergency.

There was a brief discussion regarding privacy and the laws regulating the use of drones.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request to apply for the 2019 SHSP UAS reimbursement grant in the amount of \$90,000 as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF PYRAMID CONSULTING CONTRACT:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented the contract agreement for services the Commissioners had previously approved, stating he had reviewed the contract and had no objection to the terms.

MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Robert Conley
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the execution of the contract with Pyramid Consulting as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF ALLEYWAY VACATION- JUSTICE BUILDING PARKING LOT:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented a petition to vacate the alleyways within the Justice Building parking lot in order to better configure the flow of parking.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Petition to Vacate the alleyways within the Justice Building parking lot as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF LIFT STATION-TAX CERTIFICATE:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated a parcel within the county, which contains a lift station, having significant back taxes owed, has come to his attention. Miner stated his recommendation would be to assign the tax certificate to the City of Warsaw, allowing them to obtain title to the property.

Having received positive feedback from the Commissioners, Miner will return with the prepared paperwork for formal approval at a later date.

IN THE MATTER OF CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, presented the annual report of the Congressional School funds, stating the report reflects the interest collected from money, which was entrusted to the county years ago, by the state, and how it is distributed between the county's school districts. Puckett continued, stating the state has agreed to administer the funds, going forward, making this the last annual report the Commissioners will receive in this matter.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the Congressional Township Funds Annual Report as presented.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF VOLKSWAGON LITIGATION REIMBURSEMENT:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners and presented information regarding a litigation settlement, stating through MACOG and Southshore Clean Cities Inc., there is money available for 25% reimbursement of invoiced, qualifying vehicles. Tilden continued, stating he believes the three trucks, scheduled for delivery in August, qualify for the reimbursement, provided the county presents three qualifying trade-in vehicles, which would need to be disabled as part of the distribution. Tilden stated three trucks are available and if approved, could qualify the county for over \$130,000 in reimbursements.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the recommendation to pursue the reimbursement through the Volkswagon litigation settlement.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY BIDS-800W & 1000W PROJECTS:

Chad Miner, County Attorney opened the bids submitted for the 800W & 1000W projects. The following were the results:

800W from US 30 to SR 19

Niblock Excavating Inc	\$1,521,321.00
Phend & Brown Inc	\$1,186,352.40
E & B Paving Inc	\$1,535,220.60

1000W from CR 700S to 1000S

Niblock Excavating Inc	\$478,656.20
Phend & Brown Inc	\$420,348.76
E & B Paving Inc	\$509,128.76

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, made the recommendation to the Commissioners to take all the bids under advisement. Tilden stated he would review the bids and return to the May 28, 2019 meeting with his recommendation.

In addition, Tilden stated all bids submitted are below the engineer's estimates of \$1,623,482.40 for the 800W project and \$596,643.00 for the 1000W project.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS May 28, 2019

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on May 28, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Cary Groninger - President	Chad Miner – County Attorney
Brad Jackson-Vice-President	Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Robert Conley	Marsha McSherry – County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF KABS-REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATION:

Amanda Landis, KABS Director, came before the Commissioners with a request for signatures on the 2020 capital and operating grant application, which Landis stated is annually submitted to INDOT. Landis continued, stating this year's application contains a capital request for a new bus and a new van, which will replace a 2002 bus and a 2003 van.

There was a brief discussion regarding the certification requests on the application and the assurance was made that KABS makes every effort necessary to successfully comply with the grant agreement.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the 2020 Grant Application request as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-COMMERCIAL SOLAR:

Matt Sandy, Area Planning Department, came before the Commissioners with a commercial solar ordinance amendment, stating upon the Commissioners request, the Area Plan Commission has reviewed and considered public input and has recommended approval of the amendment as presented. In addition, Sandy stated they also recommended the Commissioners consider establishing a committee to further review the matter.

There was a brief discussion which included clarification that the ordinance presented addresses commercial solar projects only and that the moratorium, currently in place, would be replaced with the proposed ordinance, if approved.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Commercial Solar Ordinance Amendment as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-05-28-001 (2019050928)
As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF CSI REDACTION CONTRACT:

Joetta Mitchell, Recorder, came before the Commissioners requesting permission to add a redaction service and support agreement to the existing CSI contract, which is the software company used for the recording of documents. Mitchell stated the redaction agreement will provide protection against the recording of social security numbers and other personal information that should not be part of the public record. Mitchell continued, stating funds for the additional software are already available, as a portion of the fees currently being collected for document recording are set aside for the purpose of software used for recording purposes.

Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated he had reviewed the proposed contract and had no objection.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Redaction Services & Support Agreement as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF JUSTICE BUILDING ALLEYWAY VACATIONS:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented an update on the alleyway vacations within the justice building parking lot, stating he will be presenting the request to City Council in June.

