

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 4, 2022

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on January 4, 2022 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	Ed Ormsby-County Attorney
Brad Jackson-Vice President	Michelle Puckett – County Auditor
Robert Conley-Member	Marsha McSherry – County Administrator

Brad Jackson participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

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

IN THE MATTER OF REPRECINCTING UPDATE-CLERK:

Ann Torpy, County Clerk, presented an update, stating in 2018 an establishment order was done by the Commissioners to amend some of the city precincts so they follow the county common council district lines. The election division and the census data office approved those and they were put into effect for the 2019 and 2020 elections. During the redistricting process, the office of census data presents the Indiana legislators with maps so they can do their redistricting and unfortunately, they provided our 2018 maps, which took the work we had done to redistrict in 2019 and 2020 back to 2018. To correct it, we have to go through a process similar to what was done in 2018 and since some of the laws have changed with the way a precinct is created, some of the Warsaw precincts have to be consolidated into one.

Mayor Thallemer commended Torpy for the work she is doing to assist the City of Warsaw with the process of redistricting.

IN THE MATTER OF 2022 SENIOR PROSECUTOR HUB COOPERATIVE GRANT AGREEMENT RENEWAL:

Dan Hampton, County Prosecutor, presented a request to apply for the 2022 Senior HUB grant, stating as in previous years, the purpose of the grant is to compensate case worker service for the Senior Prosecutors in child support cases who have conflicts through the northern part of Indiana.

MOTION: Robert Conley	TO: Approve the request to apply for the
SECOND: Brad Jackson	2022 Senior HUB grant as presented.
AYES: 3	NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS	

IN THE MATTER OF 2023 JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES (JDAI) GRANT REQUEST:

Judge Karin McGrath presented a request to apply for the 2023 JDAI grant in the amount of \$55,000 for alternatives to detention programming and \$15,000 for implementation. This would be the 5th year the grant had been utilized to support the only local program designed to help keep our youth from detention facilities.

MOTION: Robert Conley	TO: Approve the request to apply for the
SECOND: Brad Jackson	2023 JDAI grant as presented.
AYES: 3	NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS	

IN THE MATTER OF AIA AGREEMENT-PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT:

Commissioner Groninger, presented an AIA Agreement with Ransbottom Excavating for the site work on the tower locations. Groninger stated other than a change of date, legal counsel had no objection to the document presented.

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

TO: Approve the AIA Agreement with Ransbottom Excavating for the site work on the tower locations and authorization for President Groninger to sign.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS January 18, 2022

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on January 18, 2022 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	Ed Ormsby-County Attorney
Brad Jackson-Vice President	Michelle Puckett – County Auditor
Robert Conley-Member ABSENT	Marsha McSherry – County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSARY REPORT-SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

Kyle Dukes, County Sheriff, presented the Commissary Report from July to December 2021.

Purchases listed in the Commissary Report include the following:

- 3 police vehicles totaling \$68,081.00, which included the trade-in values of some older vehicles
- Carpet for the sheriff and jail offices, as well as work release at a cost of \$39,000.00
- Custom jail kitchen conveyor belt replacement for \$9,870.85
- Office furniture totaling \$10,542.27
- 11 special order chairs, which are built wide enough to accommodate jail staff and deputy sheriffs with their gun belts and gear at a cost of \$6,044.92
- Jail officer tasers, with batteries totaling \$9,551.77
- Field equipment and uniforms for newly appointed deputies

The current balance is \$214,927.72.

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) REQUESTS:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, requested approval to issue RFP's for replacing the fire alarm system in the justice building under the procurement policy and for replacing the shower walls and floors in the jail.

MOTION: Brad Jackson	TO: Approve the request to issue RFP's for replacing the fire alarm system in the justice building under the procurement policy and for replacing the shower walls and floors in the jail.
SECOND: Cary Groninger	
AYES: 2 NAYS: 0	
UNANIMOUS	

IN THE MATTER OF TRUCK PURCHASE-HIGHWAY:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, presented a request to purchase a 2022 Chevrolet Silverado from Lakeside Chevrolet, at a cost of \$43,953.00, which was the lowest bid received. The purchase would be paid from the 2022 budget.

MOTION: Brad Jackson	TO: Approve the purchase a 2022 Chevrolet Silverado from Lakeside Chevrolet, at a cost of \$43,953.00, from the 2022 budget.
SECOND: Cary Groninger	
AYES: 2 NAYS: 0	
UNANIMOUS	

IN THE MATTER OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH CITY OF WARSAW-HIGHWAY:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, presented an MOU with the City of Warsaw regarding snow removal and road maintenance, with ensures all roads within the county are covered. No changes were made to the contract agreed upon for 2021, other than it will be extended for 3 years.

MOTION: Brad Jackson TO: Approve the MOU with the City of
 SECOND: Cary Groninger Warsaw regarding snow removal and
 AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 road maintenance as presented.
 UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR BID DATE:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, requested a bid deadline date of February 15, 2022, at 9:15 am, to accept bids for repaving Old Road 30 and Old Road 15, under Community Crossing 2021-2, which is a matching grant we were awarded.

MOTION: Brad Jackson TO: Accept February 15, 2022 at 9:15 as the
 SECOND: Cary Groninger deadline to accept bids for repaving Old
 AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 Road 30 and Old Road 15.
 UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-AREA PLANNING:

Matt Sandy, Area Planning, presented an ordinance amendment regarding roof-mounted solar systems, stating as is typical when guidelines are established, it is sometimes discovered that amendments are necessary to encompass unforeseen circumstances. In this case, the ordinance ended up being too restrictive for businesses to add roof-mounted solar systems they are wanting to operate.

The Planning Commission unanimously recommended to recommend the amendment.

MOTION: Brad Jackson TO: Accept the recommendation of the
 SECOND: Cary Groninger Planning Commission to amend the
 AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 ordinance regarding roof-mounted solar
 UNANIMOUS systems as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-01-18-001 (2022010845)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

In addition, Matt Sandy gave a brief Comprehensive Plan update, stating it is moving along well. A presentation to come before the Commissioners, is anticipated in March/April, and information is still being gathered to help identify areas where development is needed.

