

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
Brad Jackson-Vice President
Robert Conley-Member

Ed Ormsby-County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – County Auditor
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

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request to apply for the
2022 Senior HUB grant as presented.

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

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request to apply for the 2023 JDAI grant as presented.

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

Brad Jackson-Vice President

Robert Conley-Member ABSENT

Ed Ormsby-County Attorney

Michelle Puckett – County Auditor

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
SECOND: Cary Groninger

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

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.

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
SECOND: Cary Groninger

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the purchase a 2022 Chevrolet Silverado from Lakeside Chevrolet, at a cost of \$43,953.00, from the 2022 budget.

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
SECOND: Cary Groninger
AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the MOU with the City of Warsaw regarding snow removal and road maintenance as presented.

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
SECOND: Cary Groninger
AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept February 15, 2022 at 9:15 as the deadline to accept bids for repaving Old Road 30 and Old Road 15.

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
SECOND: Cary Groninger
AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to amend the ordinance regarding roof-mounted solar 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
SECOND: Cary Groninger
AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

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

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

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

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
SECOND: Cary Groninger

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the recommendation of the Area Planning Commission to allow the rezoning from Agricultural to Agricultural II as 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
SECOND: Cary Groninger

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the recommendation of the Area Planning Commission to allow the rezoning from Industrial II to Commercial as 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

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Those present were:

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Brad Jackson-Vice President
Robert Conley-Member

Ed Ormsby-County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – County Auditor
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 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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
UNANIMOUS

NAYS: 0

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

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

AYES: 3
UNANIMOUS

NAYS: 0

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

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

AYES: 3
UNANIMOUS

NAYS: 0

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

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

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

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

AYES: 3
UNANIMOUS

NAYS: 0

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

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

AYES: 3
UNANIMOUS

NAYS: 0

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.
UNANIMOUS		

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:

Company	Location	Total Bid
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)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING REQUEST-SCHLIPF:

Dan Richard, Plan Commission Director, presented a request to rezone a former church located at the southeast corner of the intersection of CR 1000N and CR 425W, from Public Use to Agricultural, stating the family wants to use the church as a residence. It was the unanimous recommendation of the Area Planning Commission to allow the rezoning from Public Use to Agricultural.

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

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

TO: Accept the recommendation of the Area Planning Commission to allow the rezoning from Public Use to Agricultural as presented.

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 22-02-15-002 (2022020590)
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Robert Conley-Member

Ed Ormsby-County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – County 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-WAYNE E CHRISTNER:

Darryl McDowell, Veteran Service Officer, introduced Veteran of the Month, Wayne E. “Bugsy” Christner, a lifetime resident of Kosciusko County, Indiana, born July 31, 1947 in Warsaw to Doris Jane (Meeder) and Raymond M. Christner, a former WWII Navy Veteran. Christner’s mother, Doris, who will be 100 years old in 2 weeks is present today, along with his sister, Sheri Lynn Krichbaum and several friends and relatives.

Christner graduated in 1965 and was drafted into the US Army on August 24, 1967. His basic training was conducted at Fort Campbell, Kentucky followed by Combat Infantry Advance Military Training (AIT) and Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia. He was later assigned to Company H (Ranger), 75th Infantry (Airborne) in Fort Lewis, Washington.

While on active duty, Staff Sergeant Christner received numerous recognitions and honors including Silver Star for gallantry in action while serving as a Patrol Leader during a long-range patrol while engaged in military operations with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. He was also awarded two Purple Hearts, Bronze Star, two Army Commendations with “V” device, Air Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, and Vietnam Campaign and Services Medals. He was discharged August 11, 1969 after serving honorably in the US Army.

After serving his country proudly during the Vietnam War Era, Christner returned home to Warsaw and returned to his previous job at RR Donnelley & Sons as journeyman. After 48 years as a hardworking and dependable employee, he retired in 2013. Today, at the age of 74, Christner still resides in Warsaw and enjoys the simple things in life, like spending time at home fiddling around in his yard, hanging out with his neighbors, and going out to eat with friends.

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

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the extension of the deadline to receive RFP's for replacing the fire system in the Justice Building, until April 1, 2022

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

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the revision to the 2022 Inter-Local Agreement with the KCCRVC to accommodate expenses as presented.

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

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the unofficial detour route from Peru Road to CR 1200S to Packerton Road for work on SR 14 as presented.

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

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

TO: Accept the recommendation of Phend & Brown at \$1,410,339 for the Community Crossing project as presented.

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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

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the 3-year Information Sharing Access Agreement with FEMA as presented.

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 and the Commissioners.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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 recommendation to approve \$100,000, divided into \$25,000 increments over the next four years for the LaunchPad program, under the Kosciusko Chamber of Commerce.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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

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

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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

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

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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

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

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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

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

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the amended 2022 Inter-Local Agreement with the KCCRVC to 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

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the recommendation to purchase a 2022 Ram SSB Crewcab 4X4 from John 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

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request to rezone 10 acres located SE of Oswego through the curves on 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
Brad Jackson-Vice President
Robert Conley-Member

Ed Ormsby-County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – County Auditor
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

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the recommendation of Chad Kaltenbach for the position of KABS general manager.

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

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

TO: Approve the application for inclusion of territory in the Tippy/Chapman Regional 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

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the requests to apply for 2023 Community Corrections Drug Court and Home Detention grants as presented.

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

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve Anderson Property Management for \$8,300.

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

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Cumulative Capital Development and Cumulative Bridge 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
Brad Jackson-Vice President
Robert Conley-Member

Ed Ormsby-County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – County 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-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

TO: Approve all three grant requests as presented.

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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

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

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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

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

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
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

TO: Approve the INDOT LPA service

SECOND: Brad Jackson

agreement for the road right-of-way at bridge #161 as presented.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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

TO: Approve the 2021 Annual Operational

SECOND: Robert Conley

Report for Local Roads and Streets and Bridges, as presented.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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

TO: Approve the purchase of a CAT 315

SECOND: Brad Jackson

Excavator in the amount of \$245,900 as presented.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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
Brad Jackson-Vice President
Robert Conley-Member

Ed Ormsby-County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – County Auditor
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

TO: Accept the Proclamation declaring May
Motorcycle Safety Awareness month.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

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

TO: Approve the bid from Korsen in the
amount of \$89,748 along with the additional
bid of \$5,600.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

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

TO: Approve the bid from Masonry
Solutions, not to exceed \$22,000.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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

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

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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

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

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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

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

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING REQUESTS-SOUTH SHORE VENTURES LLC:

Matt Sandy, Area Planning, presented two separate requests to rezone areas located within the South Shore golf course, the first one from Public Use to Residential, and the second from Residential to Agricultural. Sandy stated it was the unanimous recommendation of the Area Planning Commission to allow both requests as presented.

Steve Snyder, Attorney for the Petitioner, stated there are two phases of rezoning. The first request is for the purpose of subdivision and development of individual single-family lots. The intention with the second is to sell off 20 acres to Lakeland Youth Center for future development of a new facility and sports fields. Snyder concluded, stating with the limitation of usable land in the Syracuse area, he believes this project will offer a significant benefit to the community.

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 the area located within the South Shore golf course, from Public Use to Residential.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-04-26-003 (2022041166)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request to rezone the 20 acres located within the South Shore golf course, from Residential to Agricultural.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-04-26-004 (2022041165)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE:

Matt Sandy presented an update, stating the comprehensive plan will be presented to the Plan Commission on May 4th, and upon a favorable recommendation, it is anticipated it will be brought back before the Commissioners for approval near the end of month.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 10, 2022

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on May 10, 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
Brad Jackson-Vice President
Robert Conley-Member

Ed Ormsby-County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – County 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-ANDREW J OWENS:

Andrew J Owens, a resident of Kosciusko County, Indiana since the age of 20, was born May 26, 1977, in Vestal, NY to Robert Owens and Charlotte Holley.

Owens graduated in 1996 from Vestal High School, and enlisted into the United States Marine Corps in June of 1996 in Syracuse, NY. His basic training was conducted at Parris Island, SC followed by Advanced Military Training at Camp Lejune, NC. He then departed for additional schooling in Lawton, OK and later assigned to Mike Battery 3rd Bn 11th Marines at 29 Palms, CA and in Okinawa, Japan. Some of his duties were to perform maintenance on the M198 Howitzer, prepare ammunition, fire the weapon, and record fire missions and to set firing 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

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

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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

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

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-05-10-001 (2022050565)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

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.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 24, 2022

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on May 24, 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
Brad Jackson-Vice President
Robert Conley-Member

Ed Ormsby-County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – County Auditor
Marsha McSherry – County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF WARSAW COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

APPOINTMENT:

Ann Zydek, Library Director, presented the recommendation of the Warsaw Community Public Library to reappoint Tim Keyes to serve on the library board.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the recommendation to reappoint Tim Keyes to serve on the Warsaw Community Public Library Board.

IN THE MATTER OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Matt Sandy, Area Plan, presented a comprehensive plan for consideration, stating as a community with a planning commission, we are required to have a comprehensive plan in place. Ours was outdated but through an opportunity with the K21 Foundation, a revised plan has been created. Under the guidance of our consulting firm, multiple public input sessions, and all the work put into this project across the community, this extensive project is now complete and recently received a unanimous recommendation by the planning commission for approval.

Cary Groninger extended appreciation for all of those who participated in the process, stating he knows the amount work that was put into the project, and said we are already seeing some of the benefits. Having this in place, provides a roadmap for future growth for the county and opens up opportunities for all the participating communities they wouldn't otherwise have.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the Comprehensive Plan as presented.

Sandy stated the next step will be to go before the participating town boards for the approval of their individual sections.

Katie Clark, Project Manager, Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group, extended her appreciation for the community's leadership and participation in the project, stating it has been a great process and she looks forward to seeing where the county goes from here.

IN THE MATTER OF ARPA RECOMMENDATION-ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE:

Recently elected AWL Board President, John Lantz, presented a request in the amount of \$68,640 for some building renovations on the structure that will be used to house cats. Although remodeling has been done on the inside to include a cat room, intake rooms, and a cat housing space, there is still a need for two HVAC systems, repairs to the roof, and new siding. Approximately \$12,000 has already been raised and efforts will continue throughout the community to raise funding for the shelter.

On behalf of the ARPA Committee, Cary Groninger stated the project fits within the ARPA funding requirements by providing a lasting countywide impact and therefore received the committee's recommendation.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the recommendation of the ARPA Committee to support the request of \$68,640 for building renovations as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF CORONER ROOF REPLACEMENT:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented quotes for roof replacement at the coroners building on North Lake Street. The two quotes received were from Royalty Roofing in the amount of \$19,050 and Steve's Roofing for \$10,000. The recommendation is to go with Steve's Roofing.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the recommendation of Steve's Roofing in the amount of \$10,000 for roof replacement at the coroner's building.

IN THE MATTER OF COPIER PURCHASE:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented quotes for the replacement of two copiers, one at the annex and one at probation. The two quotes received were from Adams Remco in the amount of \$13,665 and Office Concepts for \$7,887.60 for the annex, and Adams Remco in the amount of \$11,444 and Office Concepts for \$6,668.80 for probation. The IT recommendation is to stay with the same brand of machines since other brands have not worked well with our network system. Although the quote is slightly higher, the maintenance contract with Adams Remco is lower and will therefore be less costly over the life expectancy of the machines. In addition, the same brand is available through Adams Remco so the recommendation is to go with Adams Remco.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the recommendation of Adams Remco in the amounts of \$13,665 for the annex and \$11,444 for probation for the replacement of copiers.

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING REQUEST-COX:

Matt Sandy, Area Planning, presented a request to rezone 10 acres located in the northeast corner of Turkey Creek Township, formerly the Wawasee Airport, from Public Use to Commercial. The

purpose of the request is to allow for expansion of their existing commercial business. The original request included the entire parcel but through negotiations, 10 acres was agreed to and it was the unanimous recommendation of the Area Planning Commission to allow the rezoning from Public Use to Commercial.

Michael Cox, Petitioner, stated he is the owner of Protech Marine, which has been in business for 22 years and the intention is to add additional storage buildings to continue to grow the business.

With no one else 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 10 acres located in the northeast corner of Turkey Creek Township, formerly the Wawasee Airport, from Public Use to Commercial.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-05-24-004 (2022051454)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING REQUEST-SPIEGEL:

Matt Sandy, Area Planning, presented a request to rezone 23.15 acres, located along 400N just north of the Barbee Chain, from Residential to Agricultural, stating it was the unanimous recommendation of the Area Planning Commission to allow the rezoning from Residential to Agricultural.