IN THE MATTER OF TIPPY/CHAPMAN REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated the public meeting, hosted by IDEM, regarding the Tippy/Chapman regional sewer district, is scheduled for June 26 at the North Webster Community Center from 6pm-9pm.

IN THE MATTER OF CORONER-CHANGE ORDER:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented a change order in the amount of \$11,537.65, stating Clint Davis Construction will need to install approximately 1,032 square feet of exterior wall insulation and approximately 912 square feet of ceiling insulation as well as drywall at the new Coroner's Building.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the Clint Davis Construction

SECOND: Robert Conley Change Order in the amount of \$11,537.65.
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN REMODEL:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented a proposal from Workspace Solutions in the amount of \$21,249.03 for furniture with installation. McSherry stated the Area Plan office space is scheduled to be updated with paint, carpet and furniture as presented. McSherry further stated the proposal presented includes approximately \$5,500 in added storage, which McSherry stated is needed due to the growth of the office.

MOTION: Brad Jackson TO: Approve Workspace Solutions proposal
SECOND: Robert Conley for furniture with installation in the amount of
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 \$21,249.03 for the Area Plan Department.
UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF CASA RELOCATION:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented a proposal from Workspace Solutions in the amount of \$10,518.38 for panel walls with installation, stating with the addition of the new court, the space CASA is currently using will be no longer be available to them. McSherry continued, stating the law library will be converted with the panel walls to support CASA's needs.

MOTION: Brad Jackson TO: Approve Workspace Solutions proposal
SECOND: Robert Conley for panel walls with installation in the amount
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 of \$10,518.38 to accommodate the relocation
UNANIMOUS of CASA.

IN THE MATTER OF SRI TAX SALE CONTRACT:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, presented a renewal of contract with SRI, which is the company that hosts our annual tax sales. Puckett stated the contract contains an increase from \$75 to \$100 per parcel fee.

MOTION: Brad Jackson TO: Approve the tax sale contract renewal
SECOND: Robert Conley with SRI.
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF BID RECOMMENDATION-800W:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners with his recommendation from the May 14th 2019 bid opening for the 800W project from US30 to SR19. Tilden stated after reviewing the bids, his recommendation to the Board of Commissioners is to award the bid to the lowest responsive and responsible bid for the 800W project to Phend & Brown for a total bid amount of \$1,186,352.40.

MOTION: Robert Conley TO: Approve the recommendation by Tilden
SECOND: Brad Jackson to accept the bid from Phend & Brown for the
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 800W project for a total amount of
UNANIMOUS \$1,186,352.40.

IN THE MATTER OF BID RECOMMENDATION-1000W:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners with his recommendation from the May 14th 2019 bid opening for the 1000W project from CR 700S to CR 1000S. Tilden stated after reviewing the bids, his recommendation to the Board of Commissioners is to award the bid to the lowest responsive and responsible bid for the 1000W project to Phend & Brown for a total bid amount of \$420,348.76.

MOTION: Robert Conley TO: Approve the recommendation by Tilden
SECOND: Brad Jackson to accept the bid from Phend & Brown for the
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 1000W project for a total amount of

UNANIMOUS \$420,348.76.

There was a brief discussion regarding the timelines and completion requirements for both projects. Tilden stated the projects are expected to begin around the first of August and are required to be completed by November 15, 2019.

IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGE 98 & CULVERT 511 RIGHT OF WAYS:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners with Waiver Valuations for six parcels, which will grant appraisers the authority to negotiate a price with the parcel owners for the either permanent or temporary easements necessary to accommodate the work scheduled on Bridge 98 and Culvert 511.

MOTION: Brad Jackson TO: Approve the Waiver Valuations for six
SECOND: Robert Conley parcels for the either permanent or temporary
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 easements necessary to accommodate the
UNANIMOUS work scheduled on Bridge 98 and Culvert 511.

IN THE MATTER OF PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE-CR 800N:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners with a proposed ordinance, which would reduce the speed limit on CR 800N, between CR 500E and the Syracuse-Webster Rd from 55 to 45 mph. Tilden stated following a traffic study and a review of accident criteria available through the Sheriff's Office, it is his recommendation to impose the reduced speed limit in hopes of reducing the amount of accidents in the future.

MOTION: Brad Jackson TO: Approve Tilden's recommendation to
SECOND: Robert Conley reduce the speed limit to 45 mph on CR 800N,
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 between CR 500E and the Syracuse-Webster
UNANIMOUS Rd.