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING REQUEST-HYDE:

Dan Richard, Plan Commission Director, presented a request to rezone 9 acres, located west of Warsaw near CR 125N, from Agricultural to Agricultural II, stating temporary provisions were made to support the addition of a mobile home on the property several years ago. This change will allow for a more permanent solution to what the petitioner already has, and it was the unanimous recommendation of the Area Planning Commission to allow the rezoning from Agricultural to Agricultural II.

Charles Hyde, Petitioner, stated he is requesting the change be permanent so his son, who lives on the property, can continue to care for him. His son was also present in support of the request.

With no one present to speak against the request, the Commissioners closed the meeting to the public.

MOTION: Brad Jackson TO: Accept the recommendation of the Area
 SECOND: Cary Groninger Planning Commission to allow the rezoning
 AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 from Agricultural to Agricultural II as
 UNANIMOUS presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-01-18-002 (2022010846)

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IN THE MATTER OF REZONING REQUEST-LILLY & POWELL:

Dan Richard, Plan Commission Director, presented a request to rezone 5 acres, located on the north side of CR 900N, just east of CR 500E, from Agricultural to Agricultural II, stating there is a single-family residence on the property and the intention is to create a 2-lot subdivision. It was the unanimous recommendation of the Area Planning Commission to allow the rezoning from Agricultural to Agricultural II.

Anthony of Shiphewana Homes stated the property was inherited by 2 sisters and because the back of the property is not suitable for tilling, they want to add a second residence.

With no one present to speak against the request, the Commissioners closed the meeting to the public.

MOTION:	Brad Jackson	TO:	Accept the recommendation of the Area
SECOND:	Cary Groninger	Planning Commission to allow the rezoning	from Agricultural to Agricultural II as
AYES:	2	NAYS:	0
UNANIMOUS			presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-01-18-003 (2022010847)

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IN THE MATTER OF REZONING REQUEST-TUBBS:

Dan Richard, Plan Commission Director, presented a request to rezone 1.56 acres, located along Frontage Road, just to the north of US 30, from Industrial II to Commercial. Richard stated the property is currently being used as the Honda shop and for the purpose of financing, the zoning must match the use of the property. Since the use is compatible with all the properties surrounding it, it was the unanimous recommendation of the Area Planning Commission to allow the rezoning from Industrial II to Commercial.

George Edward Tubbs, Petitioner, was present to support the request.

With no one present to speak against the request, the Commissioners closed the meeting to the public.

MOTION:	Brad Jackson	TO:	Accept the recommendation of the Area
SECOND:	Cary Groninger	Planning Commission to allow the rezoning	from Industrial II to Commercial as
AYES:	2	NAYS:	0
UNANIMOUS			presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-01-18-004 (2022010848)

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 1, 2022

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on February 1, 2022 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	Ed Ormsby-County Attorney
Brad Jackson-Vice President	Michelle Puckett – County Auditor
Robert Conley-Member	Marsha McSherry – County Administrator

Brad Jackson participated in the meeting through video conferencing. For clarity, each vote was made by roll call vote.

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

Bill Holder was recognized for being awarded the Kosciusko County Chamber of Commerce's County Government Excellence Award and for his work and service here at the County in the GIS Department over 23 years.

IN THE MATTER OF VETERAN OF THE MONTH-ROGER ALLEN GELBAUGH:

Darryl McDowell, Veteran Service Officer, introduced Veteran of the Month, Roger Allen Gelbaugh, stating born December 7, 1941 in Warsaw, to Adam and Esther. Gelbaugh was the only son of the couple's 3 children. He attended Warsaw High School and joined the US Army on October 28, 1963.

Gelbaugh did his basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, followed by Advanced Military Training (AIT) in Fort Riley, Kansas, and was later assigned to HHC, 2nd Bn, 61st Infantry, Fifth United State Army, as a Heavy Anti-Armor Weapons Crewman (MOS 11H). Gelbaugh was trained to be a gunner on the 106 recoilless rifle and a radio communication operator. While on active duty, Sergeant Gelbaugh received numerous recognitions and honors, including Combat Infantry Badge, Vietnam Service Medal, Purple Heart, and the National Defense Service Medal. Gelbaugh was Honorably Discharged in October 1966, after serving 3 years in the United States Army, serving his country proudly during the Vietnam War Era. He then returned home to Warsaw and worked as a lineman, and later as a service tech, for United Telephone Company, until his retirement in 2000.

Gelbaugh married the love of his life, Nora Spradlin, in December 1967, and they have 2 children, Kelly, and Kevin, and 3 grandchildren. Today, at the age of 80 years young, the Gelbaughs still live in Winona Lake.

McDowell and the Commissioners thanked Gelbaugh for his service and presented him with a plaque.

Gelbaugh shared the following: On October 8, 1965, he should have not seen October 9th, as he was caught in an ambush on a search and destroy mission. He lost many dear friends that day. Back then, when you finished your tour and came home, you were expected to just go back into society and resume your life, and while most did, a few couldn't handle it and took their own lives. The counseling that is available has advanced significantly since then. The other time he came close to losing his life was with Covid-pneumonia in September of last year, when he spent 33 days in a Ft. Wayne hospital. He said he was so sick he was begging to die and then he had the experience of a lifetime, he and God had a conversation, and believe you me, it's real.

IN THE MATTER OF 2022 DNR GRANT REQUEST:

Shane Bucher, Sheriff's Office, presented a request to apply for the 2022 DNR grant in the amount of \$15,000, stating it is the same grant applied for in previous years. The grant is a little different than most, as it is half state and half federally funded, and the first half is disbursed as advance and the second half is reimbursement. The grant is used to enforce our lake patrol on Lakes Wawasee, Syracuse and Tippecanoe.

MOTION: Cary Groninger

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request to apply for 2022 DNR grant in the amount of \$15,000 as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF HELP PROGRAM COMMUNITY COORDINATOR-OCRA GRANT REQUEST:

Commissioner Cary Groninger, presented a request to apply for an OCRA grant in the amount of \$20,000, which will help pay part of the salary of the newly hired, Community Coordinator to operate the HELP Program in our community. This is something previously discussed and is presented for approval.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3
UNANIMOUS

NAYS: 0

TO: Approve the request to apply for an OCRA grant in the amount of \$20,000 as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF 2022 FINANCE BOARD PRESIDENT:

Rhonda Helser, County Treasurer, stated every year a president for the Board of Finance has to be selected and Commissioner Conley has agreed to continue as President.

