

Kosciusko County Council

January 09, 2025

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday January 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Tony Ciriello, President	Rachael Rhoades
Kathleen Groninger, Vice-President	DeLynn Geiger
Kimberly Cates	Dave Wolkins
Mike Long	Alyssa Schumucker, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by Mike Long.

IN THE MATTER OF INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mike introduced the new Council members DeLynn Geiger and Rachael Rhoades.

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTION OF 2025 OFFICERS:

Mike Long, made a motion to nominate Tony Ciriello as Council President for 2025 and to nominate Kathleen Groninger as Vice President for 2025.

MOTION: Mike Long	TO: Approved to nominate Tony Ciriello as
SECOND: Dave Wolkins	President and Kathleen Groninger as Vice
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0	President for 2025. Tony Ciriello accepted as
ABSTAINED: Kimberly Cates	President and Kathleen Groninger accepted as
	Vice President for 2025.

MOTION CARRIED

Tony Ciriello, congratulated Kathleen Groninger on her recent appointment as secretary to the MACOG Board for 2025.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 12, 2024 MEETING:

MOTION: Mike Long	TO: Approve the December 12, 2024
SECOND: Kimberly Cates	meeting minutes as presented.
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0	
ABSTAINED: Rachael Rhoades and DeLynn Geiger, due to not being present during the December, 2024 meeting.	

MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC INPUT FROM PUBLIC CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS:

Tony Ciriello, President asked if anyone in the public had anything to discuss concerning the agenda items today. No one came forward.

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURTS I & IV:

Judge Matt Buehler, stated that following his predecessor Judge Mike Reed that they are moving forward with the formation of a Public Defender’s Office. It was previously requested to have a stipend for the Public Defender Board members and Judge Buehler concurs with this request. The board is required to meet once a quarter to maintain requirements per State statue. The members of the board are currently Kevin Deardorff, Paul Stolting, and John Hall. It is requested to have a \$250 per member of the board stipend for their work in 2024 and a \$109.67 per board member per each meeting moving forward in 2025.

1000-11565-000-0043	Public Defender Board Members	\$250.00 Stipend
1000-11565-000-0043	Public Defender Board Members	\$109.67 Per Meeting

MOTION: Kimberly Cates
SECOND: Kathleen Groninger
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the request for stipend of \$250 per board member for 2024 and \$109.67 per meeting per board member for 2025, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF VOCA GRANT – PROSECUTOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

J. Brad Voelz, Prosecuting Attorney, along with Victim’s Assistance Coordinator Linda Giusti stated they were presenting for their annual pilgrimage due to an oversight. They are asking for additional appropriations in the amount of \$50,153.00. In June 2024, they received their notice of award from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute for granted funds for the Prosecutor’s Victim Assistance program, which is run by Linda Giusti. It’s a two-year grant cycle and is a reimbursable grant. We are just asking for the funds and then will reimburse once the grant pays out.

Additional Appropriations		
8139-11158-000-0000	FT Wages (Jan-Sept 2025)	\$35,981.00
8139-11601-000-0000	Social Security/Medicare	\$2,753.00
8139-11602-000-0000	Retirement	\$4,030.00
8139-11605-000-0000	Insurance	\$7,389.00

MOTION: Kathleen Groninger
SECOND: DeLynn Geiger

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve additional appropriations for the VOCA Grant, in the amount of \$50,153.00 total, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF SUPERIOR COURT 1 – APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR FY 2026 JDAI GRANT:

Judge Karin McGrath stated that she is happy to come before the Council to request permission to apply for the 8th annual JDAI Grant. This is an advanced grant and they are seeking \$60,000.00. This funds their teen court and other teen related initiatives and is the only source for teen funding this year.

MOTION: Kathleen Groninger
SECOND: Kimberly Cates
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the request to apply for the JDAI Grant in the amount of \$60,000.00, as presented.

**IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF’S OFFICE – SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
DISPATCH - 2025:**

Jim Smith, County Sheriff and Chris McKeand is requesting an amendment to the salary ordinance to change a dispatcher from a supervisory position to a daytime position and vice versa. Not a new position, just two employees switching positions and shifts.