There was a brief discussion regarding the enforcement of the change in speed limit and Sheriff Dukes, who was present for the meeting, agreed to increase enforcement in the area.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-05-28-002 (2019050929)
As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
June 11, 2019

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on June 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Cary Groninger - President Chad Miner – County Attorney
Brad Jackson-Vice-President Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Robert Conley Marsha McSherry – County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF JDAI GRANT UPDATE:

Judge David Cates came before the Commissioners with a JDAI grant update, stating although he had been concerned about the continuation of the program, he can now move forward, knowing the grant application has been approved. Cates continued, stating the program will include some programming this year, which will include a countywide coalition of school personnel, law enforcement, the prosecuting attorney, DCS, Bowen Center and parents, to create evidence-based decision making tools to aid in the determination of which kids should be detained and which ones would benefit from various JDAI programs.

The purpose behind the JDAI programs, Cates continued, is to change the mindset and pursue options for dealing with kids, while maintaining safety in the community as well as saving the county money. Cates stated in the first quarter of 2018, 18 kids were detained, with an average length of stay being 9 days. As a comparison, Cates continued, in the first quarter of 2019, 1 child was detained for 3 days. At a cost of approximately \$160 per day, per kid, Cates estimates a savings of around \$25,000, stating although not all quarters will reflect such a significant reduction.

IN THE MATTER OF KEDCO UPDATE:

Alan Tio, KEDCo CEO, came before the Commissioners and presented an update, stating a couple things are in the pipeline, namely the agribusiness startup generator, which is focused around recruiting entrepreneurs from outside the area who can work and support the agribusiness companies we already have. Tio continued, stating KEDCo is working to form a partnership with a group called TMAP, which uses data and social media to find and recruit talent to the community. In addition, Tio stated they are working with OrthoWorx and WorkOne to create a dual career partnership, which is designed to help the spouses of people who are relocating to the area find jobs.

IN THE MATTER OF KOSCIUSKO COUNTY HOUSING STUDY REQUEST:

Suzie Light, Kosciusko Community Foundation CEO, came before the Commissioners requesting they approve a \$20,000 agreement with High Performance Government Network (HPG). Light stated the Foundation was recently awarded a \$75,000 Lilly Endowment Gift 7, Community Leadership Planning Grant, which they have allocated \$30,000 of to partner with the City of Warsaw, who Light stated has already approved a \$20,000 agreement.

Light explained, the combined agreements, for a total not to exceed \$70,000, will allow HPG to conduct a study, which will be useful to identify and address needs within the community, as well as create an action plan regarding child care, early learning, workforce development, housing and community planning, which Light stated are topics that are often discussed throughout the county.

There was a brief discussion regarding the benefits of having such a study done and how much information could be gained.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the \$20,000 agreement with High Performance Government Network.

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF SYRACUSE-WAWASEE TRAIL:

Wes Downing, A@Z Engineering LLC, came before the Commissioners and presented a Joint Use and Maintenance Agreement between the County and INDOT, concerning the trail project along SR 13. Downing stated approximately 2 years ago, the Commissioners had agreed to a Waiver of Bond on behalf of the trail, since they are a non profit, but since that time, INDOT has created the agreement presented and are now requiring an additional agreement with the County, regarding the use and maintenance of the trail. Downing explained that although the County will not be maintaining the trail, as stated in the agreement, postponing the execution of the agreement could cause the project to have to restart the process.

There was a brief discussion regarding the trail committee's commitment to maintain the trail and what options were available in entering into the agreement as it was prepared by INDOT, as not to uphold the progress of the project.

Chad Miner, County Attorney suggested including the park foundation, as a secondary party to the agreement, since they will be maintaining the trail. In addition, a separate agreement between the County and the Syracuse-Wawasee Trail Committee, clarifying the maintenance agreement was also discussed.

It was determined that Downing would communicate with INDOT as well as Attorney Miner and any resolutions would be presented to the Commissioners as available.

IN THE MATTER OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE RESOLUTION:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented a resolution assigning tax sale certificate number 431800106 to the City of Warsaw. Miner described the parcel as a small piece of property on Gilliam Lane with a lift station on it. In addition, Miner stated a resolution was adopted at the last city council meeting, stating they would like to receive the tax sale certificate.

Miner also presented the tax sale certificate for signature of assignment.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the resolution assigning tax sale certificate number 431800106 to the City of Warsaw.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-06-11-002 (2019060450)
As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF JUSTICE BUILDING/PROHIBITED ITEMS ORDINANCE:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented a proposed ordinance to codify the policy the County currently has regarding firearms, knives greater than 2 inches and pepper spray being allowed into the Justice Building. Miner stated the proposed ordinance would not create a penalty, but would require the person entering the Justice Building to secure any of the said items in a vehicle or with another party, not entering the building.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Vote on the proposed ordinance prohibiting firearms, knives greater than 2 inches in length and pepper spray from entering the Justice Building at first reading.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Adopt the ordinance prohibiting firearms, knives greater than 2 inches in length and pepper spray from entering the Justice Building.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-06-11-003 (2019060449)
As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF TIPPY/CHAPMAN PUBLIC MEETING:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, noted for public record, the Tippy/Chapman Regional Sewer District public hearing with IDEM date of June 13 was circulated in error. Miner stated the correct date and time of the Tippy/Chapman public hearing is June 26 from 6 pm to 9 pm at the North Webster Community Center. Miner addressed the media and requested circulation of the correct date and time. It was also noted that the incorrect date had been published by IDEM in error, not through anyone's negligence at the local level.