Betsy Spiegel, Petitioner, stated while considering the need to sell the property in the future, it was the recommendation of a realtor to request the zoning change for better selling ability.

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 23.15 acres, located along 400N just north of the Barbee Chain, from Residential to Agricultural.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-05-24-003 (2022051453)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING REQUEST-HOCHSTETLER:

Matt Sandy, Area Planning, presented a request to rezone 20 acres located just a quarter mile south of 1350N, from Agricultural to Agricultural II. The purpose of the request is to allow for subdivision with one or two more divisions and it was the unanimous recommendation of the Area Planning Commission to allow the rezoning from Agricultural to Agricultural II.

Ernest Hochstetler, Petitioner, stated he recently purchased the property with the intention of selling a portion to his son to build a home, and in the future building one for himself.

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 20 acres located just a quarter mile south of 1350N, from Agricultural to Agricultural II.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-05-24-002 (2022051452)

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 7, 2022

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on June 7, 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

Brad Jackson-Vice President

Robert Conley-Member

Ed Ormsby-County Attorney

Michelle Puckett – County 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-CAROLYN GUNDER:

Darryl McDowell, Veteran Service Officer, introduced Veteran of the Month, Carolyn Gunder, a resident of Kosciusko County, Indiana since 1987.

Born in Noble County, Indiana to Robert and Kathryn (Keasey) Gunder, she grew up in Ligonier, Indiana and graduated from Ligonier High School in 1959. She enlisted into the United States Navy on January 4, 1960, and attended basic training in Bainbridge, Maryland to become a Personnel Specialist.

Carolyn served 20 years in the United States Navy and retired as a Petty Officer 1st Class, which is equivalent in paygrade to a staff sergeant in the United States Army and Marines and a technical sergeant in the United States Air Force.

While on active-duty she received awards that included National Defense Ribbon and Navy Good Conduct Medal. Carolyn was Honorably Discharged (Retired) on May 28, 1980 from the U.S. Navy.

Serving her country proudly, Carolyn remained in Norfolk, Virginia for seven years to work in a local bank and the military base auto hobby shop. She returned to Syracuse, Indiana to live with her sister and work at Tranter Graphics, Eaton Technology where she retired again in 2002. Carolyn only lasted a year before she was back in the work force again to work at Walmart for five years.

Carolyn is currently the Commander of the American Legion Wawasee Post 223 in Syracuse, Indiana. She is also a member of the American Legion Honor Guard and Ladies Auxiliary unit 223. Carolyn will be leaving for the Honor Flight tomorrow.

McDowell and the Commissioners thanked Carolyn for her service and presented her with a plaque.

Carolyn expressed her gratitude for the award and said it is great honor and she wasn't expecting it.

IN THE MATTER OF MAXIMUS CONSULTING CONTRACT RENEWAL:

Ann Torpy, County Clerk, presented a request to renew the service agreement with Maximus Consulting, which is the company that prepares the child support incentive claims to receive reimbursement from the state. Fees for this service are paid for through the incentive money and Maximus is the company we have used since 2009.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve the request to continue with

SECOND: Brad Jackson

Maximus as the consultant.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF BRIC GRANT REQUEST-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director requested approval for a letter of intent in order to apply for the multi-hazard mitigation plan grant. This grant, which has been used in the past, is used to create the flood plain management plan, which is necessary to qualify for multi-hazard mitigation money for projects listed in the plan. The request is for \$27,000, which is a reimbursable grant with a 25% match. Hours paid out to those who participate in the plan can be used for the 25% in kind match.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the letter of intent in order to

SECOND: Robert Conley

apply for the multi-hazard mitigation plan

AYES: 3 NAYES: 0

grant in the amount of \$27,000.

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IN THE MATTER OF HELP PROGRAM-DONATION FUND ORDINANCE:

Ed Ormsby, County Attorney, presented an ordinance to create a special fund for the Kosciusko County HELP Program, to allow private citizens to be able to make contributions, which will be used in various events to promote individual communities participating in the program.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the ordinance as presented.

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 22-06-07-001 (2022060444)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF ACH PROCESS/INTERNAL CONTROLS UPDATE:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, presented an update stating over the past several weeks we have utilized every resource available to add additional safeguards to our ACH processes, including an immediate implementation of at least three separate verification processes of vendors as well as account numbers. The processes have been reviewed by several people and are being utilized at this time. The document outlining the process will continue to be reviewed and updated as any new information becomes available.

Cary Groninger stated for the record, this is an ongoing investigation and multiple jurisdictions will continue to be involved in that investigation at both the state and federal levels and once that investigation is concluded, more information will be released to the public.

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION-COUNTY HIGHWAY:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, came forward to recognize Debbie Winger, who recently received an award from the Indiana Association of County Highways Engineers and Supervisors as the Administrative Employee of the Year.

November 4, 1991, Debbie began her career with the Kosciusko County Highway Department and her dedication of years of service to the taxpayers and all of Kosciusko County. As the office manager, Debbie has many responsibilities and duties, but first and foremost, she looks over the safety and wellbeing of our employees and our residents. She is instrumental in the day-to-day activities of the county, overseeing financial allocations at local and federal levels. She is the definition of heart and soul. She has 43 employees she treats as her own family, always protecting and guiding through every aspect of life. Miss Debbie is the best of the best and she is not only our co-worker, she is our friend. She enjoys spending time at her lake house with her husband Matt, of 40 years. Matt and Debbie have 2 children, Alex and Leah.

The Commissioners recognized Debbie for such an honorable achievement and thanked her for her dedicated service.

IN THE MATTER OF NONPROFIT 2023 BUDGET REQUESTS:

The following nonprofit organizations appeared before the Commissioners to request funding for the 2023 budget year:

- ❖ **St. Joe River Basin** – Matt Meersman, MACOG-River Basin Program Director, stated MACOG serves the St. Joe River Basin Commission, an agency organized by the State of Indiana to protect water quality as well as mitigate flooding by organizing to control the drains. With approximately 20% of Kosciusko County draining into Lake Michigan, areas of interest include Lake Wawasee and Turkey Creek, with recent projects such as placement of trees within Syracuse to direct stormwater. With 6 counties contributing to the basin, and

Kosciusko making up about 6%, the amount requested for 2023 calculates to \$3,705, which is the same amount approved for the past couple years. These funds will be used to support the basic operating costs and state funds will be utilized to support some special programs.

- ❖ **Historical Society** – Jerry Frush, President, and Jim Tinkey, Treasurer, were present. Tinkey stated due to operating costs going up, as well as the current need to replace the HVAC unit and repair a leak in the roof, a slight increase was requested. The requested amount for 2023 is \$25,000.
- ❖ **4-H Council** –Andrew Ferrell, Youth Educator, stated the requested amount for 2023 is \$45,233, which is a 2% increase from last year. Enrollment numbers have increased from last year. Tyler Bouse, Council President, stated though the pandemic caused a decrease in the numbers, they are now consistently increasing and with the newly formed partnerships with the YMCA and the Baker Youth Club, those numbers are expected to continue to go up. Nash Bouse, 4-H Member, stated he wouldn't trade the world for the relationships he has formed by participating in 4-H.
- ❖ **Cardinal Services** – Matt Boren, Executive Director, stated the requested amount for 2023 is \$108,129, which will go directly toward the programs and operations. The 3 main programs supported each year are Headstart, Healthy Families, and KABS. Boren gave the following updates:
 - Headstart-serves children living below the poverty level, from birth to 5 years in many classroom settings across the county, to prepare them for kindergarten, as well as offers support for the families with guidance in areas of medical as well as mental health.
 - Healthy Families-works with families to reduce the occurrence of child abuse by providing the parenting resources needed. Approximately 50-60 families are helped each year through the in-home service.
 - KABS- owned by the county and operated by Cardinal Services, provides transportation for low-income individuals. Ridership has increased approximately 17% from the previous year.
- ❖ **Home Health Care** – Glenn Hall, Administrator, stated the requested amount for 2023 is \$50,000, which is the same as last year. Hall stated for over 46 years both homecare and hospice services have been provided. However, with each of the past several years experiencing a net operating loss, the decision was made at the end of last year to change their focus from home care to palliative care, which is for those who are chronically ill but not yet ready for hospice. Palliative care seems to be the greatest need at this time, as there are no other palliative care services currently available within our county. They have reduced overhead expenses by not filling positions that have opened, and although no pay increases have been given for the past 2 years, the board approved increases this year in order to retain the quality of care their staff members can provide, and for the first time, fund raising will be done to assist with costs.
- ❖ **Beaman Home**- April Slone, Mental Health Counsellor, stated the requested amount submitted for 2023 is \$50,000, which is a slight increase from last year, mostly due to some

projected cuts in grant funding. Funds will be used to supplement operating costs for some of the services they provide, such as 24-hour emergency shelter for victims of domestic abuse, a 24-hour crisis line, mental health counselling, as well as essential transportation, nutrition and self-sufficient housing programs. Renea Salyer, who just recently took over the position, was introduced as the new Executive Director.

- ❖ **Council on Aging** – David Neff, Executive Director, stated the requested amount submitted for 2023 is \$40,000, with the increase mainly due to concerns related to the rise in gas prices. Neff gave the following brief updates on the 3 main programs provided:
 - Handicapped Van Transportation-5 handicapped accessible buses are available for medical, nutritional and recreational rides for people within the community who are over the age of 60. There is also a partnership with KABS to provide maintenance of the buses.
 - Home Meal Delivery-approximately 80 meals are delivered all over the county, which in some cases is the only nutritional meal the senior is getting. Also provided is a well-being check, and for some is the only other interaction the senior has throughout the day.
 - Senior Activity Center-provides a hot nutritious meal at the Center 5 days a week, provides interaction and the opportunity for seniors to get out of the house.

IN THE MATTER OF LETTER OF SUPPORT-MEDTECH IMPLANT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE:

Cary Groninger presented a letter of support received from Alan Tio, in support of the federal grant he would be filing for.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve the letter from Alan Tio.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 21, 2022

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on June 21, 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 2022 SHSP BALLISTIC SHIELDS GRANT REQUEST-SHERIFF:

Shane Bucher, Sheriff's Office, presented a request to apply for the 2022 SHSP-Ballistic Shields grant in the amount of \$24,000, stating the grant is designed to support the active shooter terrorism response by purchasing 20-24 ballistic shields for patrol and SWAT vehicles.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request to apply for 2022 SHSP-Ballistic Shields grant in the amount of \$24,000.

IN THE MATTER OF 2023 HMEP GRANT REQUEST-EMA:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management, presented a request in the amount of \$20,000. This grant is utilized annually for exercise and training throughout the county.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request in the amount of \$20,000 for exercise and training throughout the county.

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

Steve Henschen, Jones Petrie Rafinski Corp, presented an application for inclusion of territory in the Tippecanoe and Chapman Lakes Regional Sewer District, requesting the inclusion of two additional property owners into the district territory with the current project. The two addresses referenced are 6207 and 6303 N CR 300E and both the engineering committee and the district board have approved the properties being added.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: NAYS:

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the application for inclusion of territory in Tippecanoe and Chapman Lakes Regional Sewer District, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF ARPA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS -SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATION:

County Administrator, Marsha McSherry presented recommendations from the ARPA Committee on 5 applications from the systems administration department. A summary of the projects was presented totaling \$203,880.13 for the purpose of hardware and software updates to improve cybersecurity and secure email. The projects were listed as follows:

- Authpoint Licenses (150) Reimbursement \$7,317.01
- Authpoint-Additional Licenses Needed (270) \$10,292.40
- Meraki Access Points \$31,579.80
- Network Switches \$54,690.92
- Secure Email Service (5 yr. subscription) \$100,000.00

McSherry stated the recommendations were presented and approved by County Council at their meeting on June 9.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the 5 recommendations from the ARPA Committee as presented.

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF PARKS & RECREATION SPECIAL FUND ORDINANCE:

Ed Ormsby, County Attorney, presented an ordinance for consideration establishing a special fund for the Parks & Recreation Department, for the purpose of receiving dollars through fund raising projects and donations.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve the ordinance establishing a special fund for the Parks & Recreation Department as presented.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 22-06-21-001 (2022060994)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

It should be noted this fund is only for cash funds only, not for the purpose of accepting property.