1222-10117	E911 Dispatcher	\$66,420.00
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MOTION: Mike Long	TO: Approve salary ordinance amendment
SECOND: Rachael Rhoades	for dispatch, 2025, as presented.
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED	

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE KOSCIUSKO
COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

Steve Moriarty, joked with the Council about the Notre Dame game starting at 7:30pm tonight and that he was appreciative of him being at the beginning of the meeting. Steve stated that he had an additional appropriation for grant funds that they have received in the grand total of \$4,221,153.00.

1170-31163-000-0000	Community Crossings Grant 2024-2	\$2,560,153.00
8225-31171-000-0000	2025 HSIP Grant Des#2301654	\$661,000.00
8225-31172-000-0000	HSIP Grant #2401530	\$500,000.00
8225-31173-000-0000	HSIP Grant Des#2401523	\$500,000.00

MOTION: Kimberly Cates	TO: Approve the request additional
SECOND: DeLynn Geiger	appropriations in the amount of
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED	
	\$4,221,153.00, as presented.

**IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT KOSCIUSKO COUNTY
HIGHWAY:**

Steve Moriarty, presented the request to amend the salary ordinance to have an Assistant Admin Manager for 2 months. Steve stated that he has 2 ladies that are retiring at the same time and that the part time position would cover vacations and illnesses if needed.

1176-10307-000-0051	Asst. Admin Manager	\$53,975.00
1176-11337-000-0051	Part Time Asst. Manager	PAT VI Range

MOTION: Rachel Rhoades	TO: Approve the request to amend the salary
SECOND: Mike Long	ordinance to cover 2 months of training for
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED	
	assistant admin manager and a part time
	person to cover vacations and illnesses if
	needed, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF A REQUEST TO TRANSFER HIGHWAY MVH:

Steve Moriarty, stated that he needed to transfer \$15,000 to cover the 2 months of the Assistant Admin manager and part time position. This is not an additional request; this is only a transfer from funds already budgeted.

1176-11057-000-0051	Overtime
1176-10307-000-0051	Highway Assistant Admin Manager

MOTION: Kimberly Cates	TO: Approve the request to transfer
SECOND: DeLynn Geiger	\$15,000.00 to cover 2 months for assistant
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED	
	admin manager and a part time person, as
	presented.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR HMEP 2025 - EMA:

Kip Shuter, Emergency Management stated that he needed to request for appropriations for Grants that were awarded earlier last year (2024) for a total of \$165,431.00. The are reimbursable grants.

8175-36065-000-0000	Training	\$15,950.00
8186-44021-000-0000	Security Cameras	\$149,481.00

MOTION: Kathleen Groninger	TO: Approve the request for additional
SECOND: Dave Wolkins	appropriations for HMEP Grants in the
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0	amount of \$165,431.00, as presented.
MOTION CARRIED	

**IN THE MATTER OF OPIOID RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FUNDS
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

Marsha McSherry, stated that this is just transferring the funds from last year to this year to be spent.

1237-37032-000-0000	Opioid Restricted	\$95,000.00
1238-37032-000-0000	Opioid Unrestricted	\$52,500.00

MOTION: Kimberly Cates	TO: Approve the request for additional
SECOND: Kathleen Groninger	appropriations Opioid Restricted and
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0	Unrestricted in the amount of \$147,500.00, as
MOTION CARRIED	presented.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS -ARPA:

Marsha McSherry, stated these were projects already approved and they are just moving them from last year to this year to be spent on those projects.