IN THE MATTER OF SYRACUSE PUBLIC LIBRARY APPOINTMENT:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented a recommendation of the Syracuse Public Library to appoint Dawn Burns to serve on the Syracuse Library Board.

MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Robert Conley
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the recommendation to appoint Dawn Burns to serve on the Syracuse Library Board.

IN THE MATTER OF CREATIVE BENEFIT SOLUTIONS LLC AGREEMENT:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented the agreement renewal with Creative Benefit Solutions, which is the company the county contracts with regarding health care benefits. McSherry stated the renewal contains an increase from \$3,000 to \$3,500 per month and will be in effect from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021.

MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Robert Conley
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the contract renewal with Creative Benefit Solutions at a rate of \$3,500 per month from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021.

IN THE MATTER OF JUSTICE BUILDING BOILER/CHILLER LOOP TREATMENT:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented a proposal from CORE Mechanical Services Inc. in the amount of \$23,827.00 to drain and replace the glycol solution, which McSherry stated is a necessary treatment following the mechanical repairs that were needed during the previous winter's polar vortex.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the proposal from CORE Mechanical Services Inc. in the amount of \$23,827.00 to drain and replace the glycol solution in the chiller and boiler loop system at the Justice Building.

IN THE MATTER OF REAL PROPERTY ENDORSEMENT FEE ORDINANCE:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, presented an ordinance to update a property endorsement fee, which is collected by the Auditor. Puckett stated the State recently amended Indiana Code 36-2-9-18 to increase the current fee of \$5.00 per deed to \$10.00 per deed, effective July 1, 2019.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the ordinance increasing the Auditor's property endorsement fee from \$5.00 per deed to \$10.00 per deed, as directed by IC 36-2-9-18.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-06-11-001 (2019060448)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF NAPPANEE PUBLIC LIBRARY-CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, presented a conflict of interest disclosure form on behalf of the Nappanee Public Library, stating the library has indicated one of their board members, Brad Newcomer, has a conflict of interest, being that he owns an engraving business that occasionally contracts with the library for plaques.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the conflict of interest disclosure between Nappanee Public Library and Brad Newcomer.

IN THE MATTER OF NON PROFIT 2020 BUDGET REQUESTS:

The following Non Profit organizations appeared before the Commissioners to request funding for the 2020 budget year:

- ❖ **St. Joe River Basin** – Matt Meersman, Director, stated the St. Joe River Basin is essentially an agency, created by the State of Indiana to provide a forum for the discussion, study and evaluation of water resource issues, such as water quality and drainage. Kosciusko County is 1 of 6 counties that have land that drains to the St. Joe River Basin. Since the state statute mandates how much each county is to contribute, based on a percentage of how much drainage is contributed, Meersman stated the 6% that Kosciusko County is directed to contribute calculates to \$3,492, which is the same as last year's request, since no changes were made to the operating budget. Meersman continued, stating the State has increased support and counties can expect to see some more resources available in the future.
- ❖ **Historical Society** – Jerry Black, Treasurer, stated the 75th anniversary of D-Day display was a success and they are looking forward to future events scheduled, such as the log cabin set up at the fair and the paranormal festival. Black continued, stating although interest is shown

in several projects the museum offers, there has been a decline in memberships as well as donations. In addition, Black stated the 3rd floor furnace and A/C was replaced this year. For these reasons, Black stated, the requesting for 2020 is \$24,000, which is an increase of \$1,000 from last year.