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY PURCHASE-ASSESSOR COPIER:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented quotes for the replacement of a copier for the Assessor's office. The two quotes received were from Adams Remco in the amount of \$10,454 and Office Concepts for \$10,382.40 which includes the maintenance contract. The recommendation is to go with Adams Remco in order to purchase the brand of copier most compatible with our network.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the recommendation of Adams Remco in the amount of \$10,454 for an emergency purchase of a copier for the Assessor's office.

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING REQUEST-KRALIS:

Matt Sandy, Area Planning, presented a request to rezone two 10-acre parcels located just south of CR 510N, from Agricultural to Agricultural II. It was a 6-1 recommendation of the Area Planning Commission to allow the rezoning from Agricultural to Agricultural II.

Steve Snyder, Attorney for the Petitioner, stated the purpose of the request is to plat the 20 acres into four 5-acre parcels for residential use, one of which already contains a residence.

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 two
10acre parcels located just south of CR
510N, from Agricultural to Agricultural II.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-06-21-002 (2022060995)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING REQUEST-HICKS:

Matt Sandy, Area Planning, presented a request to rezone 2 acres of a 22-acre parcel from Agricultural to Agricultural II, stating following the self-commitment of the Petitioner to only make one subdivision of the parcel, it was the unanimous recommendation of the Area Planning Commission to allow the rezoning from Agricultural to Agricultural II.

John Hicks, Petitioner, stated the purpose of the request is to allow for the subdivision of the existing house and building in order to sell it off and retain the rest of the acreage.

Kathy Hamman, a neighboring property owner, stated as long as the restriction approved by the Area Plan Commission to not allow any further division of the 2 acres carries with the rezoning, they have no objection. Commissioner Conley said the restriction voluntarily agreed to by the Petitioner was part of the request presented today.

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 2 acres of
a 22-acre parcel, from Agricultural to
Agricultural II

ORDINANCE NO. 22-06-21-003 (2022060996)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING REQUEST-SOUTH SHORE VENTURES LLC:

Matt Sandy, Area Planning, presented a request to rezone some frontage along SR 13 from Residential and Public Use to Commercial. Other portions have already been rezoned and this is the final step of the rezoning request which will enable them to develop an overall development plan at South Shore Ventures LLC. It was the unanimous recommendation of the Area Planning Commission to allow the rezoning.

Steve Snyder, Attorney for the Petitioner, stated portions of the property have already been rezoned to suit the future plans of the property and this particular request involves the land surrounding the restaurant.

With no one else 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 to rezone some frontage
along SR 13 from Residential and Public Use
to Commercial as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-06-21-004 (2022060997)

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 July 5, 2022

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on July 5, 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
Brad Jackson-Vice President
Robert Conley-Member

Ed Ormsby-County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – County Auditor

Cary Groninger 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 ORDER ESTABLISHING PRECINCTS-CLERK:

Ann Torpy, County Clerk, presented an order for approval, stating it is time to redistrict the City of Warsaw and Councilman, Jack Wilhite is here in support of this change. If approved the changes will take effect in January of 2023 and will be in place for the 2023 election.

MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Cary Groninger

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request for approval of the
order establishing precincts as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY FUND GRANT REQUEST-SHERIFF:

Shane Bucher, Sheriff's Office, presented a request to apply for a community fund grant in the amount of \$20,000 through the Community Foundation for face masks, dry suites and other items for the dive team.

MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request to apply for a
community fund grant in the amount of
\$20,000 through the Community Foundation.

IN THE MATTER OF 9020 S SMALLEY LN-PROPERTY UPDATE:

Ed Ormsby, County Attorney, stated the property will be submitted for condemnation and clean up. Corrections have been made to the deed, which will soon be recorded. The county owns the property and plans to present a potential waiver of fees so the property can be cleaned up and sold.

Brad Jackson said the health department has the funding available to demo the property and suggested putting out requests for bids.

Bob Conley said fees would be waived in order to find a potential buyer.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Proceed with the demolition and clean up of the real estate in preparation of sheriff sale.

IN THE MATTER OF 2023 COUNTY HOLIDAY CALENDAR:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, presented the 2023 holiday calendar for approval, stating the traditional county holidays are included with no changes.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the 2023 holiday calendar as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF AT GRADE CROSSING GRANT REQUEST-HIGHWAY:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, presented a request to apply for a 100% reimbursable grant, with the amount not to exceed \$40,000. Proposals are expected by the end of the week for paint markings at railroad crossings.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request to apply for a 100% reimbursable grant, with the amount not to exceed \$40,000.

IN THE MATTER OF FURTHER BUSINESS:

Nate Myers, adjacent property owner to the property mentioned above, asked what timeline should the neighboring property owners expect the demolition and cleanup to be accomplished in.

Bob Conley said they would be putting the processes into motion at the next meeting and would support a timely resolution.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 19, 2022

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on July 19, 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
Brad Jackson-Vice President
Robert Conley-Member

Ed Ormsby-County Attorney- ABSENT
Michelle Puckett – County Auditor
Marsha McSherry – County Administrator

The meeting was called to order by Cary Groninger.

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

IN THE MATTER OF VETERAN OF THE MONTH-ROBERT D. ALLEN:

Darryl McDowell, Veteran Service Officer, introduced Veteran of the Month, Robert D. Allen, a lifelong resident of Kosciusko County, born to Herman and Helen Allen on August 17th 1931 in Leesburg, IN.

Bob enlisted into the US Navy after graduating from Leesburg High School in 1951. He attended basic training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, north of Chicago. He was later transferred to Naval Station Newport Rhode Island and assigned to- Fletcher Class Destroyer USS Melvin (DD-680) where he was an Electrician's Mate and maintained electrical equipment on board. In 1953 he was based at Naval Station Key West and was assigned to Butler Class Destroyer USS Woodson (DE-359).

In his military career, Bob sailed the Atlantic, Caribbean and Mediterranean. He traveled from Norway, North of the Arctic Circle to Cuba, Panama and Ports of the Mediterranean. He achieved the rank of Sergeant E5 and earned a Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal and Navy Occupation Medal with Europe Clasp. Bob was honorably discharged in September 1955. After returning home to Leesburg and his job at Milford Machine, Bob would later spend 22 years as Plant Manager for Goshen Case Company. In 1985 he joined Da-Lite Screen, retiring in 2000.

Bob and his late Wife, Sandra Hartman were married on November 7, 1953. They had four children; Kay, Kip, Ken and Kraig, 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. He stays busy with hunting, fishing and farming. He enjoys spending time with family, Cubs baseball, IU basketball and making kettle corn.

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

Bob thanked all of those in attendance and expressed his gratitude for the award which was a surprise to him.

IN THE MATTER OF ARPA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS-LAKELAND REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT:

Cary Groninger presented the ARPA committee recommendations for the Lakeland Regional Sewer District to provide updates to their equipment which included:

- Construct Bulk Storage for Ferric Chloride- \$100,000.00
- Sludge De-Watering Equipment- \$150,000.00

Groninger stated with keeping the ARPA Committee's long term investment in mind; these upgrades would reduce future costs. The Commissioners had a brief discussion in regards to the denied requests of the Tippecanoe-Chapman Lakes and Turkey Creek Sewer Districts where they will still have an opportunity to submit further requests for consideration.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the ARPA committee recommendations to approve \$100,000.00 Bulk Storage and \$150,000.00 Sludge Equipment for the Lakeland Regional Sewer District.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

Cary Groninger presented the recommendations for the newly created Parks & Recreation Board as Mike Cusick, 4 yr. term and Matt Metzger, 2 yr. term. Both members have accepted the appointment and will bring a lot of outdoor experience to the board.

Auditor Michelle Puckett stated she has chosen Troy Turley as the Auditors 1 yr. annual appointment and Council has chosen their appointments as Rob Bishop, 4 yr. term, and Aggie Sweeney, 2 yr. term. All members have agreed to serve and all look forward to the opportunity. Puckett added, once all members have been approved, she will serve as the board secretary and will contact all members in order to plan their first meeting.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the recommendations and appoint Mike Cusick and Matt Metzger to serve on the Department of Parks & Recreation Board as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF NONPROFIT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2023 BUDGET:

Commissioners held a brief discussion regarding their recommendations of the 2023 nonprofit requests which will need to be submitted to Council. With all nonprofit organizations requesting an increase except for the St Joe River Basin; the Commissioners agreed to recommend a 4% increase, from the 2022 approved amounts, for those requesting an increase. The St Joe River Basin will remain the same as the 2022 budget.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve recommending a 4% increase for the non-profit requests, with the exception of St. Joe River Basin, which will remain the same as 2022.

IN THE MATTER OF S SMALLEY LN-PROPERTY UPDATE:

Bill Baxter, Health Department, presented quotes for demolition of 9020 S Smalley Ln which included:

- Chuck Shane Excavating \$8,500.00
- Greene Excavating \$4,974.00
- SiteWorx Services \$6,500.00

Bob Conley made a motion to accept the lowest bid from Greene Excavating for \$4,974.00.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Cary Groninger

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

Brad Jackson Abstained

UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the lowest bid from Dean Greene Excavating for \$4,974.00 for demolition of 9020 S Smalley Ln.

IN THE MATTER OF FURTHER BUSINESS:

Auditor Michelle Puckett announced the resignation of Teena Pence from the Auditor's office, thanking Teena for her years of service and help to the boards.

IN THE MATTER OF DLZ INDIANA, LLC CONTRACT -HIGHWAY:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, requested approval for a contract with DLZ Indiana LLC; which is for any event on the roads and for estimating improvements.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request of the DLZ Indiana LLC Contract as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY CROSSINGS 2022-2 GRANT- HIGHWAY:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, presented a request to apply for the Community Crossings 2022-2 matching grant in the amount of \$1M. Moriarty stated the grant has been very rewarding the past 4 years they have been awarded. The funds would be used for Old Road 30 from St Rd 13 to 400 E; then from Pierceton Road to the city limits of Winona Lake and Pierceton.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request to apply for the Community Crossings 2022-2 matching grant in the amount of \$1M, as presented.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 2, 2022

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on August 2, 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
Brad Jackson-Vice President
Robert Conley-Member

Ed Ormsby-County Attorney-ABSENT
Michelle Puckett – County 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-LENORA STUMP -US ARMY:

Darryl McDowell, Veteran Service Officer, stated along with honoring the counties veteran for the month of August; the Nation holds several honorable dates including the following:

- Air Force Day 8/1
- Coast Guard Birthday 8/4
- Purple Heart Day 8/7
- Agent Orange Awareness Day 8/10
- Marine Corps Reserves Birthday 8/29

McDowell added that Navajo Code Talkers Day which is observed August 14th is not often recognized but contributed to many lives being saved in WWII by the ability to make it impossible for the enemy to break codes.

McDowell then introduced Veteran of the Month, Lenora Stump, born in Atwood, IN to Emery and Violet Murphy on April 7, 1935. A lifelong county resident; she graduated from Atwood High School in 1953.

Lenora enlisted with the US Army January 28, 1955, attending basic training at Fort McClellan, Alabama and attended Quartermaster school for her advanced training in Fort Lee, Virginia. Once final training was complete; Stumps first assignment was working in the commissary office of the Pentagon, under Major Promm. With an opportunity to be stationed in Germany; Lenora extended her enlistment in April 1956 just in order to do so! She was stationed at Heidelberg Germany living in the Patton Barracks working as a supply clerk. On November 13, 1956 she married a fellow Army Soldier, Robert Woodard, where they wed at the German Consulate. After giving birth to their first child, Lenora was honorably discharged from the US Army on July 25, 1957; remaining in Germany as a dependent until the spring of 1958.

Stump returned home to Kosciusko County in 1958 to begin a new chapter; later marrying Robert Stump in 1962. Lenora has been active with The American Legion since 1998, serving as the Auxiliary President for Post 258 in Pierceton. She transferred to Post 49 in Warsaw holding many positions such as Legionnaire, Auxiliary member, Honor Guard and Commander of John

C. Peterson Post 49 2005-2006. Lenora is a lifetime member of VFW John W Sittler Post 1126 in Warsaw.

McDowell and the Commissioners thanked Lenora for his service and presented her with a plaque. Lenora stated she was speechless and thanked all of those who came to support her.