IN THE MATTER OF 2022 BOARD OF FINANCE ORGANIZATION AND INVESTMENT POLICY:

Rhonda Helser, County Treasurer, presented the 2022 Board of Finance Organization and Investment Policy stating we had \$368,553.01 interest for 2021, which is a decrease of \$33,607.06 from 2020.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the 2022 Board of Finance Organization and Investment Policy as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF BOARD OF FINANCE-2021 CANCELLATION OF WARRANTS:

Rhonda Helser, County Treasurer, presented the 2021 Cancellation of Warrants, stating approval is necessary to cancel checks that are three years old and have not been cashed.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the 2021 Board of Finance Cancellation of Warrants as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF UNPAID LEAVE RELATED TO COVID-19 RESOLUTION:

Ed Ormsby, County Attorney, presented a resolution and policy for consideration for unpaid leave related to Covid-19 precautions for county employees. This will adjust the policy so employees may use up to 5 days of unpaid time for leave related to Covid-19, upon providing covid-test, and will be effective January 1.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the resolution and policy for consideration for unpaid leave related to Covid-19 precautions for county employees as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-02-01-001 (2022020029)

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IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) EXTENSION REQUEST:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, requested approval to extend the deadline to receive RFP's for replacing the shower walls and floors in the jail, until February 22, 2022.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the extension of the deadline to receive RFP's for replacing the shower walls and floors in the jail, until February 22, 2022

IN THE MATTER OF 1300N OVERPASS DRAWINGS-HIGHWAY:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, presented drawings for approval of the 1300N Project, one for the road and one for the bridge.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve both the road and bridge drawings of the 1300N Project as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF BRIDGE 161 LPA CONSULTING CONTRACT-HIGHWAY:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, presented an LPA consultant contract for right-of way services on Bridge 161, which is on CR 200S at SR15.

MOTION:	Robert Conley	TO: Approve the LPA consultant
SECOND:	Brad Jackson	contract for right-of way services on
AYES:	3	Bridge 161, which is on CR 200S at
	NAYS: 0	SR15 as presented.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS February 15, 2022

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on February 15, 2022 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	Ed Ormsby-County Attorney
Brad Jackson-Vice President	Michelle Puckett – County Auditor
Robert Conley-Member	Marsha McSherry – County Administrator

Brad Jackson participated in the meeting through video conferencing. For clarity, each vote was made by roll call vote.

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

IN THE MATTER OF KABS QUARTERLY CONTRACT INVOICE:

Tony Peterson, KABS General Manager, presented the quarterly INDOT Contract Invoice from October 1 through December 31, 2021, in the amount of \$170,161.00 for approval, stating only federal funds were used and since there are unspent federal funds available, the CARES grant agreement will continue well into 2022.

MOTION:	Robert Conley	TO: Approve the quarterly contract invoice
SECOND:	Brad Jackson	report in the amount of \$170,161.00 for the
AYES:	3	federal share portion.
	NAYS: 0	

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF HOOSIER ENDURING LEGACY PROGRAM (HELP):

Newly appointed Community Coordinator, Amy Roe was introduced to the Commissioners. She stated she is very excited to be a part of such a great program and is looking forward to working with the communities as they grow and develop.

IN THE MATTER OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE:

Katie Clark, Project Manager, Taylor Siefker Williams Designs, presented an update on the county's comprehensive plan development, which included the following:

- The project has been underway for almost a year with much of the focus on gathering information
- Roughly 15 separate comprehensive plans will be derived through this process, one for the county and one for each individual town participating
- Public participation and input has contributed significantly to the plans development
- Next steps include public review and recommendations, and then further review by boards and commissions, followed by Commissioner adoption and each community's adoption of the plan

IN THE MATTER OF EAST WEBSTER LAKE REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT:

Ken Jones, CEO, Jones Petrie Rafinski, presented the following information:

- Approximately 180 homes around the east side of Webster Lake are interested in developing a 4th sewer district, as all 3 of the existing districts have declined to expand their districts to include them

- A study was conducted indicating a need for a low-pressure system
- An agreement with Knapp Lake’s facility, which is located in Noble County but adjoins the northern edge of the neighborhood, would seem the most logical choice
- Knapp Lake overbuilt, as the area did not develop as was anticipated and is in favor of the project, which would require an intermediate treatment site
- The estimated non-construction cost of the project is around \$4.4M
- Similar to the Tippy/Chapman project, a rate has been targeted and the project would follow the same projection, where property owners would need to request a partnership with the county and would potentially request funding for the petition and all of its requirements, as well as legal counsel which would be roughly \$50-\$60K
- Information presented today is simply an introduction of the potential project and is intended only to encourage consideration, Jones plans return for an official request in the future

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

In addition to the above presentation, Ken Jones presented an update on the Tippy/Chapman RSD stating the project design is almost complete and all required permits are in. Since the board is made up of property owners, additions have been made according to their specific needs including placing the grinder pumps in convenient locations, as well as having the electrical system powering the grinder station owned by the district. \$40-41M is the current projected cost, bids are expected by June, and grant money and low interest USDA loans are being made available.

IN THE MATTER OF BID OPENINGS FOR PAVING UNDER THE COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, stated the roads selected under the Community Crossings 21-2 grant, which have been awarded at a 50/50 match are Old 15 from Milford to Leesburg, and Old 30 from the county line to SR 13. Moriarty along with Ed Ormsby, County Attorney, opened the bids submitted. The following were the results:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Brooks Construction	Old 30	\$782,464
Brooks Construction	Old 15	\$764,905
Phend & Brown	Old 30	\$707,704
Phend & Brown	Old 15	\$703,225

Moriarty made the recommendation to the Commissioners to take the bids under advisement and return to the March 1, 2022 meeting with his recommendation.