- ❖ **4-H Council** – Mindy Wise, Youth Development Educator, introduced new community wellness coordinator, Nathan Miller, whom Wise stated will be working to assess the health needs within the community and partnering with local organizations to best meet those needs. Wise gave an update of projects and events, including the landscaping design project taking shape at the fairgrounds. In addition, Wise stated although enrollment numbers were down slightly this year, they are working to expand programs and are discussing how to meet the needs of the youth in the community. The requested amount submitted for 2020 was \$44,347.
- ❖ **Cardinal Services** – Randy Hall, President/CEO, presented a request for support for the following 3 of the many programs they provide;
 - Headstart – serves children in classroom settings across the county whose families are generally living below the poverty level, some live with grandparents or in foster care, many receive mental health treatment and a large percentage have been assigned an IEP (individual education plan) after being diagnosed with a delay or disability.
 - Career links- assists with employment for people who are either physically or mentally disabled and/or debilitated by a life occurrence, sometimes working with students still in high school and sometimes later in life, following some sort of setback.
 - KABS- provides transportation to and from work, medical and dental appointments, and other various needs for low income individuals.
The total requested amount submitted for 2020 was \$102,921.
- ❖ **Home Health Care** – Glenn Hall, Administrator, stated the purpose of the program is to help patients remain in their homes for as long as possible. Hall expressed that United Way funding was cut from the next budget year, which created a challenge as well as not being selected as a preferred provider through Lutheran Health Network, due to the fact that they only service patients within Kosciusko County.
The requested amount submitted for 2020 was \$49,200.
- ❖ **Beaman Home** - Kacey Anderson, Associate Director, stated the Beaman Home, which is a residential facility that provides meals, job searches, therapy, empowerment programs, recovery programs for children and much more will reach its 35th year of serving Fulton, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties. Anderson continued, stating although state and federal grants have made significant cuts for utilities, food and transportation, Beaman Home is expanding programs such as providing 2 hours of childcare to allow for job interviews or doctor appointments. In addition, Anderson stated the need for services in our community continues to grow.
The requested amount submitted for 2020 was \$40,000.
- ❖ **Council on Aging** – David Neff, Executive Director of Kosciusko County Senior Services, stated the purpose of their organization is to enable seniors to remain in their homes for as long as possible. Neff described their 3 main programs as follows:
 - Home Meal Delivery- approximately 85 meals are delivered to homes daily, which includes a wellness check-sometimes the volunteer is the only person to see the senior that day and when necessary help is called for the senior
 - Transportation- 5 vehicles meet the needs of seniors, providing rides to doctor appointments, shopping and other necessary travel
 - Senior Activity Center- provides seniors with hot meals and camaraderie

In conclusion, Neff listed some of the many things available to seniors such as Medicare advice, foot care, field trips, crafts, quilt presentations for veterans and much more. The requested amount submitted for 2020 was \$35,000.

- ❖ **Animal Shelter** – No one was present

- ❖ **Bowen Center** – Kurt Carlson, President/CEO, presented the 2018 annual report showing the breakdown of expenditures and stated one of the center’s current projects is a federal qualified health care clinic, which is projected to be available by the end of this year.

Matt Graham, Director, talked about the partnership the center has formed with the school systems, stating within 2 hours of a child’s need being reported, someone is there to assist with the crisis. Graham continued, stating they offer suicide interventions and provide educational programs on emotional wellness. In addition, Graham listed some of the substance use and recovery programs available through the jail programs. The requested amount submitted for 2020 was \$635,212-\$660,620.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS June 25, 2019

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on June 25, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Cary Groninger - President	Chad Miner – County Attorney
Brad Jackson-Vice-President	Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Robert Conley	Marsha McSherry – County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF 2019 SENIOR HUB GRANT:

Dan Hampton, County Prosecutor, presented the 2019 Senior HUB grant agreement for signature, stating it is a non-matching grant in the amount of \$20,000, that the county has been awarded in the past in order for IV-D and prosecutor staff who offer clerical support to outside prosecutors who fill in when a conflict of interest arises in child support collection.

MOTION: Robert Conley	TO: Approve the 2019 Senior HUB grant
SECOND: Brad Jackson	agreement in the amount of \$20,000 for
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0	clerical support to outside prosecutors who fill
UNANIMOUS	in when a conflict of interest arises in child
	support collection.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLANNING COMMISSION-FILING FEES ORDINANCE:

Matt Sandy, Area Planning, presented an ordinance amendment, requesting a change in the current fee schedule. Sandy stated the Area Planning Commission has determined the fees, which were most recently increased in 2000, do not adequately cover the cost of the required advertising of public hearings. Sandy continued, stating filing fees as well as permit fees were reviewed and changes to both were recommended by a 6-1 vote, the 1 vote disagreeing with the changes suggested in permit fees, but otherwise in agreement.

There was a brief discussion regarding both options and the changes in filing fees and permit fees submitted and the cost increases supporting the increases requested.

MOTION: Robert Conley	TO: Approve ordinance amendment to
SECOND: Brad Jackson	increase filing fees as presented. It should be
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0	noted: Increases in permit fees were not
UNANIMOUS	included in the approval.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-6-25-001 (2019061143)
As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF PROCUREMENT POLICY RESOLUTION:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented a resolution to adopt a county procurement policy, stating such a document, which is recommended by a state agency, is designed to govern

purchasing procedures by various departments. Miner stated the policy specifically addresses the requirements for purchasing services, goods and materials, based on the amount and type of purchase.