IN THE MATTER OF KEDCO UPDATE:

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

- The 2022 work plan is focused around entrepreneurship, housing, and talent retention.
 - The northeast Indiana region has been selected to receive \$50M of READI funding; giving KEDCO the opportunity of putting together several projects to pursue funding.
 - Operations- a team is being built and project management is being added.
 - The KEDCO team is partnering with SCORE, and WEOC/WBC to focus on the customer service approach.
 - Within the last 90 days KEDCO has launched the MedTech Accelerator Studio program, which has had a great response from community leaders. They have also developed an IP
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- Matchmaking Program with partner JC Innovations and funding from USDA Rural Development.
 - Finalized plans for meeting/event space in downtown Warsaw with partner MED Institute.
 - Within the next 90 days KEDCO plans to increase the number of meetings, referrals and to expand the pipeline of job creation and investment projects.
 - In closing, Commissioners Groninger & Jackson thanked Tio for KEDCO's work with the HELP program and the work being done with Polywood.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY CROSSINGS MATCH GRANT FOR 2022-2 LETTER OF COMMITMENT:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, presented a letter of commitment for approval, stating the letter is confirmation of available funding in the amount of \$1,105,326.50; which will be used to support 50% of the costs of the Community Crossings \$2.1M project under the 2022-2 grant.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the letter of commitment for the Community Crossings 2022-2 project, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT BLOSSOM LANE/CHERRY CREEK MANOR:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, requested approval of an amendment to ordinance 05-11-29-0003, lines 5 & 6 to install yield signs vs. stop signs in Cherry Creek Manor. The request is for yield signs at the southwest corner of Master Lane and Blossom Lane then at

the northeast corner of Blossom Lane and Blossom Lane at the southwest corner. The request meets all criteria in order to change the stops signs to yield signs.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3

NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the ordinance amendment for yield signs on Master Lane & Blossom Lane in Cherry Creek Manor as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-08-02-0001 (2022080103)

CR 05-11-29-003 (200500019672)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE- 750 E:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, requested an ordinance to reduce the speed limit on 750 E from Armstrong Road to North Webster city limits to 35 MPH. The request for reduction is necessary to slow travelers down before entering a school zone.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3

NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the ordinance to reduce the speed limit on 750 E from Armstrong Road to North Webster city limits to 35 MPH.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-08-02-0001 (2022080102)

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

August 16, 2022

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on August 16, 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

Brad Jackson-Vice President

Robert Conley-Member

Ed Ormsby-County Attorney

Michelle Puckett – County Auditor

Marsha McSherry – County Administrator

Commissioner Board President, Cary Groninger, called the meeting to order.

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

IN THE MATTER OF AIC SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION: ASHLEY IRWIN

Ryan Hoff, General Counsel to Association of Indiana Counties, introduced Annual College Scholarship Award winner, Ashley Irwin, noting her community involvement, educational attainment, and continuous plans to serve the community of Kosciusko County as a nurse. This award is sponsored by AIC and Nationwide Retirement Solutions and is given to children and grandchildren of government county employees. Kevin Mitchell, Nationwide Retirement Solutions, presented the award to Ashley Irwin, daughter of Joe & Amy Irwin. Amy is Kosciusko County's Ordinance Administrator.

IN THE MATTER OF KABS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT & QUARTERLY CLAIM:

Chad Kaltenbach, KABS General Manager, presented the capital equipment claim in the amount of \$4,521 for approval: 20% local match, 80% grant. Funding was used specifically for office chairs, desks, and a welder for their mechanic.

Chad also presented the quarterly INDOT claim from April 1-June 30, 2022 for approval in the amount of \$148,922, stating funding was 100% federal.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the capital equipment claim in the amount of \$4,521 & quarterly INDOT claim in the amount of \$148,922 as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF FUNDING TO INVESTIGATE A TIF OPPORTUNITY - REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION & KEDCO:

Alan Tio, KEDCO CEO, requested funds alongside the support of the Redevelopment Commission, in the amount of \$25,000 from approved CEDIT funds, to investigate a possible new TIF district for the Southshore Village area just outside of Syracuse. Discussion was held by all three parties to the importance of developing that area specifically for workforce housing. The money would then be recouped by creating a revolving fund process. Present in support of the request were Redevelopment Commission President Joni Truex, Vice President Jan Orban, & Member Dan Thystrup.

Commissioners stated their concern to the amount needed versus funding amount requested. In response, Joni Truex, Redevelopment President, advised of their proposal from vendor Baker Tilly, as support for their projections coming under budget. All parties held discussion and reinforced a vision of frugality pertaining to spending tax payer dollars.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the funding in the amount of \$25,000 to investigate a possible TIF district for Southshore Village area.

Alan Tio, KEDCO CEO, briefly recognized County Council for approving ordinance for Kosciusko County to continue in the NorthEast Indiana Redevelopment Authority. Without the Council's approval, the ability to participate in the needed READI Program would not be possible.

Also recognized by Tio was KEDCO new Project Director, Terry Sweeny, who previously led the Downtown Lexington Partnership located in Kentucky.

IN THE MATTER OF ESTIMATE FOR MILLER SEWER & DRAIN INC:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented an estimate from Miller Sewer & Drain Inc. in the amount of \$123,454 in regards to the collapse of a cast iron pipe which caused draining issues resulting in extensive repairs due to its location in the jail kitchen.

McSherry contacted the Commissioners for emergency approval to move forward with the repair which was then completed within a week's time. In addition, a vendor will be sought out to investigate the possibility of future problems in order to prevent further damage.

McSherry sought the Commissioner's approval of the emergency expenditure estimate.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

ABSTAINED: Cary Groninger

TO: Accept the emergency expenditure with Miller Sewer & Drain Inc. in the amount of \$123,454 to correct and repair damage resulting from a pipe collapse.

IN THE MATTER OF RIGHT STUFF SOFTWARE RENEWAL:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented the Right Stuff Software annual licensing fee renewal in the amount of \$25,300 for approval. Per the Auditor's recommendation of this payroll-based software, McSherry stated the request is for a 3-year renewal payment option.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the 3-year renewal recommendation for Right Stuff Software in the amount of \$25,300 as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF STOP SIGN ORDINANCE-CR 1300 S & CR 300 E:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, sought an approval of the request made by the County of Wabash to the Commissioners for an additional stop sign located at the intersection of CR 1300S & CR 300E. The current ordinance is a 3-way stop; approval would make this a 4-way stop.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the stop sign ordinance of a 4-way stop at the intersection of CR 1300S & CR 300E, as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-08-16-001 (2022080836)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF LPA CONSULTING CONTRACT-HIGHWAY:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, requested approval of the LPA Consulting Contract which is needed to move forward with county bridge project 123. The LPA Consultant

Contract is for engineering between USI & Kosciusko County. The location of the 123-bridge project is at Packerton Rd. just south of Pierceton Rd. with a construction year of 2027. Commissioners mentioned the need to serve notice to the community as it is a heavily-traveled area; noting the 5-year time frame to get ready for the projects temporary, yet tremendous inconvenience to the public.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve the LPA Consulting Contract with USI for the Bridge 123 Project.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF LETTER OF REQUEST TO ADVERTISE:

Susan Engelberth, County Assessor and Chief Deputy Assessor Gail Chapman presented a request for the Assessor's office to advertise in order to obtain bids for a vendor to review commercial and industrial properties.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Allow the request to advertise for vendor bids by the Assessor's Office.

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATION CENTRAL SQUARE CONTRACT:

Bob Momeyer, County Systems Administrator, presented an agreement from Central Square for further clarification. Although Systems Administration has their own working software for jail management, the State would like to standardize all 92 counties in this specific performance.

- Momeyer would like the Commissioners to make the decision whether to go forward or not with that contract based on whether the county or the State is liable for the new software cost.
- Bob Momeyer's presented opinion is that there is little risk to the county paying the cost, but has concern in regards to the unchangeable contract verbiage from Central Square which states, "that in the event the state fails to follow through, that county is under obligation to pay the cost."
- The cost in question is in the one-time amount of \$10,160 in addition to yearly maintenance dollars of roughly 5-7%.

Discussion was held with County Attorney, Ed Ormsby, as to whether the county was on solid ground in signing the contract. Ormsby reviewed the corresponding letter from the State of Indiana and determined that the county was indeed on solid ground; with the State having agreed in writing to obtain all costs with the project.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Cary Groninger

AYES: 2

NAYS: 1

TO: Approve signing the Central Square Contract in regards to State standardized software.

OPPOSED: Brad Jackson

MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING REQUEST-VAILE:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Commission Director, presented a request for petitioner Robert Vaile to rezone a tract of ground from Agriculture to Agricultural II located south and west of Atwood. Richard stated the ground is questionable, but has buildable area. It is the unanimous recommendation of the Area Planning Commission to allow the rezoning.

Robert Vaile, property owner, spoke in favor of the request stating it is his intention to sell part of the acreage that is farther away from the majority of the flood zone. He has already had the land surveyed and is in the process of soil testing.

With no one further 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 unanimous

recommendation of Area Plan Commission to

rezone a tract of land south and west of

Atwood from Agriculture to Agricultural II.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-08-16-002 (2022080837)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING REQUEST-JACKSON:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Commission Director, presented a request for petitioner Teresa Jackson to rezone a tract of land located just off of Old US30 from Residential to Agricultural II, for the purpose of adding additional housing and possibly animals. Richard stated it is the unanimous recommendation of the Area Planning Commission to allow the rezoning.

Ben Johnson was present to speak in favor of the request stating the property was his grandfathers who passed away. Johnson stated the purpose of splitting the tract into two is for his sister who would like to purchase the property with the house, and for himself to purchase the property with the pole barn.

With no one 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 unanimous

recommendation of Area Plan Commission to

rezone a tract located just off of US30, from

Residential to Agricultural II.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-08-16-003 (2022080838)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING REQUEST-KNISELY:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Commission Director, presented a request for petitioner Jonathan Knisely to rezone a tract bounded on the south by Old US30 from Industrial II to Agricultural. Richard stated it is the unanimous recommendation of the Area Planning Commission to allow the rezoning.

Jonathan Knisely, property owner, stated it is his intention to place a home on the piece of land near the river. Additionally, he stated that several conversations have been held with surrounding parties about the length to which the 4H Kosciusko County Fair will extend towards the property.

With no one further 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 unanimous

recommendation of Area Plan Commission

to rezone a tract, located by Old US 30,

from Industrial II to Agricultural.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-08-16-004 (2022080839)

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

August 30, 2022

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on August 30, 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

Brad Jackson-Vice President

Robert Conley-Member

Ed Ormsby-County Attorney

Michelle Puckett – County Auditor

Marsha McSherry – County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR ARPA FUNDING REGARDING COUNTY-WIDE HELP PROGRAM PROJECTS -AMY ROE, COMMUNITY COORDINATOR:

Amy Roe, Kosciusko County Community Coordinator, requested the Commissioners' approval to earmark \$1.2 Million in ARPA funds for future Kosciusko County projects under the HELP Program. Amy gave an overview of the ARPA Committee Special Meeting which took place on August 29th, 2022 and involved the successful approval of funds by the ARPA Committee. She mentioned the team of 48 local individuals who had engineered the projects for the initiative.

Further discussion was held in regards to the necessary refining process of those goals, the passion of the individuals who presented the initiatives, the current balance of the funds, and phase stages which include matching grants.

Mayor Thallemer clarified the differences between the city program versus the county-wide initiative as further support for the project.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the grant request of \$1.2 Million as earmarked for future approved projects.

IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN COMMISSION MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENTS WITH MACOG: MATT SANDY & MACOG -LEAH THILL

Matt Sandy, Area Plan Commission, presented the Memorandum of Agreements with MACOG for the continual utilization of Brownfield funding for the development of not only incorporated but unincorporated areas of Kosciusko County. The requested Commissioner's signature will be the fourth and final county to sign the memorandum.

Discussion by Leah Thill, MACOG, was presented regarding previous strategy of expenditures and investments as testimony to how this memorandum will be further beneficial for Kosciusko County.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve MACOG Regional Brownfields Coalition Memorandum of Agreement

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM RECERTIFICATION-AREA PLAN COMMISSION-MATT SANDY:

Matt Sandy, Area Plan Commission, presented the request for a signature to the Community Rating System Recertification, a volunteer program regarding flooding. The requested signature would state that the Area Plan Commission is currently participating in volunteer activities for the purpose of continuing to receive the flood insurance discount.

Two new activities were recently added to the list carried out by Area Plan Commission, Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, and the use of hazard signs, which were meticulously recorded by Mike Cannon with the Kosciusko County Highway Sign Department.

Further discussion was held in regards to any regulation requirements which were none, and the exact amount of the discount which was 5% for the county.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the signature which states that Area Plan Commission is still participating in activities which continues the flood insurance discount.