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING REQUEST-FALER:

Dan Richard, Plan Commission Director, presented a request to rezone 2 platted lots currently in a subdivision located in the area of the fish hatchery on Lake Wawasee, from Commercial to Residential, stating although the property was once used as a grocery store and then a residence, it is currently a vacant parcel as the structure was lost to a fire. It was the unanimous recommendation of the Area Planning Commission to allow the rezoning request.

Kelly Faler, Petitioner, stated the property has not been developed for over 20 years and had been on the market as a commercial property for a year when they decided to purchase it. It is their intension to use it to build a house, possibly 2.

With no one present to speak against the request, the Commissioners closed the meeting to the public.

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

TO: Accept the recommendation of the Area Planning Commission to allow the rezoning from Commercial to Residential as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-02-15-001 (2022020589)
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McDowell and the Commissioners thanked Christner for his service and presented him with a plaque.

Christner stated he received awards and things but the real heroes are the ones that didn't make it back. In conclusion, Christner stated he made bad choices for a number of years but his life changed when he began reading the Bible.

IN THE MATTER OF NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT UPDATE:

Ed Ormsby, County Attorney, presented an update on the opioid settlement, which the county previously agreed to participate in, stating the defendants are said to begin distributing funds to a national administrator on April 2, 2022 and money will start flowing to state and local governments in the second quarter of 2022.

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) EXTENSION REQUEST:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, requested approval to extend the deadline to receive RFP's for replacing the fire system in the Justice Building, until April 1, 2022.

MOTION:	Robert Conley	TO: Approve the extension of the deadline to
SECOND:	Brad Jackson	receive RFP's for replacing the fire system in
AYES:	3	NAYS: 0
		the Justice Building, until April 1, 2022
		UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF 2022 KCCRVC INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, stated it was the recommendation of County Council upon their review of the 2022 KCCRVC Inter-Local Agreement to include a \$500 fee to reimburse the county for costs incurred by the increased duties the Auditor has agreed to accept on behalf of the KCCRVC for office supplies. Puckett stated upon approval, she will present the revised agreement to the KCCRVC and if approved, will return to the Commissioners and Council for signatures.

MOTION:	Brad Jackson	TO: Accept the revision to the 2022 Inter-
SECOND:	Robert Conley	Local Agreement with the KCCRVC to
AYES:	3	NAYS: 0
		accommodate expenses as presented.
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IN THE MATTER OF UNOFFICIAL DETOUR ROUTE-SR 14 SMALL STRUCTURE REPLACEMENTS:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, presented a request of approval on behalf of INDOT, for an unofficial detour route from Peru Road to CR 1200S to Packerton Road for work on SR 14.

MOTION:	Robert Conley	TO: Approve the unofficial detour route from
SECOND:	Brad Jackson	Peru Road to CR 1200S to Packerton Road
AYES:	3	NAYS: 0
		for work on SR 14 as presented.
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IN THE MATTER OF BID RECOMMENATION-OLD 30 & OLD 15 COMMUNITY CROSSING PROJECT:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, presented the bid recommendation for Old 30 from the Whitley County Line to SR 13 and Old 15 from Leesburg to Milford, under the Community Crossing Project, stating the lowest bidder was Phend & Brown at \$1,410,339.

MOTION:	Robert Conley	TO: Accept the recommendation of
SECOND:	Brad Jackson	Phend & Brown at \$1,410,339 for the
AYES:	3	NAYS: 0
		Community Crossing project as
		presented.
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Being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 15, 2022

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Those present were:

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Brad Jackson-Vice President	Michelle Puckett – County Auditor
Robert Conley-Member	Marsha McSherry – County Administrator

Brad Jackson participated in the meeting through video conferencing. For clarity, each vote was made by roll call vote.

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

IN THE MATTER OF INFORMATION SHARING ACCESS AGREEMENT WITH FEMA-AREA PLANNING:

Matt Sandy, Area Planning, presented a 3-year agreement with FEMA, stating as participants in the national flood insurance program as well as the community rating system, FEMA requires a signed agreement which states we will not share the data with any party outside of FEMA's guidelines.

MOTION: Robert Conley	TO: Approve the 3-year Information Sharing
SECOND: Brad Jackson	Access Agreement with FEMA as presented.
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0	
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IN THE MATTER OF FLOOD CONTROL ORDINANCE REVISION:

Matt Sandy also presented a request for a comprehensive ordinance amendment to our flood control regulations stating DNR and FEMA have enacted some changes and upon review of their suggestions, an amended ordinance was created. The changes in the amendment include updated permit procedures, removal of cumulative improvement and clarification of pilings and fill. The Area Plan Commission voted 8-1 to adopt the amendment.

There was a discussion regarding floodways vs. flood plains and stronger requirements of the DNR. More information was needed regarding the specifics of these changes.

MOTION: Robert Conley	TO: Table for further review by Area Plan
SECOND: Brad Jackson	and the Commissioners.
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0	
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IN THE MATTER OF ARPA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION-LAUNCHPAD:

Cary Groninger presented the ARPA committee recommendation regarding a request for LaunchPad, which is a program hosted by the Kosciusko Chamber of Commerce for training and assistance in support for start-up as well as maintenance of existing child care facilities. The amount recommended was \$100,000, divided into \$25,000 increments over the next four years. This request has been presented to and was approved by County Council.

MOTION: Robert Conley	TO: Approve the ARPA committee
SECOND: Brad Jackson	recommendation to approve \$100,000,
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0	divided into \$25,000 increments over the
UNANIMOUS	next four years for the LaunchPad program,
	under the Kosciusko Chamber of Commerce.

IN THE MATTER OF ARPA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS-COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented the following ARPA committee recommendations for approval:

- Justice Building fire alarm system for \$200,000 to replace the existing system, which is functioning but is obsolete and no longer repairable
- Jail showers for \$120,000 for quartz flooring and sealant of the block walls
- Sophos MTR cybersecurity enhancement for \$36,105, which in addition to a \$40,000 homeland security grant, will cover the costs of additional cybersecurity
- Tower connectivity project for \$222,794.72 to connect REMC fiber to the 3 towers being placed throughout the county which will support microwave as well as fiber connection

McSherry stated the requests have been presented to and approved by County Council as well.