8950-38024-000-0000	PSC Project	\$30,442.00
8950-38026-000-0000	HELP Coordinator	\$587,697.00
8950-38027-000-0000	Launch Pad	\$25,000.00
8950-38035-000-0000	Meraki Access Points	\$3,373.00
8950-38037-000-0000	Secure Email	\$34,795.00
8950-38040-000-0000	HELP Projects	\$786,302.00
8950-38064-000-0000	CASA Training/Fingerprinting	\$6,738.00
8950-38067-000-0000	Justice Bldg Renovations	\$635,333.00
8950-38069-000-0000	Wagon Wheel Renovations	\$61,125.00
8950-38072-000-0000	Jail Parking Lot Cameras	\$11,000.00
8950-38073-000-0000	Work Release Security System	\$64,435.00
8950-38076-000-0000	Justice Bldg Furniture	\$220,000.00
8950-38077-000-0000	County Building Assessment	\$20,261.00
8950-38079-000-0000	KC Fair Repairs	\$27,898.00
8950-38080-000-0000	Justice Bldg Parking Lot	\$718,840.00
8950-38081-000-0000	Justice Bldg Parking Lot Lights	\$62,305.00
8950-38082-000-0000	Fiber Work Release to Hwy	\$125,000.00
8950-38083-000-0000	Court House Chiller Labor	\$85,000.00
8950-38084-000-0000	PSC Tower Bard Systems	\$79,600.00
8950-38085-000-0000	Fiber City of Warsaw to WR	\$65,000.00
8950-38086-000-0000	Justice Bldg Parking Lot Fiber	\$47,500.00
8950-38087-000-0000	Highway 200 S Project	\$128,469.00
8950-38088-000-0000	Webster Lake Hydro Study	\$186,000.00

MOTION: Mike Long	TO: Approve the request for additional
SECOND: Rachael Rhoades	appropriations for ARPA funds in the amount
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0	of \$4,012,113.00, as presented.
MOTION CARRIED	

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE ADMENDMENT FOR COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DIRECTOR’S SALARY FOR 2025:

Alyssa Schmucker, County Auditor presented on behalf of the Community Corrections salary ordinance amendment for the director’s salary.

9168-10131	Community Corrections Director	\$87,839.00
1122-10131	Community Corrections Director	\$87,839.00

MOTION: Kathleen Groninger
SECOND: DeLynn Geiger
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the request to amend the salary ordinance for the Community Corrections Director’s salary, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE ADMENDMENT FOR GENERAL PART TIME EMPLOYEES FOR 2025:

Alyssa Schmucker, County Auditor presented that there was a correction needed for General Part time employees on the salary ordinance.

General Part Time Wage	All Departments	\$15.45 Hourly
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MOTION: Kathleen Groninger
SECOND: Rachael Rhoades
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the request to amend the salary ordinance for General Part Time employees to the amount of \$15.45/hourly, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF FURTHER BUSINESS:

Dan Spaulding, from Times Union stepped to the microphone and asked about the status of “Pre-meetings”. Has it been announced or determined by the Council? Tony stated that those had been suspended due to not working out and did not get a lot accomplished. Council decided to just stick with their regular second Thursday of the month meetings. Dan thanked the Council and was seated.

IN THE MATTER OF FURTHER BUSINESS:

Dave Wolkins went back to ask about the Public Defender’s board stipend amount of \$250 and quarterly payments. It was clarified that the Public Defender’s board will receive \$250 per board member for 2024 and \$109.67 per board member per meeting for 2025.

IN THE MATTER OF FURTHER BUSINESS:

Dave Wolkins then questioned about the benefits from Reedy Financial. Tony stated that this will be discussed next month and a decision will be made from there. Kimberly Cates requested to have something in front of her prior to the Council meeting and making a decision on the benefits. Discussion was had amongst the Council and they feel that the February meeting will be more of an update but will try to have documentation prior to the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF FURTHER BUSINESS:

Tony Ciriello then acknowledged that Jim Moyer, Kosciusko County Surveyor was sitting in the audience and he was welcomed as a new department head.

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

Kosciusko County Council

February 13, 2025

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday February 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Old Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Tony Ciriello, President	Rachael Rhoades
Kathleen Groninger, Vice-President	DeLynn Geiger
Kimberly Cates	David Wolkins ABSENT
Mike Long	Alyssa Schmucker, Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Tony Ciriello.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 09, 2025:

MOTION: Kimberly Cates	TO: Approve the minutes for the January 09, 2025 meeting as presented.
SECOND: Mike Long	
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED	

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2024 COMMISSARY REPORT-SHERIFF:

Sheriff Jim Smith along with Financial Administrator, Cheryl McGettrick, presented the July through December 2024 commissary report. The report was provided to all Council members. Sheriff asked if Council had any questions the council thanked the Sheriff for providing the information and keeping them informed. Sheriff thanked McGettrick for her job well done on her process of completing the report.

IN THE MATTER OF DNR GRANT- SHERIFF:

Chris McKeand, Sheriff Chief Deputy, requested permission to apply for a DNR Marine Patrol Grant in the amount of \$15,000.00. This grant award is vital to our lake patrol operations. The mission of our lake patrol program is promoting boater safety, providing boater education and enforcing the boating operation laws of Indiana.