**IN THE MATTER OF MARSHA MCSHERRY, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR-
APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE:**

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented that it is time to appoint the members of the Health & Wellness Committee for the following year.

Rob Bishop-Prosecutors Office

Bobbi Burkhart-Assessors Office

Cheryl McGettrick-Sheriffs Office

Mike Snelling-Auditors Office

Shannon Shepherd-Purdue Extension Educator-will be the Advisor to the Health & Wellness Committee

Marsha McSherry-County Administrator- will be Director of Health & Wellness Committee for/under the Commissioners.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the appointed members to the Health & Wellness Committee.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 13, 2022

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on September 13, 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
Robert Conley-Member

Michelle Puckett – County 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-JANNA STOLLERY, MSGT-U.S. AIR FORCE:

Darryl McDowell, Veteran Service Officer, described the achievements and dedication of MSGT-U.S. Air Force Janna Stollery. Janna was born in Warsaw on September 11, 1951. She graduated a part of the first class of Wawasee High School in June of 1969. Later than October, Janna was sworn in to the Air Force at the airport in Indianapolis, Indiana as she headed out for duty. Over the entirety of her career, she enlisted multiple times, dedicating herself to her administrative work and educating Sergeants and Staff Sergeants on the subjects of Leadership & Management, Communicative Skills, Drill & Ceremonies, and World Affairs. She achieved many awards such as the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Ribbon, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, and Air Force Overseas Ribbon and the title of Master Sergeant. Her greatest achievement was when she was selected as the first female Commandant of the 23rd Air Force NCO Leadership School in August of 1988. Other achievements included earning two Associates in Applied Science degrees while on active duty and after retirement, completing her BAS degree and a Masters in Business Administration as well. A military retirement ceremony was held in honor of Janna on February 1st, 1990.

Janna is currently a member of the American Legion Post 223 and Auxiliary in Syracuse, IN. She currently holds the position of Post Chaplain and member of the Post Honor Guard. She loves volunteering and continues to serve the people of Kosciusko County through various opportunities.

McDowell and the Commissioners thanked Stollery for her service and presented her with a plaque. Stollery thanked everyone who had a part in making this recognition possible.

IN THE MATTER OF KOSCIUSKO COUNTY WOOD CARVERS ASSOCIATION:

Brent Julian, Kosciusko County Wood Carvers Association member, presented on various types of wood carving: carving in the round, relief, chip-which is the most time-consuming, and woodburning. He presented his hope in recruiting interest in this unique craft. Brent also invited the public to attend the associations very first wood carving show which will be held on October 1st, 2022 at the Senior Center (North Park Avenue) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. He reported that the group has grown from five members to now 12 this year. He would like to encourage others in Kosciusko County young and old to get involved as it does not take talent, skill, or even an artistic ability; the carver only has to take out what does not belong in the piece.

Next, Ed Graves showcased his pieces which were much smaller and more complex, often made from only one piece of wood. Everyone who attended today's meeting seemed to enjoy the unique learning experience.

IN THE MATTER OF SYRACUSE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, presented the recommendation of the Syracuse Public Library to appoint Carol Boone, who has agreed to complete the term of Dawn Burns, until the expiration of June 24th, 2022.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the Syracuse Public Library's recommendation to appoint Carol Boone to serve on the Syracuse Public Library Board.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL VENDOR BID: COUNTY ASSESSOR-SUSAN ENGELBERTH:

Susan Engelberth, County Assessor, presented a Commercial Vendor bid for the Assessor's Office. Susan advertised in two newspapers and contacted three vendors and only received one bid. County Attorney, Ed Ormsby, unsealed the box and revealed the vendor bid which was from Lexur for the amount of \$182,100.00, adding that the contract form would need to be reviewed. Susan would like to take the bid under review and give her recommendation at the next Commissioners meeting (9/27/2022).

IN THE MATTER OF EMPG COMPETITIVE 2022 FEDERAL GRANT REQUEST:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management, presented a request for the EMPG Competitive 2022 Federal Grant in the amount of \$20,000.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the EMPG Competitive 2022 Federal Grant request in the amount of \$20,000.

IN THE MATTER OF EMPG SALARY 2022 FEDERAL GRANT REQUEST:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management, presented a request for the EMPG Salary 2022 Federal Grant in the amount of \$55,000 for salary reimbursement. This grant is requested at the max for Kosciusko County. Although the estimated amount is around \$54,920, he is submitting for the entire \$55,000. Both grants were confirmed to be previously requested grants every year.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the EMPG Salary 2022 Federal Grant request in the amount of \$55,000 for salary reimbursement.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 27, 2022

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on September 27, 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
Brad Jackson-Vice President
Robert Conley-Member

Ed Ormsby-County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – County Auditor
Marsha McSherry – County Administrator

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

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 that property owner, Norma Monk, who lives at 14 EMS C-31, has requested to be included within the territory. Henschen stated that the District Engineering Committee and the District Board of Directors approved with no objection.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

TO: Approve the application for inclusion of territory within the Tippy/Chapman Regional Sewer District as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF ARPA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION-KOSCIUSKO COUNTY CORONER:

Tony Ciriello, Kosciusko County Coroner, presented the ARPA Committee's recommendation to support his request, in the amount of \$20,547.40, for the purchase of stainless-steel tables and a lift system. He stated that the old and donated equipment is now non-functional due to rust and corrosion. A powered lift system which can lift up to 1,000 lbs., is also needed and will prevent injury to the deceased and employees.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the recommendation of the ARPA Committee to support the request of \$20,547.40 for tables and a lift system.

IN THE MATTER OF ARPA COMMITTEE RECOMENDATION-CARDINAL SERVICES:

Vicki Looten, Cardinal Services Executive Director, presented the ARPA Committee's recommendation to support her request, in the amount of \$200,000.00, for much needed renovations. There have been no major renovations since 1967. The new plans include an all-inclusive center with the following clubs: Culinary, Tech, Garden, and Literacy. They will also be expanding employment and certification opportunities. Vicki also presented that they are at 87% of the funding needed, and broke ground in May of 2022. A grand opening ceremony will be held in Summer of 2024.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

CARY GRONINGER ABSTAINED

TO: Accept the recommendation of the ARPA Committee to support the request of \$200,000.00 for building renovations as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF ARPA COMMITTEE RECOMENDATION-KOSCIUSKO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

Greg Steffe, Director of Kosciusko County Historical Society, presented the ARPA Committee's recommendation to support his request, in the amount of \$22,444.36, for the replacement of two HVAC units. The first is in the genealogy department, the other is located in the attic.

The second phase of the request is to pinpoint and fix a reoccurring leak in the reception area. Masonry Solutions, located in Wabash, Indiana, was presented as the vendor.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the recommendation of the ARPA Committee to support the request of \$22,444.36 for the replacement of two HVAC units, and to fix the reoccurring leak as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF ARPA COMMITTEE RECOMENDATION-COMBINED COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Randy Polston, Combined Community Services Director, presented the ARPA Committee's recommendation to support his request, in the amount of \$100,000.00. Six HVAC units, all of which are 12-13 years old, are at the end of their lifespan. A new truck is also needed for weekly and miscellaneous pick-ups. The van in current use has rust and over 200,000 miles on it. The Frank Siemens Foundation has awarded CCS \$30,000.00 towards the purchase of a new van. Lakeside Chevrolet has quoted CCS at cost in the amount of \$48,000.00.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the recommendation of the ARPA Committee to support the request of \$100,000.00 as presented. Receipts for the replacement of six HVAC units and a van are to be turned-in to prove purchase amount

IN THE MATTER OF ARPA COMMITTEE RECOMENDATION-KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DISPATCH:

Sarah Lancaster, Director of Operations at Kosciusko County Dispatch, presented the ARPA Committee's recommendation to support her request, in the amount of \$48,250.41, for the

replacement of communications and recording equipment. This upgrade will allow crisp recordings and lower annual maintenance fees.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the recommendation of the ARPA Committee to support the request of \$48,250.41 for E-911 Solacom Hardware replacement as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT GRANTS:

Bob Weaver, Health Department Administrator, presented the Local Health Maintenance Grants in the amounts of \$48,859.00 and \$34,596.00. The first grant goes towards part time help, nursing, and food inspection; while the second portion goes towards part of the salary for the Prenatal Care Coordinator.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the requested Local Health Maintenance Grants in the amounts of \$48,859.00 and \$34,596.00 as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF LEXUR BID APPROVAL:

Susan Engleberth, County Assessor, presented the Lexur Bid in the amount of \$182,100.00, which will be paid in phases over three years. The contract was discussed as acceptable and the commissioners were guaranteed that there are means to pay everything. The money will be funding commercial/industrial, data collection, building permits, and contractual work.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Lexur bid of \$182,100.00 for commercial/industrial, data collection, building permits, and contractual work.

IN THE MATTER OF SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATION SERVER REPLACEMENTS:

Bob Momeyer, Systems Administrator, presented a request to replace three servers located in the Sherriff's office. Two will be virtualized and will have a service cost of \$13,260.00. The third server must remain flexible and physically present, and will have a hardware upgrade cost of \$8,058.75.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the replacement of three servers in the Sherriff's office.

IN THE MATTER OF KEDCO SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING:

Alan Tio, KEDCO CEO, presented three special project funding opportunities from the Economic Development Projects Budget.

- Project #1: Launched MedTech Program-There are matched supplemental funding sources from the Don Wood Foundation. They request to continue offering a rolling

program for the rest of the year. Initial program has four businesses involved, with several more lined up for the next round.

- Project #2: They would like to partner with an engineer firm for water and sewer resources for the purpose of supporting and opening up the housing development.
- Project #3: Build a network of 20 people interested in relocating to Kosciusko County through a recruitment program called MakeMyMove, located in Indianapolis. A matching grant, dollar-for-dollar, is available from the State. The original funding is already budgeted, and will come out of the Special Project Fund.

Discussion was held on the metrics of the program and the desire to concentrate more on economic development. Another concern is funding abuse and the Commissioners desire a greater percentage of success and accountability to constituents.

MOTION:	Robert Conley	TO: Approve the special project
SECOND:	Cary Groninger	funding for all three initiatives in
AYES:	2 NAYS: 0	the amount of \$140,000.00, as
		presented.
BRAD JACKSON		
ABSTAINED		

IN THE MATTER OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT GRANT:

Bob Weaver, Health Department Administrator, presented a grant request, in the amount of \$50,000.00, to go towards the continued partnership with the Bowen Center and finishing out the covid testing initiative. The funding would be in \$25,000.00 segments; covid tests are able to be used at the County Jail.

MOTION:	Robert Conley	TO: Approve the grant request in the
SECOND:	Brad Jackson	amount of \$50,000 from the State as
AYES:	3 NAYS: 0	presented.
UNANIMOUS		

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENTS:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented two appointments to the Commissioners:

- Recommendation to keep Cyber Incident State Reporter: Bob Momeyer
- Public Defender Board: Alan Alderfer-who has consented to serve another year

JRAC was tabled for further notice to confirm interest from the candidate.

MOTION:	Robert Conley	TO: Accept the appointments of Cyber
SECOND:	Brad Jackson	Incident State Reporter-Bob Momeyer
AYES:	3 NAYS: 0	and Public Defender Board-Alan
		Alderfer as presented.
UNANIMOUS		

IN THE MATTER OF VSO OFFICE FURNITURE REQUEST:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented a request for VSO Office furniture. They are out of file storage space in the cabinets, and this would allow for more filing capabilities both

present and future. While two bids were received, Marsha recommended KDA, which presented a lower quote at \$8,974.50.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Accept the request to furnish the VSO office as presented.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS PLAN:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented the Kosciusko County Communications Plan, which will include the Public Safety Tech Committee, Emergency Management, County Public Safety Agencies, incorporated cities and towns with public safety agencies, and all of the participating stakeholders. The purpose of the plan is to allow public safety members to communicate and integrate daily operations during various disaster events. The plan and the system are projected to go live in a month, with next week starting fine-tuning before testing.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve the Kosciusko County Communications Plan as presented.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented a Memorandum of Understanding to the Commissioners for approval. The MOU has been reviewed and approved by Ed Ormsby, and requires the agreement of all parties involved in the plan to abide by the guidance set forth in the document.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the MOU as presented.

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR BID DATE:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, requested an annual bid deadline date of November 7th. He also requested to advertise on October 5th and 12th.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Allow, by consensus, the County Highway Department, to set an annual bid date of November 7th, and to advertise on October 5th and 12th as presented.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST TO OPEN BIDS:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, requested approval to open up bids for snowplow contractors in District 2. The current vendor has discontinued their service, and there

is now a need for smaller trucks and workforce this winter. Those packets can be picked up at the County Highway Department.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Allow the County Highway Department to open up bids for snowplow services as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING AMENDMENT REQUEST-HULL:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Commission Director, presented the new director as of November 7th, Matt Sandy. Dan Richard is retiring.

Matt Sandy, Incoming Area Plan Commission Director, presented a request to rezone the property of an old church, located at 750 South 700 East, from Public Use to Agricultural. He stated that the petitioners have recently purchased the property and wish to use it as a residence. With it being a public use district, residential use is not permitted, so they are requesting Agricultural to allow a use change. It was the unanimous recommendation of the Area Planning Commission to allow the rezoning amendment from Public Use to Agricultural.

Phil and Janet Hull, petitioners, stated that they purchased the property, and last week had a new roof put on. This following week they are scheduled for a new well, and are looking forward to making this their home.

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

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the unanimous recommendation of the Area Planning Commission to allow the rezoning amendment from Public Use to Agricultural as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-09-27-001 (2022090981)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING AMENDMENT REQUEST-WILSON:

Matt Sandy, Incoming Area Plan Commission Director, presented a request to rezone a tract of land from SR13, Southwestern, from Agricultural to Commercial. He stated that it has been used commercially through the years but is ultimately zoned as agricultural. It was the unanimous recommendation of the Area Planning Commission to allow the rezoning amendment from Agricultural to Commercial.

Steve Schneider, spoke on behalf of the petitioner, stating that he agrees with Matt's presentation points. With no one present to speak against the request, the Commissioners closed the meeting to the public.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-09-27-002 (202209082)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

Further congratulations and a standing ovation were given to Dan Richards for his service to Kosciusko County.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
October 11, 2022

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on October 11, 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

Brad Jackson-Vice President

Robert Conley-Member

Ed Ormsby-County Attorney

Michelle Puckett – County Auditor

ABSENT Marsha McSherry-County
Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF VETERAN OF THE MONTH-REX ALLEN YARIAN:

Darryl McDowell, Veteran Service Officer, presented Veteran of the Month, Rex Allen Yarian, who was not present today as he and his wife are recovering from a recent car accident. The certificate will be presented to Mr. Yarian next Thursday at Java Jacks in Mentone, Indiana at 1 p.m.

Rex Yarian was born in Kosciusko County on January 28, 1948, and graduated from Mentone High in 1966. Rex was drafted into the United States Army and inducted in February of 1968. Upon completing training, he was sent to Vietnam on July 21st, 1968, where he and many others came into contact with Agent Orange. As a result of that exposure, Rex is currently fighting a 12-year long battle with cancer. While on duty, he received several awards which include the following: National Defense, Vietnam Service Medal with three bronze stars (three campaigns), Army Commendation Medal with v device for valor, and the Combat Infantry Badge, which is only earned upon direct contact with enemy forces. After duty, Rex returned to Mentone. He and his wife, Diana, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in November. They have two children and eight grandchildren.

Darryl McDowell presented Operation Green Lights. From November 7th-November 13th, Indiana courthouses will be lit up green in support and appreciation for our veterans. He encouraged the public to consider placing green lighting at their own houses in support for all of our local veterans.

IN THE MATTER OF BOWEN CENTER PRESENTATION:

- Jay Baumgartner, Bowen Center CFO, presented the recent changes at Bowen, and his appreciation for the Commissioners regarding annual funding. The Commissioners were given an annual report. This is an exciting time for the team at Bowen as they continue to design and implement services, touching the lives of patients throughout our county. A challenge for Bowen Center has been staffing; and the county's funding has been helpful in providing free care and salaries.
- Dr. Robert Ryan, Bowen Center President and CEO, presented Bowen Center's desire to connect vulnerable people to their services, in an effort to prevent mental health crisis earlier in the process, and to return them to the community. Bowen Center collaborates with schools, social services, local agencies, and local government to reach the many needs of the county. Bowen Center is proud to be Kosciusko County's mental health center. They are paying attention to the vocalized needs of the county and are responding accordingly through new streamlined services. Dr. Ryan invited the Commissioners to tour their facilities.
- Mike Murphy, Syracuse Director at Bowen, presented on the center's relationship with the public schools of Kosciusko County, and the successful child services programs. He relayed the benefits and successes of keeping families together. The Health Clinic serves 500 established patients, streamlining them to Bowen's services and resources, including the K-21 Foundation.
- Johanna Hendrikse, Interim Director for the Warsaw Bowen Office, highlighted the success of the JCAP program. The jail initiative is a two-hour per-week program and has been a valuable benefit to our local inmates. She also wanted to echo and add to her colleagues' comments on the partnerships with the school programs. Warsaw students have increased their use of Bowen Center services in the schools by more than 200% in the last year. This is a testament to the need and value of what they are accomplishing for our students.
- Shannon Hannon, Bowen Center Chief Operating Officer, presented Bowen's desire to continue creating access to high-quality mental health. They plan to do this by expanding their services and new footprints across the county.

IN THE MATTER OF TIPPECANOE AND CHAPMAN SEWER DISTRICT UPDATE:

Ken Jones, Jones Petrie Rafinski Corp. CEO, presented an update on one of the largest infrastructure projects in the county.

- thanked the Commissioners for populating the trustee's board
- successful bidding and upcoming closing on those loans
- project came in at \$51,000,000.00
- awarded grant and loan amounts were presented
- met with around 80% of the property owners who were key to the project
- signed agreements with 90% of the property owners

- build out process within the next 18-24 months
- thanked the Commissioners for their assistance and trust

John Tyler, Tippecanoe Chapman Lakes Regional Sewer District Board President, presented

- his thanks for the Commissioners' efforts and support within the board and project
- they are ready to close on the loans within the next couple of weeks
- next step will be awarding bidders
- preconstruction meeting October 25th, after which they will then be able to start simultaneous construction phases
- Final Completion date of October 2024-customers will be able to start connecting to the treatment system
- the public has given tremendous support to the project
- the community is excited and ready for the impact that this project will have on future generations

Joe Tynan, resident at Tippecanoe Lake, thanked the Commissioners for stepping up and taking on this 50-year sought out project, which will protect the local lakes and streams. The Commissioners relayed their thanks and excitement to everyone who had a part, including the public and the project leaders.

IN THE MATTER OF WARSAW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:

Cary Groninger, Commissioner President, presented on behalf of Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, a Memorandum of Understanding to be signed regarding Warsaw Community Schools agreement for the county to utilize the specific parcel of ground for our communication tower.

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

TO: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the county to utilize the specific parcel of ground for our communication tower.

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT:

Cary Groninger, Commissioner President, presented on behalf of Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, an appointment to the Commissioners:

- JRAC-Austin Rovenstine

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

TO: Approve the appointment of JRAC-Austin Rovenstine as presented.

UNANIMOUS

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 25, 2022

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on October 25, 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
Brad Jackson-Vice President
Robert Conley-Member

Ed Ormsby-County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – County Auditor
Marsha McSherry – County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF 2022 COURT REFORM GRANT REQUEST:

Judge Mike Reed requested the 2022 Court Reform Grant, in the amount of \$50,000.00, for tv monitors and floor mounts-a more preferable option due to mobility. The new vender is cheaper, now reflects the current need, and includes coverage of maintenance costs, theoretically, for the next five years.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the 2022 Grant Reform
Request in the amount of \$50,000.00,
including in-house expenses as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF THE GAL GRANT REQUEST:

Judge Chris Kehler requested permission to apply for the Family Court Project Grant in the amount of \$72,000.00. The grant will allow funds to cover expenses for GALs, similar to CASA, to assist high conflict custody cases involving families who do not have the funds for hire. Family court project grant deadline is November 10.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Acknowledge permission to apply
for the GAL Grant in the amount of
\$72,000.00 as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF LETTER IN SUPPORT OF SYRACUSE/WAWASEE TRAILS K-21 GRANT:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented a letter from the Syracuse-Wawasee Trail Committee, requesting the support of the Commissioners for the application of the K-21 Grant, regarding the South Trail Project.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Support the K-21 Grant application for the South Trail Project as presented.

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Warsaw, to replace microwave equipment at the Warsaw radio tower. This would support the 911 data link from dispatch to the central tower site.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Warsaw as presented.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF 2023 INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENTS FOR TERMINAL SERVICES DATA:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented annual renewals for the Terminal Services Data agreements. She stated that all of the outer-lying law enforcement agencies within the county contribute to the cost of remote access to software for data searching, noting there were no changes from the previous year's agreements.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve the 2023 Inter-local Agreements for Terminal Services Data as presented.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF 2023 INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT-KCCRVC:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, presented a 2023 Inter-Local Agreement between the County Auditor and the KCCRVC, stating the agreement allows the Auditor to continue to serve as controller for the commission of the entity.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the 2023 Inter-Local Agreement with the KCCRVC.

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF 2023 INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT- SOLID WASTE DISTRICT:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, presented a 2023 Inter-Local Agreement between the County Auditor and the Solid Waste District, stating the agreements allow the Auditor to continue to serve as controller for the commission of the entity.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve the 2023 Inter-Local Agreement with the Solid Waste District.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF 2023 NONPROFIT AGREEMENTS:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, presented the 2023 Nonprofit Agreements, stating the agreements reflect the amounts approved during the 2023 budget cycle.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the 2023 Nonprofit
Agreements as presented.

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING REQUEST-COLEMAN:

Matt Sandy, Area Plan Commission Director, presented a request to rezone 7.11 acres of tract of ground located Southwest of Irish Lake from Agricultural to Residential.

Sandy stated that the Area Planning Commission unanimously recommended to allow the request. Further discussion was held regarding the wetlands, soil quality, and the tract of land is not suitable to farming.

To speak against the petition were:

- Minona Harris owns the property to the right side of the land in question, and brought forth several concerns:
 - watershed and run off
 - future plans to put 15 houses, which may bring additional traffic and safety hazards
 - McKenna Road is one of the last streets to be plowed and two accidents, which have taken lives, have occurred
 - Wetlands/re-forest program
- Dennis Lindell
 - animals
 - surrounding beauty
 - anti-funneling
- Cecilia Lindell
 - channel is very narrow
 - they will face directly across from new houses
 - trespassing across private property
 - public noise
 - 40 years of nature preserve which they call the meadow
 - effect on fishing and animals

Those present to speak in favor:

- Kyle Coleman-petitioner
 - pushed too fast in the beginning plans-15 houses was a maximum hypothetical number

- they would like to see what they can do with the property to maximize use and neighborhood value
- Currently the land is unusable for farming, and today's goal is to achieve residential status. Next, they will work with the county, highway, and neighbors to maximize the area.
- Scott Saylor-partner
 - apologized to the neighbors for speaking too soon regarding possible plans
 - goal is to provide a place for more families to enjoy the area
 - seek talent and retention through suitable housing
 - monetize the land through possible building
- Scott marker-partner-
 - neighbors brought valid points
 - pieces of property were theoretical
 - work with county, neighbors, and DNR
 - not asking anything beyond residential status

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 Agricultural to Residential, as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-10-25-001 (2022100884)

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

November 7, 2022

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on November 7, 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

Brad Jackson-Vice President

Robert Conley-Member

Ed Ormsby-County Attorney

Michelle Puckett – County 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-DALE LONG:

Darryl McDowell, Veteran Service Officer, introduced Veteran of the Month, Dale Long, U.S. Air Force. Dale Long, was born in Warsaw, IN on December 8, 1938. At the age of six, Dale became a Warsaw Times Union newspaper carrier. He participated in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and in the Civil Air Patrol until his graduation in 1956. He enlisted in the US Air Force in 1961. During his career, Dale received a U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal, and in 1965, returned to Kosciusko County, where he married his wife Karen.

IN THE MATTER OF PURDUE EXTENSION CONTRACTUAL SERVICES & MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:

Andrew Ferrell, Kosciusko County Extension Director, presented and Extension Contractual Services Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding for approval and signatures.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request for signatures to the Extension Contractual Services Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF JDAI GRANT REQUEST:

Dana Bailey and Kara Shively, representatives of Judge McGrath, presented a 6th year request to apply once again, for the JDAI grant. The amount of this request is \$70,000.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request to apply for the JDAI grant, in the amount of \$70,000, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF BOB MOMEYER: COUNTY SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR:

Bob Momeyer, County Systems Administrator, presented his newest team member, Eric Sorenson. The Commissioner's welcomed him aboard.

IN THE MATTER OF JUSTICE BUILDING ELECTRICAL BID:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented one bid for the Justice Building, for electrical work regarding door power, which was received from D & D Electric, in the amount of \$3,878.00.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the bid of \$3,878.00 from D & D Electric, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF JUSTICE BUILDING DOOR SYSTEM BID:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented one bid for the installation of 3 door systems in the Justice Building, which was received from Automatic Door Controls Inc for \$8,250.00.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the bid of \$8,250.00 from Automatic Door Controls Inc, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF CORE MECHANICAL SERVICES PROPOSAL:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented a formal proposal, in the amount of \$7,935.00, from Core Mechanical Services, stating several items such as a blower motor, pulleys, and bearings, all need replaced.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the bid of \$7,935.00 from Core Mechanical Services, as presented.

IN MATTER OF AMENDMENT TO THE TROYER GROUP CONTRACT:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, requested permission to amend the Troyer Group Contract, stating that this is necessary to allow continued construction in a floodway at Husky Trail. It is not to exceed \$11,000.00.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the amendment to the Troyer Group Contract, not to exceed \$11,000.00, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF OPENING BIDS FOR THE COUNTY HIGHWAY 2023 ANNUAL SUPPLIES:

Steve Moriarty, Highway Superintendent, along with County Attorney, Ed Ormsby, opened bids submitted for the 2023 Annual Highway Supplies. The following were the submissions:

Vendor	Products/Services
Debco Metal Culverts-Francesville, IN	Aluminum Structural Plate Multi-Plate Structures Aluminum Box Culvert Corrugated Metal Culverts
Civil Con-Jeffersonville, IN	Culvert and Structural Plate Pipe Aluminum Structural Plate
Great Lakes Chloride-Warsaw, IN	Calcium Chloride Products
Lightle Enterprises of Ohio-Frankfurt, OH	Appendix F Road Signs & Posts
Milestone Contractors LP-Ft. Wayne, IN	Cast in Place Bridges
Ceres Products-Wabash, IN	Diesel Fuel
Phend & Brown-Milford, IN	Gravel and Limestone Materials
IMI Aggregates-Huntington, IN	Limestone Aggregate Materials
Speedway Sand and Gravel-Ft. Wayne, IN	Materials/Service Gravel Aggregate Materials
Elkhart County Gravel-New Paris, IN	Gravel and Limestone Materials Aggregates
R.J. Keirn Trucking-Claypool, IN	Limestone and Slag Aggregate Materials
Ransbottom Excavating-Claypool, IN	Limestone Aggregates
The Daltons-North Webster, IN	Weed Spray Materials and Application
Columbia City Mill Service-Columbia City, IN	Slag Aggregate Materials
St. Regis Culvert-Indianapolis, IN	Appendix C-Corrugated Metal Pipe Structural Plate Pipe Arches
Pierceton Trucking-Warsaw, IN	Liquid Bituminous Materials
Asphalt Materials-Warsaw, IN	Liquid Bituminous Materials
Central Paving-Logansport, IN	Winter/Summer Coldmix Patch
Phend & Brown-Milford, IN	Plant Rental for Mixing Asphalt
Niblock Excavating-Columbia City, IN	Bituminous Hotmix Asphalt Loaded in County Trucks
Phend & Brown-Milford, IN	Bituminous Hotmix Asphalt Loaded in County Trucks
Phend & Brown-Milford, IN	Bituminous Hotmix Asphalt Laid in Place by Contractor
Niblock Excavating-Columbia City, IN	Bituminous Hotmix Asphalt Laid in Place by Contractor
Brooks Construction Company-Ft. Wayne, IN	Bituminous Hotmix Asphalt Laid in Place by Contractor
Lemler Oil-Bourbon, IN	On and Off Road Diesel Fuel
Petroleum Trader Corp-Ft. Wayne, IN	On and Off Road Diesel Fuel
American Timber Bridge-Portage, MI	Timber Bridge Products

CivilCon-Jefferson, IN	Pipe-Arches
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Moriarty made the recommendation to the Commissioners to take all the bids under advisement, stating he would review the bids and return to the November 22, 2022 meeting with his recommendations.

Bids were available for public inspection following the meeting.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS November 22, 2022

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on November 22, 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
Brad Jackson-Vice President
Robert Conley-Member

Ed Ormsby-County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – County Auditor

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

IN THE MATTER OF KOSCIUSKO SENIOR SERVICES GRANT REQUEST:

David Neff, Kosciusko County Senior Services Executive Director, presented a request, in the amount of \$60,582.00, for the purchase of a van from Superior Van and Mobility. Currently, INDOT funding for the purchase of buses, is hard to obtain due to the microchip shortage. They will keep and maintain the oldest bus. KABS maintenance crew has done a great job in keeping up with repairs. Their fleet will consist of three buses and three vans to keep up with various field trips and activities. The new van is expected to last more than 10 years, and by hanging on to the sixth vehicle during the shortage, if one happens to break down, they will have one available.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept his recommendation for the purchase of a bus, in the amount of \$60,582.00, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT REQUEST:

Barry Andrew, Director of Kosciusko County Community Corrections, presented a request, in the amount of \$25,000.00, for two new car radios, and five new handhelds. The quote is turn-

key, and Barry stated that they are playing catch up to the rest of the county, who have already made their requests last year.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the request, in the amount of \$25,000.00 for new radios, as presented.

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF MENTONE FOUR WAY AMBULANCE SERVICE GRANT REQUEST:

Jill Gross, Mentone Ambulance Service contact, presented a request, in the amount of \$29,465.00, for an additional ten radios. They were in the original batch of requests, and received four new handhelds. They are asking for ten more, and Jill stated that their ambulances are all up to date. If Mentone Four Way discontinues their service to the town at any point in the near future, those radios would be transferred to the Mentone Fire Department.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Accept the recommendation, for the radios, in the amount of \$29,465.00, as presented.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF FELLOWSHIP MISSIONS GRANT REQUEST:

Eric Lane, Executive Director of Fellowship Missions, presented a security grant request, in the amount of \$158,874.00, for the shelter located at 1520 East Winona Avenue. They need to update their old security system to include audio and video capabilities from 16-43 cameras. They are needing longer recordings, which the new cloud system provides. With an uptick in mental health and addiction recovery services, in addition to winter amnesty, they would like to keep everyone safe who is coming in and out of the campus. There were two different bids, but the one presented, offers a seven-year warranty. They are also requesting to replace their three sets of washers and dryers, which run ten hours a day and have been in operation for seven years.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve the recommendation, in the amount of \$158,874.00, for the security cameras, washers, and dryers, as presented.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF JUSTICE BUILDING HVAC REPAIRS GRANT REQUEST:

Cary Groninger, Commissioner, presented a request in the amount of \$67,708.00, to replace sensors and controls, which are not properly or efficiently communicating within the system.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve the request, in the amount of \$67,708.00, for replacing controls and sensors at the Justice Building, as presented.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF JUDGE MCGRATH 2023 INTERPRETER GRANT:

Judge McGrath, County Judge, presented a request permission to apply for the 2023 Interpreter Grant, for the amount of \$30,000.00. She stated that these are state funds and that it is hard to find quality interpreters. They would like to pursue accurate interpretation for all types of cases, including civil and criminal. There are occasions when they must rely on family members or bilingual services which are not as effect or accurate for the level of the process. They plan to use the grant money first before dipping into their funds to offset costs and stretch the courts dollars. This is not a matching grant, but based on reimbursement per month. While McGrath presented that it is not known how much money is available, based on how many people apply for the grant, that any money received, is better than none. The money would be dispersed to all five courts.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request for the Interpreter Grant, in the amount of \$30,000.00, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMERCIAL SYSTEM & MONITORS:

Bob Momeyer, County Systems Administration, requested permission to purchase 35 new computers and monitors, stating that the money is in his budget. There is no real trade-in value; they plan to flush and recycle the hard drives. The Commissioners asked if there was an opportunity to give the computers to a program in need within the county. Bob presented that he is happy to entertain the idea if the opportunity presents. He stated that the 35 computers and monitors are in stock. He usually updates along a 5-year rotation plan, but that they are behind the curve this year, and would like to use remaining funds to get back on track.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the request, in the amount of \$52,451.35, for the replacement of 35 computers and monitors, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF KREMC & KOSCIUSKO FIBER PROJECT LEASE FIGURES:

Cary Groninger, Commissioner, presented the fiber project lease figures, regarding the connection to our towers. KREMC provided the most cost-effective quote, and Cary made the recommendation that they pursue the 60-month plan, with the price commitment of \$4,898.50 per month, to connect our towers.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request for Fiber Project Lease, in the monthly amount of \$4,898.50, for 60 months, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY BRIDGE GRANT REQUEST:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, requested permission to apply for the Federal Bridge Grant, in the amount of \$4,327,200.00. He also sought approval for the Financial

Commitment Letter, with the pledged amount, from the county, standing at \$1,121,800.00. The project, which regards Bridge 139, at location 700 East across the Eel River, has a total cost of \$5.4 Million. In order to apply, Steve would need the County to commit to the Financial Letter, pledging \$1,121,800 Million from the county to the project. This is a huge savings for our county at a cost of only 20 cents to the dollar. They have been successful in receiving this grant in the past, and have had five bridges scheduled with INDOT. This project is the largest bridge to maintain and has a thorough process of inspections, and studies.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Financial Commitment Letter, pledging the county's portion in the amount of \$1,121,800.00, and the request to apply for the Federal Bridge Grant, in the amount of \$4,327,200.00, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF BID RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2023 ANNUAL HIGHWAY SUPPLIES:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, stated that bids were opened for the 2023 Annual Highway Supplies at the November 7, 2022 meeting, and the recommendation is to accept all bids for 2023. These products range from asphalt to fuel.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Highway's recommendation to accept all bids for 2023.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY PURCHASE OF JOHN DEERE 644 WHEEL LOADER:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, asked for permission to buy a John Deere 644 Wheel Loader, in the amount of \$248,788.57, at a savings of 37 percent. The original price was well over \$400,000, and will be purchased from Sourcewell. They are only out by four months. The service and warranty are extended, and replacement parts will be delivered in town. The money is already budgeted.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the request to purchase a John Deere 644 Wheel Loader, in the amount of \$248,788.57, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY PURCHASE OF WHEEL RUBBER TIRE ROLLER:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, requested the approval of resolution NO. 22-11-22-001, and permission to purchase a wheel rubber tire roller (BOMAG Roller). Last year, they could not find one, and for their chip and seal operation, they need two total.

White county has deemed that they have a surplus, which includes a used model, at a cost of \$50,000.00. County Attorney, ED Ormsby, presented the resolution for adoption, stating that the roller is in as-is condition, and is without warranties. Steve's mechanic has looked at the

machine, and the operation logs give an account to every task done to the machine. The roller is the same size as Kosciusko County's current roller.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the Resolution as presented, and approve the purchase of a BOMAG Roller, from White County, Indiana, in the amount of \$50,000.00, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING AMENDMENT REQUEST-MCCULLOCH:

Matt Sandy, Area Plan Commission Director, presented a request to rezone a tract of 140 acres of land from Residential to Agricultural. He stated that the tract of land to be rezoned is located at 1300 North to the West of the old Wawasee airport. Three tracts were combined into one parcel, and is ultimately zoned as Residential. It was the unanimous recommendation of the Area Planning Commission to allow the rezoning amendment from Residential to Agricultural.

Steve Snyder, spoke on behalf of the petitioner, and stated that Donald recently purchased the land from the Mason family. While it was originally rezoned to Residential for possible housing development, that is no longer an option. They need a USDA number, which is very hard to obtain when the land is zoned as Residential. Agricultural efforts must have a USDA number, and is easier to obtain from that point. There are no longer any structures on the combined parcel. With no one present to speak against the request, the Commissioners closed the meeting to the public.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
December 6, 2022

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on December 6, 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:

Robert Conley-President

Cary Groninger-Vice President

Brad Jackson-Member-Absent

Ed Ormsby-County Attorney

Michelle Puckett – County 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-WILLIAM COOK, U.S. ARMY:

Darryl McDowell, Veteran Service Officer, introduced Veteran of the Month William Cook, U.S. Army, stating that he was born in Georgia. He moved to Warsaw in 1946 and graduated from Warsaw Community High School in 1963. He worked for R. R. Donnelly until he began his military career at Ft. Knox. In 1967, he was stationed in Vietnam, where he served for two years. His final assignment was in California and after six months, he was honorably discharged. William ranked Specialist and received several awards during his time in the U.S. Army: Combat Infantry Badge, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Marksman Rifleman Badge. In 1971, William Cook married his wife Doris and they recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. He retired from R.R. Donnelly in 2011.

The Commissioners awarded and thanked veteran William Cook for his outstanding contribution of service to the United States and the residents of Kosciusko County. William Cook thanked Reverend Ken Locke for choosing him as the award recipient.

IN THE MATTER OF LIVE WELL KOSCIUSKO:

Lisa Harman, Live Well Kosciusko President and CEO, presented that they participated in a Gallup Survey a few years ago and had five committees working on well-being, safety, and security issues in the community, as a result of that survey. They chose a project which included thank you cards and art projects for law enforcement, fire, EMTs, and ambulances. Billboards will be going up throughout the county, and a posted webpage will showcase the art work. Anyone can make a thank you video to the first responders and they believe this project will encourage recruitment and retention.

They are also creating a discount program for all of our 1st responders in the community. KLA presenter, Lois Borkholder, presented that every participating business will receive a decal and ID cards will be given to all first responders.

IN THE MATTER OF KABS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT & QUARTERLY CLAIM:

Marcie Arndt, Vice President of Programs at Cardinal Services, presented the Quarterly 5311, from the period July 1st 2022 to September 30th, 2022. She stated that there was 50% operating assistance totaling \$71,432.00 in federal funds, and 50% operating assistance totaling \$71,432.00 in state funds. Also included, ARP federal funds, which were received for operating expenses and represents 100% assistance totaling \$41,697.00.

Marcie presented that they were not able to utilize all of the Cares Act funding for operating expenses, which ended June 30th, 2022. The unused amount totaled \$258,902.00 and will be de-obligated back to INDOT and redistributed in 2023.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve the capital equipment claim & quarterly INDOT claim, as presented.

SECOND: Cary Groninger

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF CITY OF WARSAW MOU:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented the City of Warsaw MOU regarding the Public Safety Communications Project. The City of Warsaw is providing \$500,000.00 to the county to share in the use of the upgrades and installation of the tower and connections for safety communications. The police are already on the system, and it was presented that this project is almost four years old and is finally coming to fruition.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Cary Groninger

TO: Approve the MOU with the City of Warsaw, in the amount of \$500,000.00 as presented.

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY LAWN TRACTORS:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented two quotes for lawn tractors, towards the snow removal side of our county's services. The first quote came from John Deere GreenMark Equipment, in the total amount of \$35,767.75. They will not need the 16-inch mower deck, and could remove approximately \$3,305.24 of the cost. The second and recommended quote came from More Farm Stores in the total amount of \$27,143.82. They would not be needing the 16-inch mower deck, which would remove \$2,272.00 from the total cost.

MOTION: Robert Conley
SECOND: Cary Groninger

TO: Approve the recommended More Farm Stores quote in the amount of \$24,871.82, as presented.

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF 2023 BOARD APPOINTMENTS BY THE COMMISSIONERS:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented the 2023 Board Appointments for approval by the Commissioners.

	Alcohol Beverage Commission	Alan Alderfer	12/31/23	(1)
	Arrowhead RC&D	Stanley Moore	12/31/26	(4)
	Board of Zoning Appeals	Ron Robinson	12/31/26	(4)
		Kevin McSherry	12/31/23	(1)
		Lee Harman	12/31/23	(1)
	Bowen Center Board	Jon Garber	12/31/23	(1)
	Community Corrections			
	Advisory Board	Jim Smith	1/1/27	(4)
	Drainage Board	Joe Irwin	12/31/26	(4)
Drainage Board	Cary Groninger	12/31/23	(1)	
	Emergency Mngt Advisory Board	Cary Groninger	12/31/23	(1)
	KCCRVC	Matt Metzger	12/31/24	(2)
		John Hall	12/31/24	(2)

KEDCo		Brad Jackson	12/31/23	(1)	
MACOG		Cary Groniger	12/31/23	(1)	
	MREDD		Doug Hanes	1/1/24	(1)
			Rob Parker	1/1/24	(1)
	OrthoWorx		Brad Jackson	12/31/23	(1)
PTABOA		Susie Stookey	12/31/23	(1)	
Phyllis Olinger	12/31/23	(1)			Redevelopment Commission
Dan Thystrup	12/31/23	(1)			
			Mike Metzger	12/31/23	(1)
Doug Hanes	12/31/23	(1)			
	St Joseph River Basin		Jon Roberts	12/31/23	(1)
Strategic Planning Committee		Brad Jackson	12/31/23	(1)	
Marsha McSherry	12/31/23	(1)			Wage Committee
Brad Jackson	12/31/23	(1)			

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Cary Groninger

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the 2023 Board Appointments by the Commissioners, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF 2023 DEPARTMENT HEAD APPOINTMENTS:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented the 2023 Board Appointments for approval.

	County Administrator		Marsha McSherry	12/31/23	(1)
County Attorney		Ed Ormsby	12/31/23	(1)	
	GIS		Bill Holder	12/31/23	(1)
	County Highway Superintendent		Steve Moriarity	12/31/23	(1)
	Homeland Security/LEPC		Ed Rock	12/31/23	(1)
	HR Director		Cathy Reed	12/31/23	(1)
System Administrator		Bob Momeyer	12/31/23	(1)	
	Veteran Officer		Darryl McDowell	12/31/23	(1)
	Weights & Measures		Rob Barker	12/31/23	(1)

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Cary Groninger

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the 2023 Department Head Appointments, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF 2023 MISC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented the 2023 Misc. Recommendations for Appointment for approval.

Bell Memorial Public Library		Larry Yeiter	12/31/26	(4)
Board of Health		Dennis Woodward	12/31/26	(4)
Board of Health		Thomas Howard	12/31/26	(4)

Public Defender (<i>Judges Appt</i>)	Steve Harris	12/31/25	(3)
Public Defender	Alan Alderfer	12/31/25	(3)
(<i>IN Pub Def Comm Appt</i>)			

MOTION: Robert Conley	TO: Approve the 2023 Misc.
SECOND: Cary Groninger	Recommendations for Appointment, as
AYES: 2	presented.
NAYS: 0	
UNANIMOUS	

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY-LPA CONSULTING CONTRACT:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, presented the LPA Consulting Contract of the Bridge 9 Construction Inspection. After the contract is signed, it will be sent over to INDOT for final review. They have tried three times for this 80/20 match, and have finally received it.

MOTION: Robert Conley	TO: Accept his recommendation for the LPA
SECOND: Cary Groninger	Consulting Contract, as presented.
AYES: 2	
NAYS: 0	
UNANIMOUS	

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY-SKID LOADER:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, requested permission to purchase a skid loader from Bobcat of Warsaw, in the amount of \$78,958.94. The money has already been appropriated from this year's budget.

MOTION: Robert Conley	TO: Accept the recommendation for purchase
SECOND: Cary Groninger	of a skid loader, in the amount of \$78,958.94,
AYES: 2	as presented.
NAYS: 0	
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Being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 20, 2022

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on December 20, 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:

Robert Conley-President	Ed Ormsby-County Attorney
Cary Groninger-Vice President	Michelle Puckett – County Auditor

Brad Jackson-Member

Marsha McSherry – County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF 2023 KEDCO AGREEMENT:

Ed Ormsby, County Attorney, presented the 2023 KEDCO Agreement for renewal for coverage of 2023. It is the same agreement presented from last year.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the 2023 KEDCO Agreement as presented.

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF PARKING PATROL AGREEMENT:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented the Parking Patrol Agreement for signature, stating it is time for renewal and that the parking lot patrol locations included the Munson lot, and a second, on the southside of the old jail. The agreement is for a period of four years.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve the 2023 Parking Patrol Agreement as presented.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE AGREEMENT:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented the Animal Welfare League Agreement for signature, stating this is for services provided in taking in animals. The contract is not to exceed the \$150,000.00.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the 2023 AWL Agreement as presented.

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF GRACE VILLAGE LETTER FOR SUPPORT:

Marsha McSherry, County Administrator, presented a request for a letter of support for a Grace Village grant application. The Rural Development Grant is for a community facility project, and does not commit the county to any money, only the ability to apply for the grant.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve a letter of support given to Grace Village for the application of a grant, as presented.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL FOR KNOWBE4 EMAIL PHISHING:

Bob Momeyer, Systems Administrator, presented Email Phishing Training/Testing from KnowBe4 for approval. He stated that the state and additional agencies have been recommending

testing and training programs for county employees, and will provide access for free. These trainings will eventually lead to some policy changes to the employee handbook, which will ultimately improve cybersecurity within the county.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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TO: Approve the Email Phishing

Training/Testing from KnowBe4, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF PURDUE CYBERSECURITY ASSESSMENT:

Bob Momeyer, Systems Administrator, presented the Purdue Cybersecurity Assessment for approval. He stated that the assessment is free of cost to the county and other educational institutions. He recommends that they take advantage of this opportunity, and that it will be scheduled within the first quarter of a year. The assessment itself is projected to be a week or two process.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Purdue Cybersecurity

Assessment as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF RENEWAL OF SECURITY AUTOMATION SYSTEMS SERVICE AND SUPPORT CONTRACT:

Bob Momeyer, Systems Administration, presented the Security Automation Systems Service and Support Contract for renewal. He stated that there is an issue with door security as several systems go down. They rebooted the box during the incident, and realized that they do not have a service and support contract or a renewed warranty with Security Automation Systems. His recommendation is 3-years as the most cost-effective option. They have the money in the 2023 budget to cover the costs.

The following quotes were provided:

1 year at \$5,250.00

2 years at \$7,640.00

3 years at \$10,185.00

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Security Automation

Systems Service and Support Contract of the 3-year option at \$10,185.00, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY AUDITOR-MICHELLE PUCKETT:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor presented that they have met for 192 meetings, and it exceeds 200, when special meetings are included. She thanked the Commissioners for their confidence, trust, and challenges, which have made her a better person. It was with a heavy heart that Michelle is saying goodbye. The Commissioners informed Michelle that she has taken care of all

of the reports, encouraging them because they know that everything is in order. They have had total confidence in her abilities and her integrity.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY-PIERCETON AGREEMENT:

Steve Moriarty, County Highway Superintendent, presented an agreement between the town of Pierceton and the Kosciusko County Highway Department. Pierceton acquired a chipper through a grant years ago from the state, and allowed the county to use it as they did not have the capacity to run the chipper themselves. They came up with an agreement with the County Highway over the years, but this year's agreement now lists the County Highway as the owner.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the 2023 Pierceton Agreement with the Kosciusko County Highway Department, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF EMANS ENGINEERING-REVISED ANNUAL AGREEMENT FOR REVIEW:

Matt Sandy, Area Plan Director, presented the EMAN's Engineering revised annual agreement for review. He stated that James Eman's Engineering has been their contractor for drainage reviews within incoming development projects. There is a new contract after 17 years, which includes an increased fee, but it still well below the other quotes. The process is the same and they feel Eman's has done a great job in the past. If there is a conflict of interest, they could reach outside, but they are currently agreeing to the price of a one-year contract.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Accept the Revised Annual Agreement with Eman's Engineering, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING REQUEST-RANSBOTTOM FAMILY FARMS:

Matt Sandy, Area Planning, presented a request to rezone by Forest Glenn Ave. and Stanton Rd from Agricultural to Residential. It was the unanimous recommendation of the Area Planning Commission to allow the rezoning.

Scott Reust, spoke in favor of the recommendation, stating that the regional sewer district has plenty of capacity, and there is plenty road space. He also asked the Commissioners to approve as presented and stated that the Ramsbottom's were attending the meeting today.

Ron Teeple was present to speak against the petition, stating that he resides in the Stanton Lake Estates across the road from the proposed development. He presented that Stanton Road is not a large road and goes through wet land area. There is a blind hill and a 300 ft curve just before the entrance to the estates. Accidents and even fatalities could occur if there is an increase in traffic with an additional 45 lots. Golfcarts, pedestrians, and beautiful pathways with trees shading the road would be affected. He suggested that the Commissioners consider upgrading and widening the road to alleviate this concern.

With no one else 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 a tract of land near Forest Glenn Ave and Stanton Road, from Agricultural to Residential as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-12-20-001 (2022120650)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

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