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

TO: Approve the ARPA committee recommendation to approve the 4 recommendations as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF PM'S FOR HVAC:

In accordance with the requirements of the county's procurement policy, Marsha McSherry presented annual plan maintenance agreement quotes for the HVAC units in all county buildings. CORE Mechanical Services submitted a quote in the amount of \$21,337 and EMCOR's came in at \$24,036. With a difference of \$2,699, McSherry recommended CORE Mechanical Services.

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

TO: Approve CORE Mechanical Services annual plan maintenance agreement in the amount of \$21,337.

IN THE MATTER OF JAIL SHOWER COATING QUOTES:

Marsha McSherry presented quotes for the specialized coating that will be applied to the jail showers under the ARPA funds as previously discussed. Bids were submitted by Northern Industrial Flooring at \$116,554.52. The other company a quote was requested from, Preferred Inc, declined to bid at this time. McSherry recommended Northern Industrial Flooring's bid of \$116,554.52 stating we have worked with them in the past.

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

TO: Approve Northern Industrial Flooring's bid of \$116,554.52 for coating applied to the jail showers.

IN THE MATTER OF OFFICE FURNITURE QUOTES:

In accordance with the requirements of the county's procurement policy, Marsha McSherry presented furniture quotes for 3 different areas. KDA Furniture submitted a quote in the amount of \$24,051.56, and Business Furnishings came in at \$25,790.03. McSherry recommended KDA Furniture in the amount of \$24,051.56.

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

TO: Approve KDA Furniture's bid of \$24,051.56 for furniture in 3 different areas.

IN THE MATTER OF CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT (CCD) AND CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUNDS:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, requested approval to advertise for the Cumulative Capital Development (CCD) and the Cumulative Bridge Fund Ordinances, stating each year our CCD rate is adjusted down through the tax rate process, thus allowing the adjustment of the rate.

Commissioners unanimously agreed to go forward with the advertising. No official vote was required.

IN THE MATTER OF 2022 KCCRVC INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT:

Following the approval of the KCCRVC and County Council to include a \$500 annual fee for expenses, Michelle Puckett, County Auditor presented the amended 2022 KCCRVC Inter-Local Agreement for official approval.

MOTION:	Robert Conley	TO: Accept the amended 2022 Inter-Local
SECOND:	Brad Jackson	Agreement with the KCCRVC to
AYES:	3	NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS		accommodate expenses as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY TRUCK PURCHASE:

On behalf of the County Highway, Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented a recommendation to purchase a 2022 Ram SSB Crewcab 4X4 from John Jones Police Pursuit Vehicles for \$46,530. This is the second lowest bid received, with the lowest bid not meeting all of the specs required.

MOTION:	Robert Conley	TO: Accept the recommendation to purchase
SECOND:	Brad Jackson	a 2022 Ram SSB Crewcab 4X4 from John
AYES:	3	NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS		Jones Police Pursuit Vehicles for \$46,530.

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING REQUEST-KRALIS:

Dan Richard, Plan Commission Director, presented a request to rezone 10 acres located SE of Oswego through the curves on Pound Road, almost across the road from Magical Meadows, from agricultural to agricultural II for the purpose of creating 2 additional tracks.

Richard stated the family would like to sell off some parcels and the planning commission gave a unanimous recommendation to allow the rezoning from agricultural to agricultural II.

Steve Snyder, Attorney for the Petitioner, stated he agreed with Richard's presentation, adding according to the Petitioner, approximately 8 residential structures have been constructed within a half a mile of the Petitioner just within the 6 years he has owned the property. The intention is to create 2 tracks, approximately 1.4 acres each, on the property his home is on, making it a 3-lot subdivision which of course is subject to review of the Plan Commission before it is approved

With no one present to speak in favor or against the request, the Commissioners closed the meeting to the public.

MOTION:	Robert Conley	TO: Approve the request to rezone 10 acres
SECOND:	Brad Jackson	located SE of Oswego through the curves on
AYES:	3	NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS		Pound Road, from agricultural to agricultural II, as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-03-15-002 (2022030648)
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

March 29, 2022

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on March 29, 2022 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	Ed Ormsby-County Attorney
Brad Jackson-Vice President	Michelle Puckett – County Auditor
Robert Conley-Member	Marsha McSherry – County Administrator
	ABSENT

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

IN THE MATTER OF KABS GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

Matt Boren, Cardinal Services Executive Director, introduced Chad Kaltenbach stating he is the recommendation selected to fill Tony Peterson's position as KABS general manager, as Tony has accepted another position within Cardinal Services.

There was a brief discussion regarding the on-site review of the KABS program as required under the grant agreement. Commissioner Groninger stated he had conducted the audit last week with Matt Boren and Tony Peterson and all areas of review appeared to be in good standing.

MOTION:	Robert Conley	TO: Accept the recommendation of Chad
SECOND:	Brad Jackson	Kaltenbach for the position of KABS general
AYES:	3	NAYS: 0
		manager.
		UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF INCLUSION OF TERRITORY-TIPPY/CHAPMAN REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT:

Steve Henschen, Jones Petrie Rafinski Corp, presented an application for inclusion of territory stating property owner, Lois Kunce, who lives at 234 EMS T25 LN, which is just outside of the district's boundaries, has requested to be included in the district due to an aging septic system and the proximity to the sewer lines being installed. Henschen stated the district board of directors has no objection to including the property since it is within 100 feet to connect to the system. Henschen explained upon Commissioner approval, the district can formally accept the inclusion and then IDEM will consider authorizing the expansion of the territory.

MOTION:	Brad Jackson	TO: Approve the application for inclusion of
SECOND:	Robert Conley	territory in the Tippy/Chapman Regional
AYES:	3	NAYS: 0
		Sewer District as presented.
		UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF 2023 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT REQUESTS:

Barry Andrew, Community Corrections Director, presented requests to apply for 2023 Community Corrections Drug Court and Home Detention grants.