There was a brief discussion regarding the details contained in the policy such as price brackets, quote requirements, and Commissioner approvals. In addition, Miner stated, purchases of supplies would fall under a special exception to provide the most cost effective savings.

MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Robert Conley
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve Procurement Policy, as presented, effective September 1, 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-6-25-002 (2019061163)
As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF BELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY APPOINTMENT-LARRY YEITER:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented a certificate of appointment, on behalf of the Bell Memorial Library, reappointing Larry Yeiter to the board.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the appointment of Larry Yeiter to the Bell Memorial Library Board.

IN THE MATTER OF JAIL REPAIRS-ENTRY STEPS AND CONCRETE RAMP:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented quotes from Butt & Timmons in the amounts of \$18,961 to reset the existing granite steps and replace top landing concrete at the north jail entry and \$13,871 to replace ramp concrete at jail entry for handicap accessibility. McSherry stated Butt & Timmons was the only quote as well as the only company available to do the work at this time.

MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Robert Conley
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the quote from Butt & Timmons in the amounts of \$18,961 to reset the existing granite steps and replace top landing concrete at the north jail entry and \$13,871 to replace ramp concrete at jail entry for handicap accessibility.

IN THE MATTER OF JAIL ELEVATOR REPAIR:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, stated the jail elevator is currently not working. McSherry presented a quote from KONE in the amount of \$78,174.60 as well as a quote from Schindler Elevator Corporation in the amount of \$99,510 and recommended the Commissioners consider the lower quote from KONE in the amount of \$78,174.60.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the quote from KONE in the amount of \$78,174.60 to repair the jail elevator.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
July 23, 2019

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on July 23, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Cary Groninger - President
Brad Jackson-Vice-President
Robert Conley

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Marsha McSherry – County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF PRENATAL GRANT REQUEST:

Bob Weaver, Health Department, came before the Commissioners and presented the annual prenatal grant request, in the amount of \$44,291, stating the grant is available through the Indiana State Department of Health and it is used for salary of the community health employee. Weaver continued, stating this will be the 30th year of applying for this grant.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the prenatal grant request in the amount of \$44,291 for salary of community health employee.

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF NON PROFIT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2020 BUDGET:

There was a brief discussion regarding the obligation of the Commissioner's to provide a non profit recommendation for the 2020 budget to the Council. It was discussed that many non profit organizations are losing their funding but the requests submitted appear to be consistent with increases typically granted. It was noted the St. Joseph River Basin did not ask for an increase, due to an individual adjustment made last year, and the Bowen Center increase is mandated by the State.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve a recommendation of a 2% increase across the board, with the exception of the St. Joseph River Basin, to be left as is, and the Bowen Center, to be granted a 4% increase, as mandated by the State.

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

Groninger Abstained

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF 2020 CALENDAR ADOPTION:

A preliminary 2020 calendar, provided by the County Auditor based on prior years, was presented for review, noting the only change was in the Commissioner's December meeting schedule, putting two meetings one week apart, due to the Christmas Holiday.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the County's 2020 Calendar, as presented.

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF REPORT REGARDING ANIMAL CONTROL INCIDENT:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, prepared and presented a report regarding an incident on July 19, 2019. Facts regarding the matter, as reported to Attorney Miner, were presented as follows:

- Animal Control Officer, Jerry Clase, was summoned to a property in Etna Green, following a complaint from a person residing at the property, that a severely ill looking dog had growled at and attempted to bite them
- Officer Clase, who was met by the landlord of the property, was led to a garage at the back of the property
- The garage door was open and inside, a dog, with an open sore of approximately a 6-8" diameter, hanging down 2-3", was observed by Officer Clase, along with blood and watery blood, believed to be the dog's
- Officer Clase took the dog into his custody and euthanized it, which Officer Clase stated he believed was necessary to avoid prolonged suffering
- The dog's owner contacted Officer Clase, later that day, and inquired about the dog as well as any trouble she may incur, as a result of the dog's condition
- Miner spoke with Officer Clase, the dog's owner, and the landlord of the property
- It was also noted that Commissioner Jackson contacted the dog's owner but the owner refused to speak with Jackson prior to today's scheduled meeting

- At the Commissioners' request, the Indiana State Police inquired into the situation and did not find any criminal conduct on the part of Officer Clase
- Relevant provisions from the Personnel Policy Handbook were reviewed and upon Attorney Miner conferring with Waggoner Irwin Scheele & Associates, Inc. (the County's human resource consultant), an appropriate range of discipline was suggested to be between a written reprimand and up to a five day suspension without pay

MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Robert Conley
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
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TO: Approve 5 day suspension without pay, as disciplinary action for Mr. Clase in regard to him not attempting to notify the property owner prior to the incident as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF ANIMAL CONTROL POLICY:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented *A Policy Regarding Abandoned or Neglected Animals and Injured Animals*, stating the document has been revised from the one reviewed at the last meeting due to changes in the law, which took effect July 1, 2019.