MOTION: Kathleen Groninger	TO: Approve the request to apply DNR
SECOND: DeLynn Geiger	Marine Patrol Grant, as presented.
AYES: 6 NAYS: 0	
MOTION CARRIED	

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 2025 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST-MULTI HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN:

Kip Shuter, Kosciusko County Emergency Management, asked for an additional appropriation request from account 8192-31001-000-0000 in the amount of \$3,899.00 to move from 2024 to 2025.

MOTION: Mike Long	TO: Approve the additional appropriation
SECOND: Rachael Rhoades	request from account 8192-31001-000-0000
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0	in the amount of \$3,899.00, as presented
MOTION CARRIED	

IN THE MATTER OF SUPERIOR COURT 1 – SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – REENTRY COURT COORDINATOR SALARY:

Judge Karin McGrath, Kosciusko Superior Court 1, presented a request to amend the salary ordinance for the Reentry Court Coordinator’s salary to \$58,473.00.

MOTION: Kathleen Groninger	TO: Approve the request to amend the salary
SECOND: Kimberly Cates	ordinance for the Reentry Court
AYES: 6 NAYS: 0	Coordinator’s salary to \$58,473.00, as
MOTION CARRIED	presented.

IN THE MATTER OF SUPERIOR COURT 1 – 2025 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST – REENTRY COURT COORDINATOR SALARY:

Judge Karin McGrath, Kosciusko Superior Court 1, presented a request for additional appropriations for the following accounts to pay for the Reentry Court.

9129-11192	Coordinator Salary	\$58,473.00
9129-11601	Coordinator Social Security/Medicare	\$ 4,473.00
9129-11602	Coordinator Retirement (PERF)	\$ 6,549.00
9129-11605	Coordinator Group Health Insurance	\$13,978.00
9129-22023	Participant Needs	\$ 5,000.00
9129-22049	Graduation Supplies	\$ 1,000.00
9129-23006	Incentives	\$ 3,500.00
9129-23009	Court Drug Testing Supplies	\$ 500.00
9129-36003	Staff Training	\$ 5,000.00
9129-36048	Drug Testing Contracts	\$12,000.00

MOTION: Kimberly Cates	TO: Approve the additional appropriation
SECOND: Kathleen Groninger	requests for fund 9129 in total of
AYES: 6 NAYS: 0	\$110,473.00
MOTION CARRIED	As listed above.

IN THE MATTER OF OPIOID GRANT FUND 2025 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST – OPIOID MATCHING GRANT:

Alyssa Schmucker, County Auditor presented a request for an additional appropriation for the Opioid Grant Fund 9178-37034-000-0000 Family Counseling in the amount of \$22,500.00 and 9178-37033-000-0000 Jail Counseling in the amount of \$30,000.00 – Matching Grant.

MOTION: Kimberly Cates	TO: Approve the additional appropriation
SECOND: Kathleen Groninger	request for the Opioid Grant Fund 9178-
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0	37034-000-0000 Family Counseling in the
MOTION CARRIED	amount of \$22,500.00 and 9178-37033-000-
	0000 Jail Counseling in the amount of
	\$30,000.00, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF OPIOID UNRESTRICTED:

Alyssa Schmucker, County Auditor that new accounts were created for the Opioid Unrestricted Funds 1238-37032-000-0000 Peer Recovery to transfer \$22,500.00 to 1238-37034-000-0000 Family Counseling \$30,000.00 to 1238-37033-000-0000 Jail Counseling.

MOTION: DeLynn Geiger	TO: Approve the request to transfer Opioid
SECOND: Mike Long	Unrestricted Funds 1238-37032-000-0000
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0	Peer Recovery to 1238-37034-000-0000
MOTION CARRIED	Family Counseling in the amount of
	\$22,500.00 and 1238-37033-000-0000 Jail
	Counseling in the amount of \$30,000.00, as
	presented.

IN THE MATTER OF ARPA 1300N PROJECT BUDGET REDUCTION REQUEST:

Alyssa Schmucker, County Auditor stated that a reduction in the amount of \$30,289.67 is needed for the Highway 1300N project 8950-38066-000-0000 due to the bid amount being lower than anticipated.