MOTION:	Robert Conley	TO: Approve the requests to apply for 2023
SECOND:	Brad Jackson	Community Corrections Drug Court and
AYES:	3	NAYS: 0
		Home Detention grants as presented.
		UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF ANDERSON PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL:

On behalf of Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, Commissioner Groninger presented a quote in the amount of \$8,300 for both buildings for the year, stating no other bids were received and with the no increase in the rates from last year, the recommendation is to accept Anderson's quote.

MOTION:	Brad Jackson	TO: Approve Anderson Property
SECOND:	Robert Conley	Management for \$8,300.
AYES:	3	NAYS: 0
		UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF RAILROAD CROSSING CLOSURE UPDATE:

Ed Ormsby, presented a railroad crossing closure update stating an agreement with Norfolk Southern for the closing of the crossing at CR 400E was reached in November of last year. As agreed, the \$250,000 payment has been received and the closure work is due to be completed this summer, thus reducing the railroad closures at SR 13.

IN THE MATTER OF CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE & CUMULATIVE BRIDGE ORDINANCE:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, presented Cumulative Capital Development and Cumulative Bridge Ordinances for reestablishment, stating the ordinances are necessary during budget time to keep the dollars we are able to collect in taxes at the same level. If approved, Puckett concluded, the ordinances will allow for the flexibility when it is time to set the rate.

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

(CCD) ORDINANCE NO. 22-03-29-001 (2022031410)
As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

(CUM Bridge) ORDINANCE NO. 22-03-29-002 (2022031411)
As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 12, 2022

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on April 12, 2022 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	Ed Ormsby-County Attorney
Brad Jackson-Vice President	Michelle Puckett – County Auditor
Robert Conley-Member	Marsha McSherry – County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF VETERAN OF THE MONTH-DUSTIN C. MAYER:

Darryl McDowell, Veteran Service Officer, introduced Veteran of the Month, stating Dustin C. Mayer, was born August 16, 1974 in Goshen to Karen Boggs and Larry Mayer. He moved to the Ridinger Lake area in Pierceton Indiana in 1989 and lived with his grandparents, Billy and Donna Mayer. Much of his time was spent with his uncle Douglas and aunt Kristy Mayer and their sons, David and Daniel.

Mayer graduated from Whitko High School in 1993 and enlisted into the US Marine Corps in March of 1993 in Indianapolis. His basic training was conducted at San Diego, California, followed by Advanced Military Training (AIT), at Camp Pendleton, California. He then departed for additional schooling in Albany, Georgia and was later assigned to 3rd Battalion, 3rd Supply, 3rd Force Service Support Group (FSSG) at Camp Kinser in Okinawa, Japan. Some of his duties were to load naval ships and submarines for deployment. When he was not loading containers and count inventories, he spent time at the base Motor Pool using the mechanical skills he learned from family and friends growing up.

While on active duty, Private First-Class (E-2) Mayer received awards that included National Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and Overseas Ribbon. Mayer was Honorably Discharged Medically in March of 1995 from the Marine Corps after having been injured state side from a fall down a mountain several hundred feet on a training mission.

After serving his country proudly, Mayer returned home to Pierceton to follow in his grandfather's footsteps, becoming a certified Class A CDL milk hauler/sampler, delivering milk from farms to various dairies. Mayer was blessed, becoming a father to two beautiful daughters, Casandra and Breana. He was also blessed by a miracle in 2018, when he suffered a major heart attack and thanks to his wife Amy being a nurse, she saw him and knew what to do immediately to save his life. Mayer now lives in Warsaw with his wife, loves to travel and spend time learning and seeing new places, going to car and coffee events, and helping others.

McDowell and the Commissioners thanked Mayer for his service and presented him with a plaque.

Mayer stated “Through Christ, all things are possible, without Christ, nothing is possible”. He supports various organizations such as 22 Until None, Til Valhalla Project, and Freedom Hill Coffee Roasters, which are great organizations who help veterans realize they have something to live for, since an estimated 22 veterans are lost each day to suicide. Mayer loves our country and our county and is thankful for the recognition.

IN THE MATTER OF LAKELAND REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT-BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Jim Haney, President of the Board of Trustees for the Lakeland Regional Sewer District, presented the recommendation of Parke Smith and Michael Dewald continue to serve on the board, stating both have been on the board for many years, both serve as officers, and both have been instrumental in the success of the operation of the district.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the recommendation to reappoint Parke Smith and Michael Dewald to continue to serve on the Lakeland Regional Sewer Board.

IN THE MATTER OF HOOSIER ENDURING LEGACY PROGRAM (HELP):

Denny Spinner, Executive Directive of the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (ORCA), representing Lieutenant Governor, Suzanne Crouch, presented the following information of the HELP grant:

- The program is designed to support and sustain communities as they recover from the impacts of the covid pandemic and was created as a result of the many inquiries OCRA received regarding the spending guidelines of the ARPA funding available
- Through the program, participating communities will develop a strategic plan outlining ways of growth and sustainability over a 52-week span
- Multiple partnerships exist to assist with the process and plenty of tools are available to help navigate the many resources available
- Kosciusko County was chosen as a participant and have chosen Amy Roe as their Community Coordinator to facilitate the program and they look forward to what Kosciusko County is able to do with the program

IN THE MATTER OF KEDCO UPDATE:

Alan Tio, KEDCO CEO, presented a quarterly report, which included the following:

- The 2022 work plan is focused around entrepreneurship, housing, and talent
- A 4-year growth plan is underway to lay out the ideas of where we want to be in 4 years
- In operations, the town of Leesburg has joined the partnership with KEDCO
- The investments made to KEDCO are being used to build our private sector support
- Within the last 90 days KEDCO has begun hosting office hours for businesses who are experts in the areas of focus so those services are more easily utilized
- An ongoing series of events and meetings are planned to bring business and community leaders together for round-table discussions to help meet the needs and demands that support growth within the community
- Within the next 90 days, KEDCO is ready to launch the MedTech Accelerator Studio program, which is designed to start a partnership to support growth in the orthopedic community

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF’S OFFICE-GRANT REQUESTS:

Shane Bucher, Chief Deputy Sheriff, presented the following three grant requests:

- 1) **CHIRP-SAVE**, a federal reimbursement grant, in the amount of \$12,500 for the purpose of additional patrol of bus routes to help end stop arm violations
- 2) **Indiana Local Body Camera**, a state reimbursement matching grant, in the amount of \$16,000 to replenish some of the current body-worn cameras which are quickly reaching the end of their life-expectancy
- 3) **Small Rural Tribal Body Worn Camera**, a federal reimbursement matching grant, in the amount of \$4,900 for the same purpose as described above

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

TO: Approve all three grant requests as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF ADVANCED PRODUCTS GROUP MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented an annual maintenance agreement with Advanced Products Group (APG) in the amount of \$15,264, for the phone service.

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

TO: Approve the annual maintenance agreement with Advanced Products Group (APG) in the amount of \$15,264, for the phone service.

IN THE MATTER OF METRONET SERVICE AGREEMENT:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented a 10-year public safety communications project service agreement with MetroNet in the amount of \$825 per month, stating this is to connect our dispatch center with our central tower site at the highway department to make the system completely redundant. This will be a dark fiber connection and only be used by dispatch.

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

TO: 10-year public safety communications project service agreement with MetroNet in the amount of \$825 per month

IN THE MATTER OF BID OPENINGS-FIRE ALARM SYSTEM:

Ed Ormsby, County Attorney, presented the bids submitted for the fire alarm system. The following were the results:

Company	Total Bid
Korsen Fire & Security	\$89,748
Priority One	\$176,586

Ormsby stated the bids would be taken under consideration before a recommendation will be made.

IN THE MATTER OF INDOT LPA CONTRACT-BRIDGE #161-COUNTY HIGHWAY:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, requested approval on the INDOT LPA service agreement for the road right-of-way at bridge #161, which is on CR 200S over Walnut Creek.

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

TO: Approve the INDOT LPA service agreement for the road right-of-way at bridge #161 as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF 2021 ANNUAL OPERATIONAL REPORT-COUNTY HIGHWAY:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, presented the 2021 Annual Operational Report for Local Roads and Streets, and Bridges for approval, stating over 127 miles were touched in 2021, which is roughly 10% of the county's roads.

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

TO: Approve the 2021 Annual Operational Report for Local Roads and Streets and Bridges, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF INDOT EXCAVATOR PURCHASE-COUNTY HIGHWAY:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, requested approval to be added to the wait list for the purchase of a CAT 315 for \$245,900, which is a savings of \$45,586 by going through

Sourcewell Contracting and an additional \$25,832 savings through McAllister. The replacement of one of the county's two 2003 excavators was approved with the budget and with this excavator being just one size up from the current ones, the county should observe a cost savings by being able to do more of the small structure work in-house

MOTION: Robert Conley
 SECOND: Brad Jackson
 AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
 UNANIMOUS
 TO: Approve the purchase of a CAT 315 Excavator in the amount of \$245,900 as presented.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS April 26, 2022

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on April 26, 2022 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	Ed Ormsby-County Attorney
Brad Jackson-Vice President	Michelle Puckett – County Auditor
Robert Conley-Member	Marsha McSherry – County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF ABATE-MOTORCYCLE SAFETY MONTH PROCLAMATION:

Jerry Ganger, representative of ABATE of Indiana, presented a proclamation, requesting to declare May as motorcycle safety awareness month.

Commissioner President, Robert Conley read the Proclamation and asked for a motion declaring May Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

MOTION: Robert Conley
 SECOND: Cary Groninger
 AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
 UNANIMOUS
 TO: Accept the Proclamation declaring May Motorcycle Safety Awareness month.

IN THE MATTER OF FIRE ALARM SYSTEM-BID RECOMMENDATION:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, recommended the bid from Korsen in the amount of \$89,748, stating the only other bid received was from Priority 1 in the amount of \$176,586. After having D&D Electric review the bid on-site with Korsen, a few things were found to be missing and were submitted as a separate bid in the amount of \$5,600

MOTION: Brad Jackson
 SECOND: Robert Conley
 AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
 UNANIMOUS
 TO: Approve the bid from Korsen in the amount of \$89,748 along with the additional bid of \$5,600.

IN THE MATTER OF MASONRY REPAIRS-BID RECOMMENDATION:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, recommended a bid from Masonry Solutions, not to exceed \$22,000, stating some damage on the 3rd floor and basement level of the courthouse needs to be repaired. The two additional vendors bids were requested from, have recently merged and a bid from them was not received timely.

MOTION: Robert Conley
 SECOND: Brad Jackson
 AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
 UNANIMOUS
 TO: Approve the bid from Masonry Solutions, not to exceed \$22,000.

IN THE MATTER OF LIABILITY INSURANCE:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, stated a renewal of the liability insurance is due in May. Mike Hall stated, after putting the policies out to market, the property casualty and worker's compensation lines came back with an overall increase of 10.4%, and this would be his recommendation.

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

TO: Accept the recommendation of the 10.4% increase as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE-BROWN ROAD:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, requested an ordinance to reduce the speed limit on CR 1200N, from Jeremy Drive to CR 100E, to 30 MPH. This request for reduction is necessary to slow travelers down before they get to the curve.

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

TO: Approve the ordinance to reduce the speed limit on CR 1200N, from Jeremy Drive to CR 100E.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-04-26-005 (2022041164)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING REQUEST-STUMP:

Matt Sandy, Area Planning, presented a request to rezone 1.94 acres, located just south of the intersection of McKenna and Barbee Road from Agricultural to Residential, for the purpose of developing the property, stating it was the unanimous recommendation of the Area Planning Commission to allow the rezoning from Agricultural to Residential.

Greg Stump, Petitioner, stated he plans to subdivide the property into 2 lots and add a duplex on each of the lots.

With no one else present to speak in favor or against the request, the Commissioners closed the meeting to the public.

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

TO: Approve the request to rezone 1.94 acres, located just south of the intersection of McKenna and Barbee Road from Agricultural to Residential.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-04-26-001 (2022041162)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING REQUEST-FAB LABS LLC:

Matt Sandy, Area Planning, presented a request to rezone the old Gilsinger property, located along SR 15 just south of Leesburg, from Agricultural to Industrial II, stating it was the unanimous recommendation of the Area Planning Commission to allow the rezoning from Agricultural to Industrial II.

With no one present to speak in favor or against the request, the Commissioners closed the meeting to the public.

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

TO: Approve the request to rezone the old Gilsinger property, located along SR 15 just south of Leesburg, from Agricultural to Industrial II

ORDINANCE NO. 22-04-26-002 (2022041163)

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coordinates. When he was performing these duties in the field, he also was the Battery Clerk and the Embark NCO for the Battery.

While on active-duty Lance Corporal (E-3) Owens received awards that included National Defense Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Citation, and Overseas Ribbon. Owens was Honorably Discharged in May, 1999 from the Marine Corps.

After serving his country proudly, Owens returned home to Vestal, NY to work as a security officer until moving to Warsaw and becoming a father of three beautiful children; Andrew Jr, Isaiah, and Alyson.

Owens lives in Winona Lake, IN with his wife Jennifer, loves to be outdoors, and teaching the youth of Warsaw the game of Tiger football as the president of Young Tigers Football and Cheer.

McDowell and the Commissioners thanked Owens for his service and presented him with a plaque.

Owens thanked everyone for this honor and stated he loves this community and looks forward to growing more in this community.

IN THE MATTER OF EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION:

The Commissioners extended appreciation and presented a plaque to recognize Zachary Harris for his accomplishment as Eagle Scout.

IN THE MATTER OF KABS QUARTERLY 5311 CARES ACT CLAIM:

Chad Kaltenbach, KABS General Manager, presented the quarterly 5311 INDOT claim for reimbursement for the period of January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022. The total amount of reimbursement requested is \$154,740 in federal funds, which is for 100% operating assistance, and does not include any state funds.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the quarterly 5311 INDOT claim for reimbursement for the period January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022, in the amount of \$154,740 in federal funds.

IN THE MATTER OF 2023 INDOT GRANT REQUEST:

Matt Boren, Cardinal Services Executive Director, presented the 2023 INDOT grant request in the amount of \$340,171 in federal funds and \$135,443 in state funds, for a total of \$680,000. This includes a local derived income amount. There is still an available balance of approximately \$40,000 of federal CARES Act funding that will be used up in the first quarter. We will then return to the 50% match agreement, which was the established method prior to the Covid pandemic. The total operating expenses for 2023 is expected to be around \$727,000.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the 2023 INDOT Operating grant request as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF COPS HIRING GRANT REQUESTS-SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

Shane Bucher, Chief Deputy Sheriff, presented a request to apply for the COPS Hiring grant, in the amount of \$250,000. This is a federal reimbursement grant for the purpose of costs related to adding additional deputies to the sheriff's office. Having presented requests to the wage committee, this is a way to help save on costs by covering 75% of the wages and benefits in the first 3-years of the program, of which the county will need to fund the other 25% and the full amount in the fourth year.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the COPS Hiring grant request in the amount of \$250,000 as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF KREMC GRANT REQUESTS-SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

Shane Bucher, Chief Deputy Sheriff, presented a request to apply for a reimbursement grant through the Kosciusko Community Foundation in the amount of \$4,986, for the purpose of purchasing two dive suits and gear for the dive team.

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

TO: Approve the KREMC grant request in the amount of \$4,986 as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF PURDUE EXTENSION UPDATE:

Lisa Anderson, Purdue Extension Area 10 Director, also serving as Interim County Extension Director for Kosciusko, came before the Commissioners stating the vacant Health and Human Science Educator position should be posted this week, and the position will be filled as soon as possible. Anderson stated she, as well as three neighboring county educators have been working to continue the existing programs to keep them going.

Andrew Farrell, 4-H Educator, gave a brief update on the program, stating the number of participants has grown from last year and there are many new ideas for programs being considered.

Two youth participants spoke on some of their experiences with 4-H, stating that they enjoy 4-H and the experiences of participation in the variety of programs available.

Emily Luc, Assistant Agricultural Natural Resources Extension Educator, shared some of her experiences since becoming the grant logistics coordinator for the farm stress grant. The grant is established to reduce stigma regarding rural farming stress, and three approaches are being taken to address this. They are encouraging group conversations, expanding public promotion by visiting trade shows and proving resources, and developing and implementing the education of all 988 call center personnel so they can more easily identify unique challenges effecting agricultural families. 988 is a suicide prevention hotline, which will soon be made available across the country.

IN THE MATTER OF OFFICE OR DEPARTMENT HEAD BUSINESS:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management, stated grant applications for the 2022 SHSP grant will soon be accepted. Up to \$150,000 will be available for the nexus of terrorism, which Rock said he believes is directly related to cyber security. Rock requested approval to apply for the full \$150,000.

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

TO: Approve the request to apply for the 2022 SHSP grant in the amount of \$150,000.

IN THE MATTER OF PARKS & RECREATION BOARD:

Ed Ormsby, County Attorney, presented an ordinance establishing a department of parks and recreation. Ormsby read portions of the proposed ordinance for consideration.

Cary Groninger stated he believes establishing a parks board will provide more opportunities for the county to grow economically as well as improve the quality of life in the community. While working to create a comprehensive plan through the Forward Kosciusko project, much of the public feedback indicated a desire for growth and expansions within the county's parks and trails. Establishing a parks board will provide more opportunities for grant funding and other programs the county currently does not qualify for without the existence of a parks board.

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

TO: Approve the ordinance submitted to establish a department of parks and recreation board as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF CANCER CONSORTIUM GRANT REQUEST:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, requested approval to apply for a Cancer Consortium grant in the amount of \$5,000, for the purpose of assisting employers who have established a health and wellness program, with providing primary prevention and early detection of cancer.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request to apply for a Cancer Consortium grant in the amount of \$5,000 as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF JUSTICE BUILDING CAPACITOR QUOTES:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented quotes for a capacitor for the justice building, stating by having a company monitor the usage of electricity, it was determined that the county is paying roughly \$90,000 annually for demand charges. A capacitor, designed to monitor and reduce usage, could generate a savings of as much as 80% per year.

The two quotes received were from D&D Electric in the amount of \$66,141 and Dilling Group for \$149,480. The recommendation is to go with D&D Electric.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the recommendation of D&D Electric in the amount of \$66,141 for a capacitor for the justice building.

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