Miner stated the proposed policy contains directives for the animal control officer to follow when a domestic animal is found to be abandoned, neglected or injured, all of which include making every reasonable effort to contact the owner of the animal. Other directives include releasing the animal to the local animal shelter, seeking veterinary care when determined to be appropriate and consulting law enforcement officers when making a determination to euthanize under specified circumstances. In addition, Miner stated, although the proposed policy could be adopted as presented, it would require additional work to prepare a list of available veterinarians, along with a fee schedule, when such a list becomes available.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
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TO: Approve *A Policy Regarding Abandoned or Neglected Animals and Injured Animals* with the revision of Sec. 2 stating if the animal is suffering from illness or injury, then it should be taken to a listed veterinarian.

IN THE MATTER OF TURKEY CREEK REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT EXPANSION:

Andrew Boxberger, Turkey Creek Regional Sewer District Attorney, presented an Application for *Inclusion of Territory in the Turkey Creek Regional Sewer District*, stating as a follow up to the previous Commissioner's Meeting where approval was granted subject to specific verbiage regarding additions not being forced to connect. Boxberger stated he and County Attorney, Miner, are in agreement with the application, as presented for approval. Attorney Miner concurred.

MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Robert Conley
AYES: NAYS:
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the *Application for Inclusion of Territory in the Turkey Creek Regional Sewer District* as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE COMMISSIONERS:

Kelly Bolenbaugh, Angie Wright, Trisha LeCount and Tracey Miner came before the Commissioners to discuss the animal control incident, as referenced above. Bolenbaugh presented a packet of information for the Commissioners to consider and after some discussion, it was suggested that given the quantity of documents presented and given the nature of Bolenbaugh's concerns that Bolenbaugh should follow up with Attorney Miner, and Miner offered to meet with Bolenbaugh following the meeting to review the information presented.

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

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on August 6, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Cary Groninger - President
Brad Jackson-Vice-President
Robert Conley

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor

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

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REQUESTS-PETIT & GRAND JURY AND JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVE INCENTIVE (JDAI) GRANT:

Judge David Cates, came before the Commissioners and presented ordinance amendment requests, stating both the DOC policy for Petit and Grand Jury claims and the grant agreement for the JDAI grant, support gratuity allowance. Cates stated, although he understands county ordinance prohibits the inclusion of gratuity on standard claims, since there are specific allowances established for both jury and JDAI, he requested amendments to include gratuity.

MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Robert Conley
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
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TO: Approve ordinance amendments to include gratuity on claims presented for Petit & Grand Jury and JDAI grant funds.

Petit & Grant Jury

ORDINANCE NO. 19-08-06-001 (2019080199)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

JDAI Grant

ORDINANCE NO. 19-08-06-002 (2019080200)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF KABS-2ND QUARTER CLAIMS & LIMITED POA REQUEST:

Amanda Landis, KABS Director, came before the Commissioners with the INDOT Contract Invoice for reimbursement period April 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019. The amount of reimbursement being requested is \$42,991 for the State share portion and \$102,310 for the Federal share portion. Landis stated KABS was able to provide 15,366 rides in the first quarter of 2019, which Landis stated is up slightly from what is typical this time of year.

In addition, Landis presented limited power of attorney forms, for the purpose of registering and plating the two new 2019 buses, just received.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
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TO: Approve the quarterly contract invoice report in the amounts of \$42,991 for the State share portion and \$102,310 for the Federal share portion, as well as approve the limited power of attorney documents for the purpose of registering and plating the new 2019 buses.

IN THE MATTER OF GRANT REQUESTS-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, came before the Commissioners, stating following the last grant application approved for submission through the State Homeland Security Grant Program, Rock was informed that more than one grant could be applied for. With only a few days between Rock receiving the notification and the deadline to submit applications, Rock stated he decidedly submitted three additional applications, based upon information he had already obtained regarding the needs of local response agencies.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
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TO: Approve the three grant application requests, through the State Homeland Security Grant Program, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF SALARY:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, gave a brief overview of the sheriff's salary, which Miner stated is on the Council's August 8, 2019 agenda. Miner presented affirmation that state statute provides two options for sheriff compensation; one includes a county contract and the other does not.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCES CREATING DONATION FUNDS:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, presented donation fund ordinances for the following programs:

- Teen Court
- JCAP (Jail Chemical Addiction Program)
- Camp Hero

Miner stated, with members of the community having shown an interest in contributing monetarily to these programs, creating specific donation funds would allow the programs to receive donations, which would benefit said programs.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve ordinances creating donation

SECOND: Brad Jackson

funds for Teen Court, JCAP and Camp Hero,

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as presented.