MOTION: Kathy Groninger	TO: Approve the request to reduce the
SECOND: Rachael Rhoades	budget of 8950-38066-000-0000 in the
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0	amount of \$30,289.67, as presented.
MOTION CARRIED	

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS-2025 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST TO APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS:

Community Corrections Director Barry Andrew presented a request for additional appropriations for 9203-36003-000-0000 Award/Staff Training in the amount of \$5,000.00 which came from a grant.

MOTION: DeLynn Geiger	TO: Approve the additional appropriation
SECOND: Kathy Groninger	request from 9203-36003-000-0000
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0	Award/Staff Training in the amount of
MOTION CARRIED	\$5,000.00, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS-IDOC GRANT REQUESTS:

Community Corrections Director Barry Andrew presented a request for permission to apply for the 2025 Indiana Department of Corrections Home Detention grant in the amount of \$350,755.00 and the 2025 Drug Court grant in the amount of \$82,746.00.

MOTION: Kimberly Cates

SECOND: Rachael Rhoades

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the requests to apply for the

2025 Indiana Department of Corrections

Home Detention grant in the amount of

\$350,755.00 and the 2025 Drug Court grant

in the amount of \$82,746.00 as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF 2024 4TH Q HELP REPORTS – WE LEAD KOSCIUSKO:

Amy Roe, Kosciusko County Community Coordinator presented the 4th quarter HELP report - We Lead Kosciusko. She stated that March 20th is the ribbon ceremony for Chinworth Bridge at 4pm. April, May, June and July will have ribbon cuttings as well, that press release will come out soon. A new development of The Food Insecurity program will launch in March, 2025.

Mikie Stogsdill, President and Paige Troyer, Vice President of We Lead Kosciusko were then introduced. She explained We Lead Kosciusko is an acquisition market campaign highlighting five pillars that engage the community. As a team, they put together a call-out event now annually for individuals 20 to 50 years old interested in volunteering and leading in Kosciusko County. "Without community engagement, our county will not continue to prosper. If we do not continue to pass the torch to the next generation, we will become stagnant as a community,"

Stogsdill stated. "Our plan is to highlight how engaging is not only beneficial for those involved and prosperous for the county, but for the employment and retention purposes, as well." She continued that they will present multiple areas where a person's presence can make a difference within the community they live in, which are elected offices, service clubs, community boards, nonprofit organizations and KLA. "Our vision is to create a lasting positive impact, resulting in better engagement, better community and a better future for all of Kosciusko," Stogsdill said.

IN THE MATTER OF STILLWATER HOSPICE 2024 4TH QUARTER REPORT:

Stacey Leek, Hospice Care Consultant presented the 4th quarter report for Stillwater Hospice.

IN THE MATTER OF FURTHER BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Kimberly Cates brought it to the attention of the Council that there is a state called meeting that is mandatory to attend on June 21st, 2025 at the Renaissance in Carmel. She also mentioned that September 29 to October 2, 2025 is the AIC conference. She then asked if anyone wanted to comment on SB1 that is currently before the house. She explained the main point of SB1 is to reduce property taxes. She told everyone to please pay attention to that bill specifically.

Tony Ciriello, Council President then stated that the Opioid Committee would start this year and that he and DeLynn Geiger and Sue Ann Mitchell are on that committee.

Sheriff Jim Smith came to the podium to take a moment to congratulate the 911 Communications Director, Amanda See for having the initiative of getting her Emergency Number Professional certification through National Emergency Number Association. She completed something that only 2,000 people in the USA have completed since 1990's and they didn't even know she was doing it.

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

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Kathleen Groninger, Vice-President

Kimberly Cates

Rachael Rhoades

DeLynn Geiger

David Wolkins

Alyssa Schmucker, Auditor

Tony Ciriello reflected on Mike Long, the Councilman member that served as Council President that tragically passed away on February 27, 2025, and gave a moment of silence in memory.

Pledge and Pray was said.

The meeting was called to order by President Tony Ciriello.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 13, 2025:

MOTION: Kimberly Cates	TO: Approve the minutes for the February 13 th , 2025, meeting
SECOND: Kathleen Groninger	as presented.
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED	

IN THE MATTER OF ASSESSOR REQUEST TO TRANSFER:

Gail Chapman, Kosciusko County Assessor requested approval of a transfer for the Commercial/Industrial budget to a newly created account for dues/subscriptions. This is for a subscription to Co-Star to help with gathering data for appeals. Gail told the Council being able to collect data from the site could help reduce the amount of appeals that go to the state which in turn would potentially reduce legal fees for appeals.

Transfer from 1224-44012-000-0003 to 1224-36001-000-0003 \$11,400.00

MOTION: DeLynn Geiger	TO: Approve the creation of a new account 1224-36001-000-0003
SECOND: Kimberly Cates	and transfer \$11,400 from 1224-44012-000-0003 into the newly
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0	created account, as presented.
MOTION CARRIED	

IN THE MATTER OF THE GIS OFFICE REQUEST TO APPLY FOR THE “SEED” GRANT:

Bill Holder, GIS Director requested permission to apply for a \$30,000.00 SEED “Sowing Enriched & Enhanced Datasets” grant from the Indiana Geographic Information Office. The grant, if approved, would be used to improve address points and road center lines, which is what 911 and Beacon use. This grant could be up to \$30,000.00 and is not a matching grant.

MOTION: Kimberly Cates	TO: Approve the request to apply for the \$30,000.00 SEED grant, as
SECOND: Dave Wolkins	presented.
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED	

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR GRANT PROPOSAL FOR INDIANA OFFICE OF COURT SERVICES:

Kelly Krugman Carson, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, is asking for permission to apply for a grant from Indiana Office of Court Services for the Re-entry Court in the amount of \$170,000.00. This is an advanced grant with no matching funds required. In 2024 the county received \$110,000.00.

MOTION: Kathleen Groninger	TO: Approve the request to apply for the Indiana Office of Court
SECOND: DeLynn Geiger	Services Grant for \$170,000.00, as presented.
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED	

IN THE MATTER OF THE CIRCUIT/SUPERIOR I & IV/PROBATION 2025 SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:

Alyssa Schmucker, County Auditor presented a 2025 Salary Ordinance Amendment for the Circuit/Superior I & IV/Probation for Probation Officer #6 position.

MOTION: Kathleen Groninger	TO: Approve the Salary Ordinance Amendment
SECOND: DeLynn Geiger	1000-11156-000-0043 for \$81,719.40, as presented.
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED	

Alyssa Schmucker, County Auditor, presented a 2025 Salary Ordinance Amendment for the Soil & Water Conservation District for the Conservation Program/Field Tech position.

IN THE MATTER OF LAKELAND REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT:

IN THE MATTER OF THE KOSCIUSKO COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU:

IN THE MATTER OF WARSAW COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY:

IN THE MATTER OF LIVING IN TRANSITION EFFECTIVELY, ALSO KNOWN AS LITE RECOVERY-UPDATE:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

David Wolkins

- Kathy Groninger

- Tony Ciriello, Council President, talked about the SB1 and House Bill 1402. The county's revenue stream could get a lot slimmer going forward depending on how Senate Bill 1 is approved by the state legislature. Other local government entities that also receive revenue from property taxes would also be affected. Council President Tony Ciriello said, "As you all know, there is a lot of debate going on at the Indiana Statehouse over tax reform. Senate Bill 1 is still alive and continues to change. He said House Bill 1402 has officially died, but the legislature is trying to pull pieces from it to put into SB1. "As it stands currently, this county stands to lose a lot of revenue from property taxes, from this tax reform," Ciriello said. "So, I just want to caution everybody that when we start looking at budgets, especially with our department heads, there may not be anything there. There might be 'stay the same as it is,' or there might be reductions. He said they won't know about that until April 29 when the state legislature adjourns. "We are monitoring this every day," Ciriello said, adding that he spent about 2-1/2 hours Wednesday listening to testimony on HB 1402. "It was long and grueling. But this is the reality right now that we are going to lose money. We just don't know how much yet." Councilwoman Kimberly Cates said Council Vice President Kathleen Groninger, County Commissioner Sue Ann Mitchell and her are on the county legislative committee so every Friday they meet and get updates. "It's like tens of millions of dollars. So, it's a serious, serious issue," Cates stated.

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