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Teen Court

ORDINANCE NO. 19-08-06-003 (2019080201)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

JCAP

ORDINANCE NO. 19-08-06-004 (2019080202)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

Camp Hero

ORDINANCE NO. 19-08-06-005 (2019080203)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF 2020 FIRE DISTRICT 2 GRANT REQUEST:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, presented the 2020 Fire District 2 grant request in the amount of \$61,860. Puckett introduced Darrell Eiler, South Bend Fire Fighter, who extended his appreciation to the Commissioners for their assistance with the grant, stating he has been the district's representative for 10 of the past 12 years the grant has been utilized. Eiler stated the grant is used to fund local training by compensating training instructors, providing lumber and materials for live fire training and maintaining Warsaw's mobile training center. Eiler continued, stating 26 students are currently preparing to start classes in Kosciusko County, 28 students just finished training in Goshen and Rochester will soon be training 26 students. In conclusion, Eiler stated the classes provide certifications in Fire Fighter 1 & 2 courses, hazmat operations & technical rescue awareness training for both full-time and volunteer fire fighters.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve the 2020 Fire District 2 Grant in

SECOND: Brad Jackson

the amount of \$61,860.

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IN THE MATTER OF LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING- US 6 AT SR 13:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, presented a letter of understanding with INDOT, for an unofficial detour route, due to an intersection improvement at US 6 and SR 13 with the junction of CR 33 in Elkhart County. Tilden stated although the project will take place in Elkhart County, INDOT is requesting Kosciusko County's inclusion in the unofficial detour. The route, Tilden stated, will begin on CR 127 at the US 6 intersection, traveling south on CR 127 into Kosciusko County, which is CR 300E, continuing onto 1300N into Syracuse.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the letter of understanding with

SECOND: Robert Conley

INDOT for an unofficial detour route as

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presented.

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IN THE MATTER OF SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE-CR 850E & ADAMS ROAD:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, presented an ordinance, requesting the speed limit on CR 850E, between CR 150N and Adams Road, as well as Adams Road, between CR 850E and CR 900E, be reduced to 35 mph, due to a sharp “S” curve. The curve, Tilden stated, will be marked with signage and with the current speed limit of 55 mph, it would seem more appropriate to reduce the speed limit to 35 mph before the “S” curve signage, taking the speed limit to 20 mph.

MOTION:	Brad Jackson	TO: Approve ordinance reducing speed to 35	
SECOND:	Robert Conley	mph on CR 850E between CR 150N and	
AYES:	3	NAYS: 0	Adams Road as well as Adams Road between
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ORDINANCE NO. 19-08-06-006 (2019080204)
As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF NO TRUCKS SIGN ORDINANCE-WRAY STREET:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, presented an ordinance, requesting “No Trucks” signs be placed onto Wray Street in Atwood, between Main Street and Hovey Street. Tilden stated trucks are unable to make the turns on Wray Street, without driving into property owners yards.

MOTION:	Brad Jackson	TO: Approve ordinance for “No Trucks” signs	
SECOND:	Robert Conley	to be placed on Wray Street in Atwood,	
AYES:		NAYS:	between Main Street and Hovey Street.
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ORDINANCE NO. 19-08-06-007 (2019080205)
As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS:

- Kelly Bolenbaugh, as recognized from the last Commissioner meeting, returned and inquired as to what progress has been made regarding the animal control ordinance and when it is expected to become policy. Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated the ordinance, which was adopted at the July 23, 2019 Commissioner meeting, became effective July 23, 2019 and is only projected to be revised as a list of veterinarians becomes available.

There was a brief discussion regarding the contents of the policy. Bolenbaugh requested a comparison of the policy to state law, at which time the Commissioners referred Bolenbaugh to County Attorney, Chad Miner, noting Bolenbaugh had been encouraged to speak with Attorney Miner at the July 23rd meeting regarding her concerns, but confirmed Bolenbaugh had not yet done so.

Following multiple eruptions, after Commissioner Conley called for “Point of Order”, a courthouse security officer suggested Bolenbaugh conclude her time at the podium.

Commissioner Jackson requested Attorney Miner review the current job description of the animal control officer as well as the animal control policy, and to confirm that they are both compliant with state law. Miner agreed to return to the Commissioners with any discrepancies.

- Roxanne Coffelt came before the Commissioners and shared concerns regarding the contents of the animal control policy as well as inquired as to the type of training animal control officers obtain to determine the condition or prognosis of an animal in order to make a decision to euthanize.
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Being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned.