

# KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL

## January 11, 2007

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones	Charlene Knispel
Tom Anglin	Larry Teghtmeyer
John Kinsey	Brad Tandy
Bob Sanders	Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer by John Kinsey.

### **IN THE MATTER OF ELECTION OF 2007 OFFICERS:**

Harold Jones, President, called for nominations for the 2007 County Council officers. Councilman Larry Teghtmeyer suggested the current officers be retained for office in 2007. Councilman Kinsey thanked Jones and Anglin for their efforts the past year.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Retain Harold Jones as President and Tom
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	Anglin as Vice President for 2007.
AYES:	5	NAYES: 0
ABSTAINS:	2	
MOTION CARRIED		

### **IN THE MATTER OF NATURE'S FUEL ATWOOD LLC ABATEMENT HEARING:**

Steve Snyder, Attorney for Nature's Fuel, LLC appeared before the Council to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of tax abatement. Snyder stated he had prepared the confirmatory resolution that called for five (5) year abatement on equipment installed within two (2) years. Snyder noted that he would not go through all of the details that he had presented during the December Council meeting unless there were questions. President Harold Jones then opened the floor for comments from the public regarding Nature's Fuel's abatement request. Being no comments from the public, the hearing was then closed.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve five (5) year abatement request
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	for Nature's Fuel as presented.
AYES:	7	NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED		

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

Bob Weaver, Health Administrator, requested a transfer of funds to clean up a 2006 shortfall. Weaver stated the shortfall was due to a salary change and the social security was not adjusted at that time to reflect the increase in salary.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve transfer of \$2,716.67 from
SECOND:	John Kinsey	203-11327-000-000 Part Time Nurse to
AYES:	7	NAYES: 0
		203-11601-000-000 Social Security
MOTION CARRIED		

### **IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR RECORDER:**

Deb Wulliman, County Recorder, requested a transfer of funds to clean up a 2006 shortfall. Wulliman stated the shortfall occurred after cashing out her vacation time as Chief Deputy before she took office in January.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$200.00 from
SECOND:	Brad Tandy	100- 10077-000-016 Deputy Recorder to
AYES:	7	NAYES: 0
		100- 10076-000-016 Chief Deputy Recorder
MOTION CARRIED		

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURTS - PROBATION:**

Ron Babcock, Chief Probation Officer, requested a transfer of funds to clean up a 2006 shortfall. Babcock noted County General would be reimbursed for the \$1,347.00 transfer from user fees.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve transfer of \$1,347.00 from  
SECOND: Tom Anglin 100- 11125-000-043 Probation Sec. to  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 100- 10185-000-043 Case Manager  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$790.91 from  
100-11125-000-043 Probation Sec. to  
100-11164-000-043 Probation Sec.

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

Rocky Goshert, Sheriff, requested a transfer of funds to clean up a 2006 shortfall in overtime. Goshert stated the shortfall was due to extra patrol needed in December to cover his shifts while he attended mandatory Sheriff's schooling before taking office as well as the time he needed to ensure a smooth transition of administration.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve transfer of \$3,100.00 from  
SECOND: John Kinsey 100- 11090-000-019 Longevity to  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 100- 11401-000-019 Overtime  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR 911:**

Tom Brindle, 911 Director, requested a transfer of funds to clean up a 2006 social security shortfall. Brindle stated additional staff had been hired in 2006 after budget time and the social security had not been adjusted at that time.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve transfer of \$950.00 from  
SECOND: Tom Anglin 713-11602-000-000 Retirement to  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 713-11601-000-000 Social Security  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF 2007 APPROPRIATION REDUCTION FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, stated the appropriations for 2007 had been budgeted higher than needed and therefore they exceeded the amount needed to cover salaries. It was noted the excess funds would go back into the operating budget.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve appropriation reduction for  
SECOND: Brad Tandy \$1,119.00 from 203-11135-000-000 Reg/Sec  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 and  
MOTION CARRIED \$6,222.00 from 203-11148-000-000 TB Nurse

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR PROSECUTOR:**

A request was received from the Prosecutor for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$34, 079.00 for a part time prosecutor. There was no one from the Prosecutor's office in attendance to present the request. Council members reiterated the fact they had requested a representative of each office making a transfer or additional request be present at the Council meeting.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Table decision due to no one from the  
SECOND: Tom Anglin Prosecutor's office being in attendance to  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 present request.  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER FOR PROSECUTOR:**

A request was received from the Prosecutor for two (2) transfers for Title IV-D caseworkers for the 2007 budget. There was no one from the Prosecutor's office in attendance to present the request. Council members reiterated the fact they had requested a representative of each office making a transfer or additional request be present at the Council meeting.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Table decision due to no one from the  
SECOND: Tom Anglin Prosecutor's office being in attendance to  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 present request.  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR AREA PLAN COMMISSION:**

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, requested a transfer of funds for 2007 on behalf of the Area Plan Commission. Robinson noted the transfer was needed to cover the reclassification of a position.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve transfer of \$5,397.00 from	
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel	100-11302-000-002 P/T Plan Assistant to	
AYES:   7	NAYES:   0	100-11048-000-002 Ord. Enforcement Officer	
MOTION CARRIED			

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

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, requested a transfer of funds for 2007 on behalf of Maintenance. Mitchell stated the transfer was necessary to correct a salary that had been incorrect in 2006 and carried forward during the 2007 budgeting.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve transfer of \$16.00 from	
SECOND:	John Kinsey	100-11316-000-006 P/T Housekeeping to	
AYES:   7	NAYES:   0	100-11066-000-006 Maintenance Assistant	
MOTION CARRIED			

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

County Administrator Ron Robinson requested a transfer of funds for 2007 on behalf of the Commissioners. Robinson stated the Animal Control Officer position had been moved to the Commissioners budget for 2007 but it was not discovered until after budget time that the officer's longevity had not been included. It was also noted that at such time a new Animal Control Officer would be hired, the salary for the position would be reduced by \$3,430.00.

MOTION:	Charlene Knispel	TO: Approve transfer of \$3, 430.00 from	
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	100-11301-000-009 Part Time to	
AYES:   7	NAYES:   0	100-11092-000-009 Animal Control Officer	
MOTION CARRIED			

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR FAMILY AND CHILDREN:**

A request was received from Peggy Shively, DFC Director, to transfer funds in order to comply with State guidelines. Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell noted this was merely a case of transferring funds into an account with a different name that met new state guidelines.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$183,000.00 from	
SECOND:	Larry Teghtmeyer	241-37025-000-000 Wards Therapeutic to	
AYES:   7	NAYES:   0	241-37019-000-000 Wards Foster Care	
MOTION CARRIED			

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

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, requested a transfer of funds for 2007 to cover a salary increase in her office. Mitchell stated that when budgets were prepared there was a vacant position in her office and she expected it would be filled by a person with lesser experience. However, a former employee returned and due to her years of experience the level needed to be adjusted resulting in an increase.

MOTION:	Brad Tandy	TO: Approve transfer of \$1,119.00 from	
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel	100-11401-000-005 Overtime to	
AYES:   7	NAYES:   0	100-11059-000-005 Counter Deputy	
MOTION CARRIED			

**IN THE MATTER OF 911 PRESENTATION:**

Tom Brindle, E911 Director, provided a slideshow presentation on the newest capabilities of the 911 System. Brindle reviewed an incident that occurred in the County in September, where a 7 year old had prank called 911 from a school bus with a deactivated cell phone. Brindle stated the boy called in several times from the bus and with the system's new technology the dispatcher had been able to track the location of the caller. School officials were able to review tapes from the bus and were waiting for the child when the bus arrived at the school.

Brindle noted Kosciusko County is the first county in the state of have the capability/technology to track moving calls as they come in. He went into further detail regarding the system and noted the system had not cost the county a dime due to the work he had done with Indigital in developing the system. Brindle stated extra equipment had been eliminated by consolidating programs into one system.

**IN THE MATTER OF 911 PRESENTATION CONTINUED:**

Other highlights of Brindle's presentation included the fact that Kosciusko County is the leader in the State in 911 technologies and that he has had visitors from as far away as Florida tour and review the system. Brindle also praised his employees and what they have been able to learn and use in the day to day operations of the system. Brindle noted the County should be proud of its 911 system. Further discussion ensued in regards to future funding for the 911 program and Brindle stated current legislators do not seem to be listening to the problem 911 Centers are facing. Brindle did note that he felt there would come a time when 911 services would be consolidated into a regional center (possibly Kosciusko, Marshall, Whitley, and Wabash) but did not expect that for some time. Council President Jones commended Brindle and his staff for their efforts in working to make Kosciusko County's 911 system a state of the art system and a pilot for other counties.

**IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN COMMISSION APPOINTMENT:**

As in the past, a Council member was needed to serve on the Area Plan Commission Board for 2007. It was the recommendation of Council to reappoint Charlene Knispel to serve for 2007. Knispel stated she had found it very interesting and there were many projects the APC was working on at this time.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Appoint Charlene Knispel to serve as
SECOND:	Brad Tandy	Council representative on the APC for 2007.
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	

MOTION CARRIED

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

A letter was received from Attorney James Walmer on behalf of the Town of Pierceton requesting Matt Garcia be appointed to serve on the Economic Development Commission of the Town of Pierceton for 2007.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Appoint Matt Garcia to serve on the
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	Pierceton Economic Development
AYES: 0	NAYES: 0	Commission.

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF MACOG APPOINTMENT:**

County Administrator Ron Robinson stated the Commissioners have joined the Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG). Robinson went on to say that MACOG is a four county group that works on various grants and funding options. The counties comprising MACOG include Elkhart, Marshall, St. Joseph as well as Kosciusko County. Robinson stated that membership requires one Commissioner and one Council member serve as representatives and requested a Council member to appointed to fill the position. Further discussion ensued regarding the role MACOG plays in helping counties secure funding for rural and metropolitan transportation as well as fiber optic/wireless strategies. Robinson did note the annual membership fee (\$26,133.00) was based on the 2000 census and a \$.35 per capita rate and there was no guarantee the County would receive any grant monies, but was optimistic as the other counties belonging to MACOG had been able to obtain additional monies.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Appoint Bob Sanders to be the
SECOND:	Larry Teghtmeyer	Kosciusko County Council MACOG
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	representative for 2007.

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF OFFICE EMPLOYEE SHARING:**

County Administrator Ron Robinson, stated he had been contacted by an elected office holder who had an employee with down time and wanted to know if it would be acceptable to allow that employee to work as a "floater" between other offices that could use extra help. Robinson noted the employee would still be paid through the office they were hired in. It was noted the Council supported the idea and thought cross training would be beneficial to all offices.

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDED 2007 SALARY ORDINANCE:**

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell presented an amended 2007 salary ordinance for the Council's approval. Mitchell noted this amended ordinance would clean up the transfers that had been requested earlier in the meeting.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve amended 2007 Salary
SECOND:	Brad Tandy	Ordinance as presented.
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF CUM BRIDGE FUNDING OPTIONS:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, stated she had spoken earlier in the week with the DLGF in regards to the CUM Bridge fund and possible rate options. Mitchell noted that back in 2002 rates had been decreased in an effort to ease the county's burden but as the financial situation has improved there has been nothing done to increase the CUM Bridge fund. Mitchell stated she believed that she and Highway Superintendent Dennis Pletcher could meet and work out the dollar amount needed and then present that information to Council at their next meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF PROPERTY TAX REPLACEMENT CREDIT WITHHOLDING:**

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell reported that she had received notification that the DLGF would be withholding the county's PTRC monies until such time that the county has become compliant with data requested by the DGLF. Mitchell stated her office had resubmitted the information requested this week and believes to now be in compliance. Mitchell stated Assessor Laurie Renier had also resubmitted her information this week and hopes to hear back from the DGLF soon.

**IN THE MATTER OF ASSESSOR'S REPORT:**

County Assessor Laurie Renier addressed the compliance issue reported by the DGLF. Renier stated the problem stems from having five (5) separate databases instead of one. Currently the outlying townships (Turkey Creek, Tippecanoe, and Plain) are not connected to the in house system used by Wayne Township and the Assessor's office and that has caused problems when submitting information to the DGLF. Renier stated it was important to have all offices on one server and earlier efforts had been cost prohibitive. However, she had spoken with Mark Grady of New Paris Telephone and he had said it was now feasible to come up with a solution at a reasonable cost. Renier noted this matter will need to be looked into seriously in the next couple of months in order for her office to comply with State reporting procedures. Councilman Larry Tegtmeyer stated that he would like to see 2007 start off in the right direction and requested Renier supply Council with an outline of trustee deadlines. He also asked that she report back with a list of those trustees that have met the deadlines and are in compliance. Further discussion took place regarding mobile home filing dates with Councilman Bob Sanders asking what can be done to make the public aware that mobile home titles can be retired and attached to the real estate they are located on. It was noted that there is very little publication regarding this issue. Renier stated she would be happy to supply the Council with the Assessor's calendar of deadlines and suggested County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell also share the Auditor's calendar of deadlines for comparison.

**IN THE MATTER OF CUM BRIDGE FUND:**

Dennis Pletcher, Highway Superintendent, presented a letter to the Council regarding the Cum Bridge Fund. Pletcher noted that he will be requesting a transfer next month to small structure repair in order to begin work on a request that was submitted in 2004 for the City of Warsaw. Pletcher stated the preliminary engineering work was started in 2004 but the actual repairs had been pushed back several times due to the shortfall in funding. Pletcher requested approval to begin preliminary work at this time with his official request for funds to be presented at a later date. Councilman Tom Anglin gave Pletcher the ok to begin preliminary work.

Council President Jones noted the Council was looking forward to working with newly elected Sheriff, Rocky Goshert and Recorder, Deb Wulliman and welcomed them to office. Jones also noted the Council was proud of the County's 911 System and Tom Brindle for all of his work in making the system one of the top in the state.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL**

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Harold Jones, President

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Tom Anglin, Vice President

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John Kinsey

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Charlene Knispel

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Bob Sanders

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Brad Tandy

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Larry Teghtmeyer

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Attest:

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Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL**

**February 8, 2007**

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones  
Tom Anglin  
John Kinsey  
Bob Sanders

Charlene Knispel  
Larry Teghtmeyer  
Brad Tandy (Arrived Late)  
Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer by John Kinsey.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR HIGHWAY – CUM BRIDGE:**

A request was received from Dennis Pletcher, Highway Superintendent to transfer money from his bridge replacement account to the small structure replacement account. Pletcher stated at budget time he had inadvertently budgeted money into the bridge replacement line item instead of the small structure line therefore the transfer was needed.

MOTION: John Kinsey  
SECOND: Bob Sanders  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$350,000.00 from  
206-39000-000-000 Bridge Replacement to  
206-39085-000-000 Small Structure  
Replacement

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR HIGHWAY – CUM BRIDGE:**

Highway Superintendent Dennis Pletcher also requested an additional appropriation for bridge replacement.

MOTION: John Kinsey  
SECOND: Bob Sanders  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve additional appropriation for  
\$350,000.00 to 206-39000-000-000  
Bridge Replacement

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR PROSECUTOR:**

Dan Hampton, Deputy Prosecutor, appeared before the Council to request an additional appropriation for a part time prosecutor. Hampton stated this position was approved in late 2006 after the budget for 2007 was established therefore creating the need for an additional.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Charlene Knispel  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve additional appropriation for  
\$34,079.00 to 100-10072-000-015 Part Time  
Prosecutor

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR PROSECUTOR – TITLE IV-D:**

Deputy Prosecutor Dan Hampton requested approval to purchase a copy machine using Title IV-D funds.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer

TO: Approve additional appropriation for

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SECOND: Charlene Knispel \$13,615.00  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR TITLE IV-D:**

Dan Hampton, Deputy Prosecutor, requested payroll transfers to cover experience levels that were overlooked at budget time.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve transfer of \$693.00 from  
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer 100-10068-000-022 IV-D Caseworker to  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 100-11220-000-022 IV-D Caseworker  
MOTION CARRIED Approve transfer of \$1321.00 from  
100- 11151-000-022 IV-D Caseworker to  
100-11221-000-022 IV-D Caseworker  
Approve transfer of \$1321.00 from  
100-11151-000-022 IV-D Caseworker to  
100-10067-000-022 IV-D Caseworker

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR PLAIN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR:**

Susie Stookey, Plain Township Assessor, requested a transfer to cover conference expenses as well as the balance of the year's continuing education.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve transfer of \$600.00 from  
SECOND: Bob Sanders 100- 36001-000-031 Dues & Subscriptions  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 100- 11523-000-031 Lodging/  
MOTION CARRIED Per Diem/Travel and Training

**IN THE MATTER OF 2007 SHERIFF'S CONTRACT:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, presented the 2007 Sheriff's contract for the Council's approval.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve Sheriff's contract for 2007 at  
SECOND: John Kinsey \$92,226.00  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ASSESSOR'S CALENDAR:**

County Assessor Laurie Renier presented Council with the 2007 assessing calendar for her office along with a progress report on mobile homes. Renier stated the mobile homes have been interfaced with the Auditor's office at this time. She also noted that the sales disclosures and ratio study have been submitted to the State and her office will send a response to the State addressing the issues that were in question. Renier reported that Jefferson Township has submitted new construction for 2007 but her office can't move forward with '07 until approval for '06 has been received.

**IN THE MATTER OF RAINY DAY FUND ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, presented an amended Rainy Day Fund ordinance for the Council's approval. Mitchell stated the amended ordinance would allow more flexibility on how the funds may be used. Mitchell reminded Council they had approved a budget for the Redevelopment Commission based on the Rainy Day Fund and this amendment would conform to that decision. Mitchell went on to say this fund would also be used to pay off the Maple Leaf TIF Bond as previously approved by Council. The money used from this fund to payoff the bond would be repaid as tax collections come in annually until the balance is paid back in full.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve amended ordinance as  
SECOND: Tom Anglin presented.  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance 07-02-08-001EDIT

CR 03-12-11

EDIT Rainy Day Fund

We, the Kosciusko County Council, here after referred to as "The Council" do acknowledge the following as set forth in IC 36-1-8-5.1:

**WHEREAS**, IC 36-1-8-5.1 was adopted by the Indiana General Assembly and amended by PL 267-2003 SEC. 15 and PL 173-2003 SEC. 19 addressing the creation and use of a "Rainy Day Fund".

**WHEREAS**, the "The Council" is the fiscal body for Kosciusko County and therefore has the power to act on behalf of the political subdivision per IC 36-1-

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**WHEREAS**, the source of the "EDIT Rainy Day Fund" will be the excess EDIT funds to be distributed in January of 2004.

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the "EDIT Rainy Day Fund" is to hold in reserve those funds received for the purpose of supplemental funding should the EDIT tax fall below expected levels to fund the lease payment for the Jail/Justice Building.

**WHEREAS**, should it be determined in the future that the revenue received from the EDIT tax annually is sufficient to support the payment of the Lease, "The Council" may by ordinance amendment revise and redirect the use of the funds.

**WHEREAS**, it is determined that the revenue received from the EDIT tax annually is sufficient to support the payment of the "Lease" at this time, does hereby authorize money to be used to fund the Redevelopment Commission as approved by Budget.

**WHEREAS**, the "EDIT Rainy Day Fund" is to be subject to the same appropriations process as other funds that receive tax money per IC 36-1-8-5.1.

**BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED**, that the "The Council" in its capacity as the fiscal body of Kosciusko County does hereby declare that the Rainy Day Fund can be used for any purpose deemed necessary based on the provisions as set forth in this ordinance. This may include but not be limited to the funding of the Redevelopment Commission or making temporary loans to any other funds as deemed necessary.

**IN THE MATTER OF TEMPORARY LOAN FOR CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC FUND:**

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell requested a temporary loan from the Rainy Day Fund to Children's Psychiatric in the amount of \$82,182.08 to cover the shortfall. Mitchell stated the loan would be repaid at spring tax distribution and noted the Children's Psychiatric Fund cash shortage would most likely be a reoccurring issue.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve temporary loan of \$82,182.08 to  
SECOND: Tom Anglin Children's Psychiatric.  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF DECLARATION OF DORMANT FUND:**

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell requested Council to declare the Willodean Kincaid Fund a dormant fund and transfer the balance (\$375.52) into the general fund. Mitchell noted this fund had been inactive for more than seven years and she would like permission to close it out.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Declare the Willodean Kincaid Fund a  
SECOND: Charlene Knispel dormant fund and transfer \$375.52 to the  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 general fund.  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, requested the Council join the Commissioners in declaring the week of April 22 - 28 as County Government Week. Mitchell noted the Commissioners had also approved a breakfast for county employees to be held on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Larry Teghtmeyer urged Council members to participate in the breakfast if they were able as it was a great opportunity to interact with the employees.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Declare April 22-28, 2007 County  
SECOND: Bob Sanders Government Week.  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF HOME SHOW BOOTH INFORMATION:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, requested the Council's approval for a booth at the Home and Garden Show to be held February 23, 24, and 25<sup>th</sup>. The Commissioner's gave approval at their February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mitchell stated the booth could provide information in reference to county government. She also noted if wireless connections were available it may be possible for taxpayers to file for exemptions at that time. The Council agreed it would be a benefit to the taxpayers.

**IN THE MATTER OF 2006 ANNUAL REPORT:**

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell presented the 2006 Annual Report for the Council's review noting the increased cash balance from the previous year. She noted that there is a great deal of information in the Annual Report and encouraged the Council to look over the information.

**IN THE MATTER OF TAX BILLING CALENDAR STATUS:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, briefed the Council on the tax billing status stating it was unlikely tax bills would be mailed on time this spring as there are many variables at this point in time. Mitchell went on to

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say that there are still trending issues to be ironed out and approval received. Mitchell outlined the steps necessary before tax bills can be created and mailed. She noted if the billing were only delayed a couple of weeks it still might be possible to meet the June 30<sup>th</sup> distribution date. Mitchell said it is likely that provisional bills will be needed and they would be based on 90% of 2006 spring taxes. Mobile homes and personal property may be billed with a provisional billing. Mitchell noted other issues involved with billing including cross county schools and rates.

**IN THE MATTER OF LETTER TO DLGF REGARDING PTRC WITHHOLDING:**

County Auditor Mitchell and Assessor Renier presented a letter for the Council's approval to be submitted to the DLGF regarding the withholding of the county's PTRC monies. Mitchell stated the letter requests the PTRC monies not be withheld due to discrepancies caused by computer issues beyond the county's control. The letter also addresses what criteria are being used for conformity among counties and requests an explanation.

**IN THE MATTER OF LETTER TO DLGF REGARDING PTRC WITHHOLDING CONTINUED:**

Renier then addressed the software issue noting there are very few software companies available that have the necessary software her office needs. Much discussion followed regarding the Manatron software and contract and possible solutions with Mitchell noting that counties must have a certified (by the State) software system in place by the end of 2008. Currently there are no other vendors for the Assessor's Office CAMA software. Renier shared all offices (Auditor, Assessor, Recorder and Treasurer) must be compatible with each other by the end of 2008. Further discussion ensued regarding the software problem and possible solutions.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve letter prepared by Auditor
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	Mitchell and Assessor Renier for submission to
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	DLGF and others.
MOTION CARRIED		

**IN THE MATTER OF AUDITOR'S CALENDAR OF DUTIES:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, presented the Auditor's Calendar of Duties for the Council's review.

**IN THE MATTER OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS:**

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell presented two conflict of interest statements for Council's approval. Mitchell noted the first was for Angela Pletcher who is the owner of Stillson Studio and is contracted by the Nappanee Public Library for graphic art services and the second was for Harold Jones, owner of Jones Food Center.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve conflict of interest statements as
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	presented.
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

**IN THE MATTER OF TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR REQUEST FOR PAY DISTRIBUTION:**

Julie Goon, Prairie Township Trustee/Assessor, requested the deputy assessor's pay be redistributed to the Trustee/Assessor. Goon stated she had contacted the State to see if she could receive the deputy assessor's pay as she did most of the assessing work and was informed by the State Board of Accounts that she could do that; however those monies would need to be transferred to a trustee account.

County Auditor Mitchell stated Ron Robinson, County Administrator, had tried to contact a Human Resource attorney for verification but was not able to speak to anyone. Mitchell noted that Robinson had reservations due to the fact that there aren't any days/hours attached to the trustee's salary.

Councilman Teghtmeyer commented this is a reversed decision on past practices and answers are needed to this type of situation before any decision is made.

Goon stated she had spoken with Stan Mettler, SBA Supervisor of Schools and Townships and was informed this was a "doable" option. Goon suggested the word Deputy be removed from the Deputy Assessor line item to resolve the per diem issue.

Auditor Mitchell noted this could create a problem at a later time if a different assessor were elected and did not want to do both the trustee and assessor's job and the funds were lumped together.

Councilman Teghtmeyer noted that even though the State Board of Accounts would okay the concept, there were other considerations to look at such as the wage and hours designated by the County Council.

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Teghtmeyer stated it was important to maintain accurate records in regards to hours and overtime for liability reasons.

Goon commented there are no hours set for elected officials and there is a lump sum for overseeing assessing duties.

Teghtmeyer stressed that due to liability, the matter must be looked into carefully as the county does have an ordinance in place that specifies the per diem is based on a 7.5 hour day. He also stated that he was in favor of the idea but would like to see the matter tabled until additional follow up can be completed.

Further discussion ensued among the Council members regarding the issue of record keeping and salary matters and the matter was tabled until the next meeting.

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

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Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**March 6, 2007**

The Kosciusko County Council met with the Kosciusko County Commissioners for a joint executive session to discuss a personnel matter. The meeting was properly advertised as an executive session. The meeting was held in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones, Council	Charlene Knispel, Council	Ron Truex, Commissioner
Tom Anglin, Council	Larry Teghtmeyer, Council	Bob Conley, Commissioner
John Kinsey, Council	Brad Tandy ABSENT	Brad Jackson ABSENT
Bob Sanders, Council	Ron Robinson, Co Administrator	Marsha McSherry, Auditor Elect
	Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor	

There was a general discussion reference a personnel issue. The Council and Commissioners took no votes. No further issues were discussed. The meeting was adjourned.

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Larry Teghtmeyer

Attest:

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Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

## KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL March 8, 2007

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, March 8, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones  
Tom Anglin  
John Kinsey  
Bob Sanders

Charlene Knispel  
Larry Teghtmeyer  
Brad Tandy  
Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor  
Marsha McSherry, Auditor Elect

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer by John Kinsey.

### **IN THE MATTER OF LAKELAND SEWER DISTRICT UPDATE:**

David Doctor reported on the progress of the Lakeland Sewer District stating the petition for the district has been filed with IDEM. Doctor noted the next step will be for IDEM to hold public hearings which most likely will be sometime later this summer. Doctor went on to say the district cannot appoint a board until after IDEM has conducted their hearings, but a steering committee could be formed that could continue preliminary planning for the project. Doctor stated the members serving on the steering committee could then be appointed to the board once approval was granted by IDEM.

Councilman Sanders questioned how the board would be comprised and how many members it would include. Doctor noted the board would consist of seven members; two county council appointments, three county commissioner appointments (one of those being recommended by the Board of Health), one Tippecanoe Township appointment and one North Webster appointment. Doctor told the Council that he would keep them updated on the progress and any new information that became available.

### **IN THE MATTER OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS:**

Conflict of interest disclosure statements were presented from the Nappanee Public Library for board members Rebecca Lehman and Brad Newcomer. Lehman is employed by Kindig and Sloat, who handle the library's legal matters and Newcomer is owner of E. Newcomer & Sons Jewelers who provide plaques and engraving for the library.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Tom Anglin  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve conflict of interest statements for Rebecca Lehman and Brad Newcomer as presented.

### **IN THE MATTER OF G.I. TAPE AND LABEL, INC. ABATEMENT APPROVAL:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, presented an abatement for GI Tape and Label, Inc. for the Council's approval. Mitchell noted the abatement had been requested for real estate only.

MOTION: John Kinsey  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve abatement for real estate as presented.

### **IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF DEPARTMENT UPDATE:**

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, reported that a new phone system was being installed at the Sheriff's Department and offices were being rearranged in the basement of the Justice building to accommodate the changes in staff at the Sheriff's office. Robinson also noted minor work is being completed at the work release center due to the increased population and a new alarm system is being installed. Further information regarding the work release center activity will be presented by Sheriff Goshert at a later date.

### **IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE SOLID WASTE DISTRICT FROM COIT:**

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County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell presented a resolution that would exclude the Solid Waste District from receiving COIT monies. Mitchell stated without the resolution the Solid Waste District would collect the same share of COIT money as the county.

MOTION: Larry Tegtmeyer

SECOND: Tom Anglin

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve resolution as presented to exclude Solid Waste District from COIT.

**IN THE MATTER OF HOME SHOW REPORT:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, gave a brief summary on the Annual Home Show. Mitchell stated the county had representatives from the Health Department, Dispatch, Surveyor's Office as well as GIS manning the county booth along with the Commissioners and herself. Information presented at the show included a video from the Health Department on Pandemic Flu, operating a voting machine and voter registration, GIS mapping information and the Dispatch computer program. Mitchell noted the public was especially fascinated with the Dispatch computer and GIS online information

**IN THE MATTER OF VONAGE WIRELESS 911 DISTRIBUTION:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, reported that through an agreement with the AIC (Association of Indiana Counties) and Vonage, the county had received its first distribution check in the amount of \$75.02. Mitchell stated Vonage is voluntarily collecting a 911 fee from its customers and turning those over to the AIC for distribution. Mitchell also noted this distribution will continue until such time that state law would be amended requiring Vonage to pay wireless fees.

**IN THE MATTER OF AUDITOR DATA COMPLIANCE:**

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell reported she had received confirmation from the DLGF that the 2003 Pay 2004 and 2004 Pay 2005 Auditor data submitted to the DLGF is now compliant. Mitchell noted she and Assessor Laurie Renier are working to bring the 2005 Pay 2006 data in compliance with DLGF requirements.

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION RECOGNITION:**

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell stated the county employee appreciation breakfast would be held on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 am to 8:00 am. Mitchell noted this date appeared to have the fewest conflicts for those officials that could help with the breakfast.

**IN THE MATTER OF TAX BILL STATUS:**

County Assessor Laurie Renier reported that she had received word on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> that the county's ratio study had been approved by the state. When questioned if this put the county back on track for a timely tax billing, Renier responded that it did allow for forward progress to roll assessed values to the Auditor.

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell stated she felt a June 30<sup>th</sup> distribution was still possible if assessed values were rolled to her office within the next two weeks. That would give her office one week to finish what needed to be done and get the information submitted to the DLGF for rates. If tax rates were received by the third week of April, tax bills could then be generated but the May 10<sup>th</sup> collection date would need to be moved back. Mitchell stated that all of the offices were willing to do whatever it took to get the tax billing out as timely as possible. She did note the window of time for receiving rates could also be a cause of delay. Mitchell also shared that at this time it did not look like actual tax bills could be sent to the towns and townships that make up the Tippecanoe Valley School System as Fulton County was further behind on their trending process than Kosciusko County. It was likely that a provisional billing would be necessary for those taxing units. Assessor Renier did note that Fulton County has submitted their trending, but has not received approval yet at this time.

**IN THE MATTER OF HARRISON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE/ASSESSOR CONCERNS:**

Jim Moyer, Harrison Township Trustee/Assessor addressed the Council in regards to information he obtained at the Indiana Township Association Conference he recently attended. Moyer stated one item of particular concern was Senate Bill 287 which states in a person must be certified at a Level II in order to run for an elected office (Township or County Assessor). Moyer noted this would prevent some citizens from running for an elected office. Moyer also noted that current law states assessors must have a completed a level II certification by the end of 2008 or they must give up their duties. He went on to say the township association opposes the rulings and would like to see current law time to work before additional changes are made. Moyer said he felt this new bill could make for a dangerous situation in the future.

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Moyer shared another concern of his and that was over the last several months there seems to be personality conflicts among the courthouse employees. Moyer stated he would like to see a committee formed that would consist of the County Assessor, County Auditor, Council members, one assessor from the big four townships and one trustee/assessor from the remaining 13 townships. Moyer felt this committee could meet and discuss issues each office were facing and share ideas that might be helpful to resolve problems. He also felt there were salary/pay issues that needed to be addressed and this committee could work up possible solutions.

**IN THE MATTER OF HARRISON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE/ASSESSOR CONCERNS**

**CONTINUED:** Councilman Teghtmeyer questioned Moyer if this was the consensus of all the trustee/assessors and Moyer responded that it was. Teghtmeyer stated he also felt it would be good to establish a committee to meet and discuss ideas and concerns. Teghtmeyer added that he and Council members Charlene Knispel and Bob Sanders would be interested in serving on this committee and suggested something be arranged for an April meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE/ASSESSOR'S PAY REQUEST:**

Council President Harold Jones stated that after researching Julia Goon, Prairie Township Trustee/Assessor's request regarding the redistribution of the deputy assessors pay, it had been determined the County could not do what Goon had requested. Goon noted that according to the information she had, it would be possible for her to receive the Deputy's pay, but she understood the two salaries (Trustee/Assessor and Deputy Assessor) could not be combined. Goon stated she agreed that her salary could not be changed at this time. Goon then presented a letter she had received from the State Board of Accounts and a letter from Tammy White, SBA Office Supervisor in regards to this issue. She also gave Council members a rough draft job description for the trustee/assessor and offered to answer any questions

Harrison Township Trustee/Assessor Jim Moyer stated the wording used in the information Goon presented was the same as that received from the law office of Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele and Associates, Inc. Moyer reiterated his feeling that a committee needs to review all of the information provided for further reference.

Councilman Bob Sanders questioned Goon in regards to the budget that she submitted in August and the explanation that is provided at that time for the number of days/hours that is needed for the Deputy Assessor position. Sanders wanted to know if Goon had time to do the Deputy's job as well as her own why so many days were needed. He also noted that he had reservations about a trustee who is the elected official paying themselves as the deputy and questioned the ethics of such a practice. Goon responded that her job as the trustee/assessor was to oversee that the assessing was completed. Further discussion ensued with Councilman Sanders questioning if an elected official (trustee/assessor) wanted to do all of the assessing work could the salary be changed in the budget at budget time.

Councilman Larry Teghtmeyer stated that it would be possible to make that kind of a change when the budgets are being reviewed and finalized if need be. Additional discussion followed in regards to how the number of days needed could be evaluated. Councilman Teghtmeyer responded the workload analysis could be based on the personal property submitted. Goon took exception to that concept as a basis for judging workload stating that is not an accurate account of the work involved. Teghtmeyer noted it was a good guideline to follow.

President Harold Jones stated in accordance to the information received from the State Board of Accounts; theirs was not a legal opinion on this matter, but only a position they would take. Jones noted the Council did have a legal opinion that stated it would be wrong at this time to allow the trustee/assessor to collect the deputy assessor's pay. Jones went on to say that the Council understands the situation and is not opposed to continued research of the matter, but no further action would be taken at this time.

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

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Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

## KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL April 12, 2007

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones  
Tom Anglin  
John Kinsey  
Bob Sanders

Charlene Knispel  
Larry Teghtmeyer  
Brad Tandy  
Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer by John Kinsey.

### **IN THE MATTER OF LOUIS DREYFUS AGREEMENT MODIFICATION REQUEST:**

Mike Miner, County Attorney, stated Louis Dreyfus would like to modify their agreement with the county pertaining to their employment and investment goals for tax purposes. Miner noted they are not requesting to change what is to be done, just the manner in which it will be accomplished by using subsidiaries of their company to complete portions of the project.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: John Kinsey  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve changes to the Louis Dreyfus agreement as presented by County Attorney Mike Miner.

Reference: Ordinance 07-04-12

### **IN THE MATTER OF NG INSTRUMENT, INC. ABATEMENT REQUEST:**

Rick Helm, representing Tony, Tim and Daisy Nicholas of NG Instruments, Inc. presented a request for an inducement resolution to proceed with a tax abatement public hearing. Helm stated the resolution would allow NG Instruments to proceed with a formal hearing for public input on their abatement request. Helm went on to say the Nicholas' intend to add a building and equipment with a total estimated value of \$4,250,000.00 to their current location on SR 15 N. Helm added within the next two years an additional 10 jobs would be added with an average salary excluding benefits of \$35,000.00.

MOTION: Tom Anglin  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve resolution to allow for a public hearing to be held in May, 2007.

### **IN THE MATTER OF KCCRVC APPOINTMENTS:**

Mary Kittrell, CVB, requested an appointment to the Promotional Grant Review Committee and an appointment to the Product Development Grant Task Force. Councilman Bob Sanders volunteered to serve on both committees.

MOTION: John Kinsey  
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Appoint Bob Sanders to serve on the KCCRVC Grant Review Committee and the Product Development Task Force.

### **IN THE MATTER OF WORK RELEASE FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Sheriff Rocky Goshert presented a financial report and other information on the work release center. Goshert stated the center had gone through a reorganization period in January and at that time the revenue had decreased due to the loss of some of the participants. Goshert noted this was in part to the increased drug testing. The increased testing also eliminated potential replacements at the time. Goshert pointed out

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that the amount collected for drug testing for the first quarter is more than for all of 2006. He did note however, the revenue for the first quarter was up \$2,131.00. Goshert went on to say the average number of inmate paying to stay at work release had increased from 33 at the beginning of January to 59 at the end of March. Goshert then turned the podium over to Sergeant Knafel who has taken over the work release program.

Sergeant Knafel reiterated the center had been reorganized; including moving some of the current personnel around to better fit the program's needs. Knafel stated he had also given the guards a more active role by delegating different jobs and responsibilities so that they felt they were a part of the system.

**IN THE MATTER OF WORK RELEASE FINANCIAL REPORT CONTINUED:**

Knafel reported the old kitchen area had been organized to serve as the guards' office area and the old office area was turned into a waiting area. Knafel noted one of the biggest changes to the program is that drug testing is now being done on a weekly basis. Knafel also stated it is their goal to have 100 inmates participating in the program and at this time there are only 7 beds left. He reported there are additional rooms available however at this time they are waiting on the beds to arrive.

The Council thanked Goshert and Knafel for their informative presentation.

**IN THE MATTER OF 2008 INCOME TAX RATES:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, reported that county income tax rates were due in Indianapolis by May 14<sup>th</sup>. Mitchell went on to say there is a chance that legislation may change but suggested rates be submitted at this time for COIT and EDIT at the same rates as 2007. Mitchell did note that if there were legislative changes made, the Council could amend the rates during the budget process in August.

MOTION:	Brad Tandy	TO: Approve COIT rate at .007 and EDIT
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	rate at .003 as presented.
AYES: 7	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

**IN THE MATTER OF MISDEMEANANT FUNDS:**

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell reported she had received notification that the county would be receiving \$49,560.00 in September from the State Department of Corrections. This money would be added to the misdemeanor fund and would be used to reimburse county general for a portion of the Justice Building security salaries.

**IN THE MATTER OF TAX BILL CALENDAR STATUS:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, reported that certified assessed values have been submitted to the DLGF and she is now waiting on rates from the State. Mitchell stated she is hopeful to have them by May 11<sup>th</sup>. She went on to say that if they are received *after* May 11<sup>th</sup> or if they are received *before* May 11<sup>th</sup> and any part of the process is delayed it is unlikely that a June 30<sup>th</sup> distribution can be met. Mitchell also noted that there will still be a problem for the Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation and the taxing entities that are associated with it because of the cross county delay in trending in Fulton County. Mitchell stated those entities will not receive any monies until the December distribution; however they may request advances. Mitchell noted that taxpayers in Franklin, Mentone Franklin, Harrison, Mentone Harrison, Seward and Burket would be encouraged to voluntarily come in and pay a portion of their estimated taxes. She did note this would be strictly voluntary and she hoped to be able to recognize those individuals/businesses that do make early payments. Mitchell did state her office will do everything they possibly can to see that tax bills are sent out as soon as possible.

**IN THE MATTER OF E911 CHECK FROM VONAGE:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, reported the county had received another check from Vonage. Mitchell noted this money has been collected by Vonage who has voluntarily agreed to submit it to each county through the efforts of the AIC.

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK:**

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell reminded Council that April 23 – 27 has been declared County Government Week with the annual breakfast to be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 am – 8:00 am. Mitchell reminded Council members that their help would be greatly appreciated in preparing and serving the breakfast to the county employees.

**IN THE MATTER OF BELL MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY SPECIAL MEETING:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, stated she had received information from the Bell Memorial Public Library that was in a time frame that was not conducive to the Council's next regularly scheduled meeting. Mitchell

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noted a public hearing must held within 30 days of notification and Council must be present for the hearing in order for the library to collect capital funds. Mitchell requested the meeting be held May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm. Discussion ensued and it was concluded there would be a quorum available for the hearing on May 2, 2007.

**IN THE MATTER OF E911 FUNDING:**

Council member Brad Tandy questioned Mitchell what the status of the 911 fund was at this time. Mitchell stated that cuts could be made to the budget; however it appeared there would be a shortfall of approximately \$50,000.00 (after cuts) for the remainder of 2007. Tandy then inquired how long it would take if the county increased the emergency fee before it would be realized. Mitchell responded it would be three months after the increase were approved before the county would see additional monies.

**IN THE MATTER OF PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP REQUEST:**

Julia Goon, Prairie Twp. Trustee/Assessor, requested Council look into the Horse Drawn Vehicle and the County Option Dog Tax Ordinances in reference to the fees that are collected and retained by the assessors. Goon stated the buggy plates are sold for \$25.00 for the first plate and \$7.50 for each additional plate with the assessor keeping \$1.00 for each plate they sell. Dog tags sell for \$5.00 a piece with the township's general fund retaining \$.75 per tag. Goon stated the \$.75 goes directly into the township budget; however the \$1.00 buggy fee is turned into the Auditor's office and then paid to the assessor through payroll with taxes taken out. Goon stated she felt there should be a consistency on how the fees were handled. Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell responded that State Statute designates the dog tag fee be retained by the taxing entity collecting it. Mitchell noted the horse drawn vehicle ordinance is a home rule ordinance and needs to be reviewed as there has not been an increase in plate fees for several years.

Councilman Bob Sanders questioned Jeff Rohrer, Ass't. Highway Superintendent about what damage if any the horse and buggies do to the roads. Rohrer responded they do tear up the asphalt and do quite a lot of damage. The highway has even posted signs asking the buggies to restrict their use of roads newly sealed until they have time to set. Rohrer went on to say he would like to see plate fees increased as much as possible. It was noted that buggy plate fees go to the MVH Fund.

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell will research the matter to see what other counties are charging for buggy plates and report back to the Council.

**IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY BRIDGE INSPECTION BOOK:**

Jeff Rohrer, Assistant Highway Superintendent, presented the 2006 Bridge Inspection Book for the Council's review. Rohrer called attention to some areas of interest and explained what the information meant. Rohrer also commented that the information included in the books still falls short of work that needs to be done. The Council thanked Rohrer and noted the books contained quite a lot of interesting information. Further discussion ensued in regards to the bridges and small structures. County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell stated it would be necessary to increase the Cum Bridge Fund rate for 2008 and suggested advertising it at the highest rate possible and then adjusting at budget time. Mitchell also noted that any repairs made to small structures located within the city limits must be paid for by the County Cum Bridge Fund as those funds are comprised of county tax dollars.

**IN THE MATTER OF INVITATION TO COMMISSIONER'S MEETING:**

County Commissioner President Ron Truex extended an invitation to all Council members to attend the next Commissioner's meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2007.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC STATEMENT:**

Council member Tom Anglin announced that all of the county trustees have a problem with the county government and he (Anglin) has worked and continues to work as hard as anyone with the county trustees and does not appreciate being labeled an enemy of the Prairie Township Trustee. Council President Harold Jones agreed that no one works harder for the trustees than Anglin.

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

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Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL  
MAY 2, 2007**

The Kosciusko County Council met for a special meeting on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones  
Tom Anglin  
John Kinsey

Charlene Knispel  
Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones.

**IN THE MATTER OF BELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND:**

Lorna Klein, Director of the Bell Memorial Library and Brian Spitler made a presentation to the Council reference their Capital Project Fund Request. They discussed plans for the sale of the building previously used for the library. Klein pointed out that the Capital Projects Fund has allowed the library to keep up with state of the art computers which provide a great asset to the library.

MOTION: Tom Anglin  
SECOND: John Kinsey  
AYES: 4 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the Library Capital Projects  
Fund for the Bell Memorial Library as  
presented.

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Attest:

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Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

## KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL May 10, 2007

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, May 10, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones  
Tom Anglin  
John Kinsey  
Bob Sanders

Charlene Knispel  
Larry Teghtmeyer  
Brad Tandy  
Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer. Minutes were approved as presented.

### **IN THE MATTER OF TAX ABATEMENT HEARING FOR NGI INSTRUMENTS:**

Attorney Rick Helm, representing Tony, Tim and Daisy Nicholas, DBA NGI Instruments, Inc. presented a request for tax abatement for both real and personal property. Helm reported real estate value at \$1,249,000.00 with personal property valued at over \$3,000,000.00. Helm noted the abatement would include ten years for real property and five for personal property. Helm went on to say with the expansion of the business there would be five new jobs created in 2007 with an additional five in 2008. Annual salary for those jobs would be \$35,000.00 plus benefits.

Councilman Tom Anglin questioned if the abatement for the real property should only be five years instead of the requested ten years. Attorney Helm noted the recent practice had been for ten years on real estate. The meeting was then opened to the public for comments. No one in attendance spoke against the proposed tax abatement request.

Councilman Anglin stated he had read the letter presented by the Nicholas' and thought it was a great presentation. Anglin commented it was wonderful to see what 12 years ago was a dream become a reality today. Councilman Larry Teghtmeyer agreed with Anglin. Anglin noted this was a tremendous accomplishment for a family and it was nice to give breaks to a family business and not just big businesses.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve 10 year tax abatement on real
SECOND:	Larry Teghtmeyer	property and 5 year abatement on personal
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	property.
MOTION CARRIED		

### **IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR INFRACTION DEFERRAL:**

Steve Hearn, Prosecutor, requested additional appropriations for Infraction Deferral. Hearn stated since the program began it has been working well and felt these requests were warranted.

Councilman Larry Teghtmeyer advised Hearn to continue to use discretion when giving out these monies.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve additional appropriations for
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	\$13,500.00 to 268-44012-000-000
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	Computer Equipment
MOTION CARRIED		
		\$ 7,310.75 to 268-22034-000-00
		Vehicle Supplies
		\$ 1,988.00 to 268-32034-000-00
		Miscellaneous Expense

### **IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR TITLE IV-D:**

Deputy Prosecutor Dan Hampton presented a request for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$15,588.63. This request is to cover salaries in the general fund that will be short for 2007. This Title IV-D incentive money which is a reimbursement from the state for expenditures will be transferred to the general fund to reimburse the salary of one seasonal and one part time employee.

MOTION:	John Kinsey	TO: Approve additional appropriation for
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel	\$15,588.63 to 304-62005-000-000
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	2005 Expenditures

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Brad Tandy arrived for the meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR TURKEY CREEK ASSESSOR:**

Patty Gammieri, Turkey Creek Assessor, requested an additional appropriation for part time help. Gammieri stated the 2007 budget only allowed for 600 hours of part time help and she requested enough funds to be able to use her part time help through the end of the year.

Councilman Larry Teghtmeyer stated the wage committee agrees this appropriation should be increased due to the increased workload caused by trending. Teghtmeyer also noted additional funds should be budgeted for 2008 as trending is an ongoing process.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve additional appropriation for  
SECOND: Charlene Knispel \$4,180.00 to 100-11301-000-039 Part Time  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

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

A request was received by letter from County Surveyor Dick Kemper to transfer .78 to cover a shortfall in the 2007 payroll. County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell noted that this was a rounding issue with the Auditor's software and not a budget issue from the Surveyor's office.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve transfer of \$0.78 from  
SECOND: Charlene Knispel 100- 11301-000-011 Drainage Bd. Part Time  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 100- 11082-000-011 Drainage Inspector  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF MILFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS HEARING:**

Rex Miller, Milford Public Library President, presented information to Council for the library's capital project hearing. Miller requested a tax rate of .0167 for 2008 based on assessed values stating this was not an increase from previous years. Miller went on to say that there was no remonstrance when the library held their capital projects meeting.

Councilman Larry Teghtmeyer said in light of the trending this year and the increase in assessed values along with not having tax rates yet, he would propose a 3% levy increase which would amount to \$16,846.00. Teghtmeyer pointed out this was a 3% increase over last year's levy of \$16,355.00.

Councilman Brad Tandy questioned if the proposed 3% levy would be effective for all libraries or just Milford. Teghtmeyer stated the 3% levy should be applied to all libraries at this time.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Grant a 3% levy increase in lieu of a set  
SECOND: Bob Sanders tax rate for Milford Public Library.  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 ABSTAIN:1  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF WARSAW COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS HEARING:**

Ann Zydek, Warsaw Community Library Director, presented information to the Council regarding the library's capital projects hearing. Zydek outlined a few of the major projects as the construction taking place on the front entrance to the library as well as well as the library's computer system that will need to be replaced. Zydek noted that by 2008 the computer system currently being used will be obsolete. Zydek went on to say funds were available to take care of the construction and computer system; however between those two projects those funds would be depleted. Zydek noted there were other changes yet to come that would require funding.

Further discussion ensued regarding the renovation to the front entrance as well as the problems with software system currently being used.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve a 3% increase of 2007 levy for  
SECOND: Bob Sanders a maximum of \$167,024.00  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF WAYNE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR EMPLOYEE SALARY ADJUSTMENT:**

County Administrator Ron Robinson stated Kristy Mayer, Wayne Township Assessor, had an employee transfer from another office to her office that had eight years experience in assessing and Mayer was

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requesting permission to pay that employee at the 6 year level. Robinson noted the salary for the position filled was currently that of a three year level employee.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve salary adjustment to coincide  
SECOND: Charlene Knispel with experience level.  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF NORTH CENTRAL COOP COMPLIANCE:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, presented CF-1 Forms from North Central Coop for the Council's approval both for real estate and personal property. Mitchell noted construction had been completed at a higher than anticipated cost.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve North Central Coop  
SECOND: John Kinsey compliance.  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF 1782 NOTICE REPORT:**

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell reported she had received the 1782 Notice which indicated a tax rate of .1533 which is a sizeable difference from where the county was. Mitchell stated she believed the County should be alright for budgets and she hoped to have actual tax rates by the first week of June. Mitchell went on to say that while assessed values have increased, tax rates should decrease. Mitchell also said some townships have received their 1782 Notices but not all so there is no way to evaluate the information at this point. Mitchell then went on to say she and Treasurer Kent Adams had spoken regarding when tax bills should be sent. She noted normally a taxpayer must be given fifteen days from the time the tax bills are mailed until payment is due; however due to the increased A/V's due to trending both Mitchell and Adams would like to increase the time frame for payments to 45 days. Mitchell stated tax bills may possibly be mailed in July with payment due dates in August and December.

**IN THE MATTER OF ISSUANCE OF REFUND CHECKS:**

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell gave a brief report on the refund check that will need to be issued after fall taxes have been collected. Mitchell stated the refund checks will have a huge impact on the county as it is estimated there will be approximately 22,000 checks issued at an estimated cost of \$11,000.00 which includes the cost of checks, envelopes, postage and software updates. She went on to say the state will calculate the distribution to each county and individual taxpayer refunds will then need to be calculated by the Auditor's office. She stated that any overage the county has must be returned to the state by December 20, 2007 although individual refund checks do not have to be mailed by the December 20<sup>th</sup> deadline. Mitchell noted that all 92 counties are in agreement that expenses incurred by each county for processing the refunds need to be tracked. Mitchell concluded the matter of the refunds checks will be a huge undertaking for the Auditor's office due to the various issues involved in property taxes. Councilman Bob Sanders questioned if the refunds issued will be considered income and be taxed or if a taxpayer could have a credit issued in lieu of a refund. Mitchell advised a determination from the IRS has been requested but not received. Mitchell stated the legislation wants taxpayers to see money in their hands, not a credit issued. She also pointed out that due to changes in property ownership, it would be difficult to apply credits to the proper taxpayer. Mitchell went on to say that she will be attending a meeting with DLGF, SBOA, State Auditor's office along with three county treasurers and three county auditors to discuss the refund checks and the procedures involved with the process.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADVANCES FOR TAXING UNITS:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, reported taxing units may request an advance on monies collected. Mitchell stated PTRC and Homestead monies as well as excise money have already been received and are available for distribution. Mitchell noted that Kosciusko County is not unique with this situation as many other counties are also in the same situation with tax billing.

**IN THE MATTER OF CUM BRIDGE FUND:**

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell reported the need to reestablish the Cum Bridge Fund. Highway Superintendent Dennis Pletcher then addressed the Council regarding use of this fund. Pletcher stated the county maintains 106 bridges and 402 small structures. Pletcher noted that a structure 20' or greater is considered a bridge, while structures less than 20' are labeled small structures. He then discussed repairs and maintenance practices. Mitchell suggested the rate be advertised at .02 which would generate \$1,100,000.00. If the rate were decreased to .01 the county would garner \$500,000.00. Councilman Teghtmeyer suggested Mitchell advertise the rate at .02 before the August budget hearings at which time the rate could be lowered if needed.

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MOTION: John Kinsey  
SECOND: Tom Anglin  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Instruct Auditor Mitchell to advertise a .02 rate for the Cum Bridge Fund as soon as possible.

**IN THE MATTER OF E911 FUNDING:**

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell addressed the E911 Fund issue by stating if cuts were made to the budget yet this year the 911 fund would be able to get through 2007. However, they would begin 2008 without a beginning balance. Mitchell went on to say state legislators have made changes to the law governing the E911 funding. Mitchell stated options available included increasing the income tax and decreasing the property tax rate with the option of adding an additional component to help fund E911.

Council members discussed the options available and the best way to collect the needed funds with Councilman Teghtmeyer suggesting at this time it would be best to make the decision locally rather than rely on state practices. Councilman Tandy agreed and noted at this time there really is no other choice but to increase land line fees.

Auditor Mitchell stated the county must advertise before the rate can be increased. She also said that it would be three months before the county would see the benefits of the increase.

Council directed Mitchell to advertise the maximum increase allowed (\$2.59 per line) as soon as possible.

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

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, also reported on the Cum Jail Fund stating there would be approximately \$133,000.00 available in 2008. Mitchell said if the fund were used to purchase new cars for the sheriff's department as in the past, the fund would be depleted by 2009. Mitchell suggested reestablishing rates for the Cum Jail fund at .02 at this time also.

Council directed Mitchell to advertise Cum Jail rates at .02.

**IN THE MATTER OF INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING:**

Council members were reminded the IACC conference would be held June 9<sup>th</sup>. Members Teghtmeyer and Sanders encouraged everyone that could to attend the meetings as they were very informational.

**IN OTHER MATTERS:**

Council President Harold Jones stated the Northeast Association of Indiana Counties meeting that was recently held in Kosciusko County had been well attended and commended Auditor Mitchell for her work as acting President. Jones also thanked Mitchell and Auditor Elect Marsha McSherry for their efforts in coordinating the employee appreciation breakfast which was also a great success.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FROM TIMES UNION REPORTER**

**THERESA SMITH:**

Theresa Smith, long time Times Union reporter of county events, announced that she would be leaving the Times Union to take a position at the Tribune News in South Whitley.

Auditor Mitchell thanked Smith for working well with county officials in reporting the news and noted she would be missed.

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

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Attest:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

## KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL

### June 14, 2007

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, June 14, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones  
Tom Anglin  
John Kinsey  
Bob Sanders

Charlene Knispel  
Larry Teghtmeyer  
Brad Tandy - *Absent*  
Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF SAFEWAY DOOR ABATEMENT HEARING REQUEST:**

Attorney Steve Snyder, representing Safeway Door appeared before the Council to request an abatement hearing for real and personal property. Snyder stated Safeway has been in business since 1975 and employs 65 people. Recently the company has merged with a company from Kansas City and they are looking at a significant expansion either here in the county or moving the entire business to Kansas City. Snyder reported the expansion would include an additional 35-40 employees with an increase in payroll of approximately \$1,200,000.00 for a total of \$3,400,000.00. Snyder also stated personal property would include \$3,800,000.00 in new equipment with real estate currently valued at \$2,000,000.00. The expansion would add approximately another \$350,000.00. Snyder noted he has filed the SB1 forms with the Auditor and Safeway has had some discussion with the State however the State is waiting to see what incentives the county is willing to give before determining what they might be able to offer. Snyder stated the tax abatement requested would be on the new building and equipment only, not on the existing building. Snyder went on to say Safeway has a good reputation nationally and it is important to keep them located here in Kosciusko County.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve declatory resolution for Safeway
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel	Door to proceed with public hearing for
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	abatement.
MOTION CARRIED		

#### **IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR INFRACTION DEFFERAL:**

Steve Hearn, Prosecuting Attorney, presented a request for an additional appropriation of \$1,559.97 to allow the Syracuse Police Department to purchase a digital camera. Hearn also requested an additional of \$5,000.00 for the Indiana State Police K-9 Unit. Hearn noted with this donation, a state trooper would be assigned to Kosciusko County one day per week for patrol with their K-9 unit.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve additional appropriations for
SECOND:	John Kinsey	\$1,559.97 to 268-31082-000-000 Equipment
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	\$5,000.00 to 268-32037-000-000 Misc. Exp.
MOTION CARRIED		

#### **IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR PROSECUTOR:**

Prosecutor Steve Hearn requested an additional appropriation of \$15, 588.63 to offset deficit for part time help. Hearn noted the money would be transferred from the Title IV-D incentive money to county general for reimbursement of the part time wages.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve additional appropriation for
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	\$15,588.63 to 100-11301-000-022 Part Time
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR DRUG TESTING – WORK**

**RELEASE:**

Sheriff Rocky Goshert requested an additional appropriation of \$5,000 to cover drug testing at the work release center. Goshert indicated they have increased the number of inmates being tested and would like to continue to test at that rate. Goshert went on to say each test cost the county \$4.00 with inmates paying \$10.00 per test. Goshert also noted that he would like to see the testing moved to a separate fund for 2008 in order to self fund expenditures.

Councilman Larry Teghtmeyer questioned Goshert if all work release expenses could be separated out of the jail budget and put into their own budget. Goshert responded they were close to being able to do that at this time. Teghtmeyer encouraged Goshert to set up budget for work release.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve additional appropriation for  
SECOND: Tom Anglin \$5,000.00 to 100-36051-000-013  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR TURKEY CREEK ASSESSOR:**

Turkey Creek Township Assessor Patty Gammiere requested an additional appropriation of \$5,000.00 to cover overtime expenses for her office. Gammiere stated the increased workload caused by trending has allowed comp time to build and she feels it would be best to pay off the comp time instead of waiting until the end of the year or allowing it to carry over into another year.

MOTION: Bob Sanders TO: Approve additional appropriation for  
SECOND: Charlene Knispel \$5,000.00 to 100-11401-000-039 Overtime  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR PLAIN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR:**

Plain Township Assessor Susie Stookey requested an additional appropriation of \$5,000 to cover overtime expenses for her office. Stookey stated the increased workload caused by trending has allowed comp time to build and she feels it would be best to pay off the comp time instead of waiting until the end of the year or allowing it to carry over into another year.

MOTION: Bob Sanders TO: Approve additional appropriation for  
SECOND: Charlene Knispel \$5,000.00 to 100-11401-000-031 Overtime  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR TIPPECANOE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR:**

Tippecanoe Township Assessor Dorothy Biesemeyer requested an additional appropriation of \$5,000 to cover overtime expenses for her office. Biesemeyer stated the increased workload caused by trending has also allowed comp time to build and she feels it would be best to pay off the comp time instead of waiting until the end of the year or allowing it to carry over into another year.

Councilman Tom Anglin questioned if overtime would be budgeted for 2008 with Biesemeyer noting that she did plan to put it into her 2008 budget.

Councilman Bob Sanders questioned if the offices will have as much to learn in future years in regards to trending with Biesemeyer, Stookey and Gammiere all saying they hoped things would be easier in the future.

MOTION: Bob Sanders TO: Approve additional appropriation for  
SECOND: Charlene Knispel \$5,000.00 to 100-11401-000-035 Overtime  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR TIPPECANOE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR:**

A request was received from Dorothy Biesemeyer, Tippecanoe Township Assessor, to transfer funds to cover payroll accounts for her office. Biesemeyer stated she had to cash out her chief deputy when she left employment leaving a shortfall in that account. Biesemeyer noted she would also like to transfer money from a deputy's account to her part time account in order to allow her to hire two part time people to do the measuring in lieu of one full time office employee. She also noted that she does not intend to hire another full time person.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$514 from
SECOND:	John Kinsey	100-10235-000-035 Deputy to
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	100-10234-000-035 Chief Deputy
MOTION CARRIED		TO: Approve transfer of \$15,654 from
		100-10236-000-035 Deputy to
		100-11301-000-035 Part Time

**IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE COMP TIME:**

Council members continued to discuss the issue of comp time being earned by employees and questioned County Administrator Ron Robinson on current policies pertaining to comp time with Councilman Bob Sanders wanting to know if the policy can state that comp time must be paid out by year end. Council President Harold Jones cautioned setting a strict policy due to the fact that all offices operate on different schedules and time tables. Teghtmeyer and Sanders agreed that overtime should be budgeted for so that transfers can be done by year end if necessary to avoid comp time being carried over. County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell stated all department heads have been encouraged to pay comp time off or allow employees to take time off by year end in order to avoid carryovers which can result in additional costs. Teghtmeyer requested this be added to the salary ordinance for 2008. He also stated that Waggoner, Scheele and Irwin strongly urge employers to establish employee policies that are incorporated into the salary ordinance to avoid conflicts.

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

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, presented a request from the health department to transfer \$1.00 to clean up a payroll account deficit. Mitchell noted this was a rounding issue with the payroll software and not the fault of the Health Department.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve transfer of \$1.00 from
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	203-11327-000-000 Part Time Nurse
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	203-11132-000-000 Chief Public Health Nurse
MOTION CARRIED		

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SOIL AND WATER GRANT:**

A transfer request was received from the Soil and Water office for a payroll issue. As there was no one from the Soil and Water office in attendance; the request was tabled.

**IN THE MATTER OF HEARING TO RE-ESTABLISH CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND:**

Council President Jones opened the hearing to re-establish the Cum Bridge Fund. Jones noted the Council had discussed the need to re-establish the fund at previous meetings. It was decided to advertise a rate of \$.02 per \$100.00 assessed value. It was also noted that the rate could be decreased if deemed appropriate at a later date. There was no one in attendance to speak in favor of or opposed to re-establishing the Cum Bridge Fund. The hearing was then closed.

MOTION:	John Kinsey	TO: Approve the re-establishment of the Cum
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	Bridge Fund at \$.02 per \$100 assessed value.
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

**IN THE MATTER OF HEARING TO RE-ESTABLISH CUMULATIVE JAIL FUND:**

Council President Jones opened the hearing to re-establish the Cum Jail Fund. It was noted this fund has been used in the past for purchasing cars for the sheriff's department. It was decided to advertise a rate of \$.02 per \$100.00 assessed value. It was also noted that the rate could be decreased if deemed appropriate at a later date. There was no one in attendance to speak in favor of or opposed to re-establishing the Cum Jail Fund. The hearing was then closed.

MOTION:	Bob Sanders	TO: Approve the re-establishment of the Cum
SECOND:	John Kinsey	Jail Fund at \$.02 per \$100 assessed value.
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

**IN THE MATTER OF PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE FORMS**

**APPROVAL:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, presented CF 1's from Biomet, North Central Coop, Thornburgh Family LP and Precision Medical Technologies, Inc. for approval. Mitchell stated that she believes they are all compliant and that Biomet and North Central Coop's numbers are above what they submitted on their SB1s.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve CF 1 Personal Property forms
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	as presented for Biomet, North Central Coop,
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	Thornburgh Family LP and Precision Medical
MOTION CARRIED		Technologies, Inc.

**IN THE MATTER OF E911 BUDGET REDUCTION:**

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell presented a budget reduction ordinance for the E911 Fund in the amount of \$138,500.00 to the Council for approval. Mitchell explained the reduction was possible due to over budgeted insurance costs. She noted that when budgeting for health benefits, all employees were budgeted at a family rate. However there are many single policies which are at a lower premium. Mitchell stated the money allotted for in the budget reduction would remain in the 911 fund; however it could not be spent which would help even the revenue and expenses out. Councilman Kinsey questioned if this would keep the 911 Fund afloat until legislation changed that would help with the 911 funding shortage. Mitchell noted that that would not take care of the shortfall. She went on to say that if the 911 fee were increased to the maximum amount allowed of \$2.59, the county would receive an additional \$900,000.00 in revenue. She also said there has been an 8% decrease in funds annually due to the increased number of cell phones. Mitchell went on to explain that if the county chose to advertise to increase the 911 fee in July it would not see an increase in revenue until October. She did state that with the over budgeted insurance costs, the budget reductions would balance out the remainder of 2007.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve budget reduction in the amount
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	of \$138,500.00 for the E911 Fund.
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

**IN THE MATTER OF E911 FEE INCREASE:**

The Council continued their discussion on the need to increase funding for the 911 Fund. It was noted there really is no other choice at this time but to increase land line fees. Councilman Sanders noted it was not fair to the land line owners, but the county can't lose their 911 Center. Auditor Mitchell stated that 911 Director Tom Brindle is sitting on a nine member panel that is meeting with legislators to discuss the problem that is plaguing all E911 centers in the hope that they can find possible solutions. Sanders questioned if the budget was currently at the minimum with County Administrator Ron Robinson reporting that it was. He also stated that the county could not afford the system that we currently have if not for the cooperation of supporting companies. Sanders then asked if the county owned rights to the system and could sell to others. Robinson stated the county does not have rights but get to use the services for free by working with various vendors. Teghtmeyer suggested the county offer its services to adjacent counties. Robinson responded that all counties are in the same financial situation - no money to pay for 911 services. Further discussion ensued with Council reluctantly agreeing there were no other options available at this time.

MOTION:	Bob Sanders	TO: Approve advertising increased rate at
SECOND:	John Kinsey	\$2.57 with further action to be taken at July
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	12 <sup>th</sup> meeting.
MOTION CARRIED		

Larry Teghtmeyer noted for the record that he was only voting in favor of allowing Mitchell to advertise a rate increase and not voting in favor of the increase.

**IN THE MATTER OF E911 FEE INCREASE CONTINUED:**

Additional discussion took place regarding the 911 center. Teghtmeyer voiced strong objections to increasing land line fees and suggested the county write to legislators and inquire about funding options including collecting through property taxes. He also recommended getting in touch with adjacent counties to see if there was any interest in joining forces. Sanders agreed with exploring options, but the increase cannot be put on hold as there is the immediate problem to be solved. Teghtmeyer requested that Mitchell draft a letter to be sent to legislators in regards to the issue. Mitchell noted it might be beneficial to see if State Senators and Representatives could meet with county officials to discuss the matter.

**IN THE MATTER OF STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS AUDIT:**

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell reported the State Board of Accounts were currently auditing the county's records and hoped to have completed their audit in the next two weeks. Council will be notified when they are ready to do their exit interview.

**IN THE MATTER OF VONAGE CHECK:**

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell reported that her office had received another check from the AIC for 911 fees collected by Vonage. The check totaled \$88.93.

**IN THE MATTER OF FIRE DISTRICT REQUEST:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, stated she had received a request from the fire department about having the Auditor become the controller for a grant program for a combined fire district. Mitchell noted the grant would range somewhere around \$200,000.00 - \$250,000.00 with the county to receive 2.5% of the grant for administrative fees. She went on to say the district has asked several other counties to be controller for the grant and all other counties have declined their request. Mitchell stated this would be similar to what the county now does with the Solid Waste District and the CVB. She will report back when she has further information but felt the county would be able to do the job.

**IN THE MATTER OF DLGF REPORT:**

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell noted the Council should have received a report from the Department of Local Government Finance that stated the county is now compliant and should be receiving their full amount of PTRC monies.

**IN THE MATTER OF TAX RATES:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, reported tax rates have been received and her office is working on them to see where things are at as far as if tax bills will increase or decrease. She went on to say that once all of the information has been reviewed a final determination will be made as to when tax bills will be mailed. Mitchell noted she is hopeful that tax bills will be printed the last week of June and mailed out the first week of July. She also noted it is possible that taxpayers will be given a 45 day window in order to make their payments.

**IN THE MATTER OF NOT FOR PROFIT PACKETS:**

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell noted the Council should have received their packets for the Not for Profit presentations. Mitchell stated these organizations will present their 2008 requests at the Council's July meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF TAX BILL REFUND CHECKS:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, briefed the Council in regards to the tax bill refund checks as approved earlier by legislation. Mitchell stated only taxpayers that currently have a homestead exemption on file will be eligible to receive a refund. She also noted this information must be certified to the State by December 20, 2007.

**IN THE MATTER OF INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFERENCE:**

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell reported on information received at the County Council Conference. Mitchell stated there was discussion regarding local option income tax and what can be collected if a cap is put on. Mitchell noted that once a cap is put on it can never be removed. Mitchell also reported that the county must have a Two Year Capital Projects Plan in place. She stated the county has never had a formal plan but now must show they do. Mitchell noted there has also been a change in the remonstrance procedures. To begin a remonstrance it now must be filed with the Clerk instead of the Auditor.

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY BOARD OF TAX AND CAPITAL PROJECTS REVIEW:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, reported there is a new board being created named the County Board of Tax and Capital Projects Review. Mitchell stated the board will be comprised of one Council member, a member from the county's largest and second largest city, the County Auditor and two other elected members who will be on the fall 2008 ballot and take office in 2009. This Board would be similar to the old Tax Review Board the county once had. The Board's primary job would be to review budgets of entities with projects over \$7,000,000.00.

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President Jones thanked Larry Teghtmeyer and Sue Ann Mitchell for attending the County Council Conference and for the information they brought back. Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

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Bob Sanders

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Attest:

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Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**July 12, 2007**

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, July 12, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones  
Tom Anglin  
John Kinsey  
Bob Sanders

Charlene Knispel  
Larry Teghtmeyer  
Brad Tandy - *Absent*  
Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer by John Kinsey.

**IN THE MATTER OF SAFEWAY DOOR ABATEMENT HEARING:**

Attorney Steve Snyder representing Safeway Door had requested an abatement hearing. However, Snyder was not in attendance at the Council Meeting. Tom Anglin made a motion to table the matter until such time that Snyder can attend.

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

A request was received from Bob Weaver to transfer funds to cover overtime for the TB Nurse. However, Weaver was not in attendance and the matter was tabled.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SUPERIOR II AND III:**

A request was received from Judges Jarrette and Sutton to transfer money from a secretary position to an assistant court reporter position. Sutton stated due to the number of cases each court now handles it is necessary to use the assistant court reporter as a full time reporter. Sutton noted this was necessary due to mandates implemented by the Supreme Court and State Court.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve transfer of \$775.00 from  
SECOND: John Kinsey 100-10283-000-044 Secretary/Bailiff to  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 100-10281-000-044 Assistant Court Reporter  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR COUNTY HIGHWAY:**

Dennis Pletcher, Highway Superintendent, requested an additional of \$500,000.00 in order to finish this season's road work. Pletcher stated the past winter and spring had been hard on the roads and patching costs had totaled around \$250,000.00. It was noted that increased fuel costs have also caused increases in the materials used by the highway department. Council members expressed the importance of looking for alternative funding options before the highway department no longer can fund itself.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve additional appropriation for

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SECOND: Bob Sanders \$500,000.00 to  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 204-22037-000-51 MVH Bituminous  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF SOIL AND WATER SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:**

Darci Zolman, Education Coordinator, requested the salary ordinance be amended for the grant position. Zolman stated the grant cycle runs from July 1 to June 30 and the funds are available for the increase in salary. The salary will be amended from \$1,149.42 bi-weekly to \$1,183.90 bi-weekly.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve salary ordinance amendment to  
SECOND: John Kinsey follow grant guidelines as requested.  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF COLLISION INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT CHECK:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, stated the county had received a reimbursement check in the amount of \$3,728.75 from the insurance company for a collision involving one of the sheriff's cars. Mitchell requested approval from the Council to add the reimbursement back to the appropriation line so that it may be spent if needed.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve insurance reimbursement check  
SECOND: Larry Tegtmeyer in the amount of \$3,728.75 to be added back to  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 line  
MOTION CARRIED 100-35001-000-019 Repairs and Maintenance

**IN THE MATTER OF 2008 NON PROFIT BUDGET REQUESTS:**

The following not for profit organizations appeared before Council to request funding for the 2008 budget year.

- Cardinal Center – Jane Greene, Cardinal Center Director, requested \$120,000.00 for 2008. Greene noted a portion of the increase was for the KABS program. Greene went on to say that Cardinal Center did not receive the grant they were hoping to use to replace their HVAC unit, therefore that cost would now need to be incurred by Cardinal Center. Greene stated the Cardinal Center also works with the Head Start Program, Community Living Program and Sus Amigos. Greene also discussed the KABS program and the costs involved such as higher fuel costs as well as the need to replace vehicles. Greene noted increased insurance costs and the need to increase staff wages to avoid employee turnover as another reason their request is larger than last year.
- Council for Aging – April Baxter requested \$35,000.00 for 2008. Baxter began by thanking the Council for their past support and then reported he had received information that the federal grant used for transportation would be reduced for 2008. Baxter noted a large portion of their funds are used for the Senior Activity Center as well as for handicap transportation. She also stated that much of their help is volunteer based.
- KDI – Jim Tinkey representing KDI, thanked the Council for their partnership and past support and requested \$47,180.00 for 2008. Tinkey stated KDI is focused on bringing new businesses to the county and through an action grant had been able to increase their support staff in order to better serve the county. Tinkey noted the grant would be ending and the funds requested from the county would be used to continue to pay the support staff now in place so that they may continue providing current services.
- Animal Welfare League – Trish Brown, AWL Business Coordinator, requested \$75,000.00 for 2008. Brown stated they have been working diligently on improvements to the property and building and thanked County Administrator Ron Robinson, the Commissioners and the Council for their support. Brown noted improved outside runs, a new septic system and a new ventilation system as some of the improvement made this year. Brown went on to say the adoption rate has increased and the number of animals euthanized has decreased this year. She also noted every animal adopted must be spayed or neutered before leaving the shelter. Brown

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stated they are now able to offer micro chipping in order to track lost pets. Brown said the AWL has a strong group of individuals that are committed to see the shelter move forward.

- Home Health Care – Rick Pachkowski, Administrator, requested \$53,000.00 for 2008 due to a 30% decrease in state funding. Pachkowski stated these funds are used to allow individuals to remain in their homes rather than be institutionalized. He went on to say he has spoken with the K21 Foundation and they have agreed to double their contribution, however they will be placing a cap on their funding. Pachkowski noted he will continue to search for additional funding to help with the deficit caused by cutbacks.
- 4-H Council – No one was in attendance to speak on behalf of the 4-H Council. However it was noted this was fair week and this was not an opportune time for anyone to attend.
- Arrowhead RC & D – Darci Zolman spoke on behalf of Arrowhead and requested \$500.00 for 2008 which is the same as in past years.
- Historical Society – Mike Fletcher, Director, requested \$23,175.00 for 2008. Fletcher thanked the Council for their past support and then outlined some of the projects the Society has been working on. He noted their goal is to preserve the county's history through research and artifacts. Fletcher reported wages total approximately \$20,000.00 which covers the Director, Bookkeeper and General Research personnel. Fletcher noted the Historical Society greatly relies on volunteers and retirees for assistance.

**IN THE MATTER OF 2008 NON PROFIT BUDGET REQUESTS CONTINUED:**

- Beaman Home – Jim Nowak requested \$39,000.00 for 2008. Nowak stated they have had a tremendous loss of funding due to grant decreases. Nowak said the shelter has served 3,700 residential days so far this year and that number continues to increase. Nowak went on to say utility costs continue to increase and the grant funding they receive to help with utilities also decreased. He also noted the shelter is manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by 9 staff members and one director. Nowak stated that all rural agencies are struggling with the urban funding and there is no excess in the shelter's budget.

Council President Jones thanked all of the Not for Profit Organizations for coming to the meeting and for the handouts they provided; noting there was a lot of valuable information included in the handouts.

**IN THE MATTER OF HEARING FOR 911 LAND LINE FEE INCREASE:**

Council President Harold Jones opened the hearing to increase the 911 land line fee from the current \$1.00 to a proposed rate of \$2.59 per line. Councilman Larry Teghtmeyer stated he had spoken with Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell and requested she look into possible options to fund 911 without increasing the land line fee and then asked Mitchell to outline her findings.

Mitchell stated if dispatch salaries (\$740,000.00) were paid out of the E911 fund with Social Security/Retirement/Insurance (\$200,000.00), and office supplies/telephone (\$135,000.00) paid from County General and office equipment (\$100,000.00) paid from CCD money; the E911 Fund could remain stable for one or two years. Mitchell noted this may buy enough time for State legislature to come up with an option to fund the dispatch centers.

Council President Jones noted the Commissioners have been helpful in allowing items in the budget to be realigned in order to help keep the E911 Center solvent without having to further burden taxpayers by increasing fees. Jones also hoped this would allow time for changes to be made in legislation that would address the issue.

Councilman Sanders stated he felt the County still needs to be looking for ways to fund 911 and not sit back and wait another year or more to see what "might" happen with legislation.

It was also noted that 911 Director Tom Brindle is a member of a committee that is working to address the problem and look for solutions.

Being no public comments from anyone in attendance, the hearing was then closed.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Deny 911 land line fee increase.  
SECOND: Bob Sanders  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE/ASSESSOR WORKLOAD ANALYSIS:**

Jim Moyer, Harrison Township Assessor/Trustee, presented a copy of the trustee/assessor workload analysis prepared by the trustee/assessors. Moyer stated the assessors had been working on the analysis for the past year with input received from all assessors. Moyer went on to say he felt it was an accurate description of job duties and time involved to accomplish the jobs. Moyer also stated he had received a copy of the

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workload analysis prepared by the County Assessor and felt there was a major discrepancy between what she had compiled and what the township assessors had compiled for the wage committee's review.

Councilman Larry Teghtmeyer noted the wage committee had not discussed the workload analysis at this time. Teghtmeyer recognized the increased workload of the assessors due to trending and noted the wage committee would take that into consideration.

Moyer stated the Assessors would also address the matter at the budget hearings.

**IN THE MATTER OF TAX BILLING AND COLLECTIONS:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, reported tax bills had been mailed and collections have begun. She stated it has been a chaotic time for all of the offices; however, the employees of the County are doing everything they can to assist taxpayers with their needs and concerns and there have not been many problems. Mitchell noted the county was fortunate to have received rates and budget approval when they did as the state has put a freeze on further budget approvals. Mitchell felt legislation will be taking some sort of action regarding property tax increases due to a major issue involving Marion County. Mitchell went on to say legislation is considering the possibility of letting taxpayers file a retroactive homestead exemption for 06 pay 07 as one of the "fixes" for increased property taxes. Mitchell felt the County would take a substantial hit financially if this were passed as the 2007 budget was set based on those collected taxes. Mitchell continued to discuss the situation noting the State needs to address the trending issue and make a determination that it not be completed for 2008 as counties struggle to meet deadlines.

**IN THE MATTER OF TAX BILLING AND COLLECTIONS CONTINUED:**

Council members questioned if the County could opt not to do trending and Mitchell stated the State must make that determination. Further discussion ensued regarding trending and the reassessment process.

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

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Attest:

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Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**August 9, 2007**

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, August 9, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones  
Tom Anglin  
John Kinsey  
Bob Sanders

Charlene Knispel  
Larry Teghtmeyer  
Brad Tandy - *Absent*  
Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer by John Kinsey.

**IN THE MATTER OF AIC PRESENTATION FOR ADOPTING INCOME TAX:**

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell introduced Jeff Dossett, Montgomery County Auditor, NACo Board Member and AIC representative to Council. Mitchell noted Dossett had recently been awarded "Best Recruiter" for 2007 as he had recruited 18 new county members in 2007 – an all time high for any NACo

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board member. Mitchell then turned the meeting over to Dossett to address Council on the Local Income Tax Options.

Dossett began by congratulating the County for their forward thinking in joining NACo's Prescription Card Program noting this would be a great benefit to the residents of Kosciusko County. He began his presentation on the Local Income Tax Options available by noting that Governor Daniels had extended the deadline until October 1<sup>st</sup> for Counties to decide if they wanted to adopt an income tax to help alleviate the property tax crisis. Dossett then outlined the three options available through House Enrolled Act or HEA 1478 as follows:

- Option A – “Levy” Growth Income Tax

This option would freeze all levy growth and be funded through local option income tax. Once this option is adopted there would be no going back to a property tax system even if the income tax does not meet the county's needs. With Option A the County would be required to adopt the rates certified by the DLGF which includes a double rate for the first year and a decreased rate the second year. Rates would be set for two years. This option also requires the County to establish a stabilization fund that can be used to distribute funds to entities if the tax revenue is insufficient to fund the levy growth for that year.

- Option B – Property Tax Relief Income Tax

This option is designed to provide property tax relief only. Taxpayers would see relief in the form of a credit on their property tax bill with the County having the choice to decide what properties qualify for relief. This could include all properties, Homestead Credit only properties, or credits to qualifying residential properties.

Dossett noted Option B would be a good option for Kosciusko County.

- Option C – Public Safety Income Tax

This option is only available if a county adopts either Option A or Option B. It cannot be adopted alone. The maximum rate that at which the public safety tax may be imposed is the Lesser of the property tax relief income tax rate or 0.25%. It was noted that public safety is very broadly defined and included many different services.

Dossett stated this is not an easy decision for any County to make and it is important to study all of the options. He also noted this is not a fix to the property tax system.

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell asked Dossett how TIF districts would be affected by these Options with Dossett stating he could not answer that as he did not know.

Council member Charlene Knispel questioned if State legislation drastically changed the property tax system what impact would that have on Counties that chose to adopt one or all of these options. Dossett answered he did not know, however if there were any easy fix to the property tax system; it would have already been changed.

Council President Jones thanked Dossett for coming to the meeting and sharing information on the income tax options.

**IN THE MATTER OF E911 MONIES FROM VONAGE:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, reported the County had received a check in the amount of \$89.42 from Vonage for 911 fees collected. Mitchell stated this collection of fees was made possible through efforts by the AIC.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR TITLE IV-D PROSECUTOR:**

Steve Hearn, Prosecutor, appeared before the Council to request an increase in wages for the Title IV-D Prosecutor for the remainder of 2007. Hearn requested \$5,374.00 be transferred from the Title IV-D Incentive fund to amend the salary. Hearn went on to say Title IV-D has seen an increase in the amount of child support collected and distributed since the employment of the IV-D Prosecutor and felt the increase in wage was warranted.

Councilman Larry Teghtmeyer stated the wage committee had requested documentation of the increased collections and after reviewing the information provided to them, they supported the increase in wage for the Title IV-D Prosecutor.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve transfer of \$5,374.00 from
SECOND:	John Kinsey	304-60000-000-000 IV-D Incentive to
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	100-11112-000-022 Deputy Pros. Attorney
MOTION CARRIED		

**IN THE MATTER OF LAKELAND REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING:**

David Doctor reported the legal notices have been published in the newspapers regarding the public hearing to be held by IDEM on August 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 am in the North Webster Community Center regarding the proposed regional sewer district. Doctor also noted that in addition to the public notices, letters have been mailed to all property owners in the area to be served by the sewer district. Doctor went on to say that

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after the public hearing is closed, IDEM will take written input for three weeks and should have the order to establish the district issued by the end of October. Doctor also discussed the structuring for the Sewer District Board noting the Commissioners will appoint four members and the Council will appoint three. Bob Weaver, Kosciusko County Health Department will also serve on the Board. Doctor stated one Commissioner and one Council member may serve or they may appoint a member to serve in their place.

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

A request was received from Sheriff Rocky Goshert to have four insurance reimbursement checks added back to his Repairs & Maintenance budget line. It was noted these checks were from accidents involving sheriff vehicles.

MOTION:	John Kinsey	TO: Approve transfer of \$14,371.92 from
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	100-00563-000-0000 Reimbursement Ins.
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	100- 35001-000-019 Repairs & Maintenance
MOTION CARRIED		

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

Bob Weaver, Health Department Administrator, requested a transfer of \$2,000.00 in the TB Grant Fund to cover overtime expenses. Weaver noted the grant expired in June however the overtime had been accrued before the grant's expiration.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$2,000.00 from
SECOND:	Larry Teghtmeyer	976-11149-000-000 TB Outreach Worker to
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	976-11401-000-00 Overtime
MOTION CARRIED		

**IN THE MATTER OF ASSESSOR'S REQUEST FOR A SKILLED PART TIME APPRAISER FOR ANNUAL TRENDING:**

Councilman Larry Teghtmeyer stated the Wage Committee had received a request from Laurie Renier, County Assessor to hire a qualified licensed Level II appraiser to work in Assessor's office on the annual trending on a part time basis. Teghtmeyer noted this position would be paid with reassessment funds at an hourly rate of \$20.00. He went on to say the Wage Committee felt the position should be implemented this year as there were problems with the trending time line. Teghtmeyer also said the funds were available however a salary ordinance would be needed and there would be stipulations that the person hired must be an Indiana licensed Appraiser.

Harrison Township Trustee Jim Moyer questioned why another person was needed to help the Assessor when the township trustees have offered their assistance. Moyer stated he was a Level II certified appraiser as were many of the other township trustees and he felt qualified to help if needed.

Prairie Township Trustee Julia Goon stated her township had many appeals this year due to the County Assessor's office changing records without consulting the township trustee. She then questioned whether this person would work on all 17 townships or only the smaller 13.

**IN THE MATTER OF ASSESSOR'S REQUEST FOR A SKILLED PART TIME APPRAISER FOR ANNUAL TRENDING CONTINUED:**

Councilman Teghtmeyer stated this matter should be addressed at a later time as the County Assessor was not in attendance due to being off work for a new baby. He also noted additional costs to the County were taken into consideration as some taxing units have found it necessary to borrow money due to the lateness of tax billing caused by the trending delays.

Goon responded the townships have turned their information in on time, however it is the Assessor's office that is holding things up.

Further discussion ensued with it being noted there needs to be better communication between the townships and the County Assessor. Moyer stated the trustees were willing to help in any way they could.

MOTION:	John Kinsey	TO: Approve a part time position for a licensed
SECOND:	Larry Teghtmeyer	appraiser for the Assessor's office to be paid at
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	an hourly rate of \$20.00 from Reassessment
MOTION CARRIED		
Funds.		

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

Jeff Rohrer, Ass't. Highway Superintendent requested an insurance reimbursement check in the amount of \$10,909.59 be added back to the Garage and Other Motor Supplies budget line. Rohrer noted this also involved a highway pickup that was involved in an accident.

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MOTION: John Kinsey  
SECOND: Tom Anglin  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve transfer of \$10,909.59 from  
204-00563-000-000 Reimbursement Ins. to  
204-22036-000-050 Garage & Other Motor  
Supplies

**IN THE MATTER OF CHILDREN’S PSYCHIARTRIC TEMPORARY LOAN:**

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell reported the Children’s Psychiatric Fund had received bills that exceed their available cash. In order to pay the bill, a temporary loan from the Rainy Day Fund in the amount of \$16,311.48 was necessary. Mitchell stated the temporary loan would be repaid when taxes are distributed.

MOTION: Tom Anglin  
SECOND: John Kinsey  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve a temporary loan of \$16,311.48  
from the Rainy Day Fund to be repaid when  
tax monies are distributed.

**IN THE MATTER OF E911 UPDATE:**

E911 Director Tom Brindle gave a brief update on what was happening statewide for E911 centers. Brindle stated he will be serving on a 12 member State Board that has been established. He went on to say the State Treasurer will audit all 92 counties to see where the spending is going and the information will then be given to the Ball State University Math Department who will work up a formula.

Council questioned Brindle if this was a step in the right direction and Brindle stated it would be as long as the State does not try to run it. He added there is a Wireless Board that calculates the State’s wireless fees and then distribute them to each county through the State Treasurer’s office. Brindle noted this seemed to work very well and hoped the E911 Board would be allowed to have future input on possible distributions. Brindle also stated some states have implemented a Communications Surcharge which encompasses all cable, satellite and internet services as a way of increasing funding for 911 services. He added the State needs to come up with a long term solution rather than a quick fix and encouraged anyone that has ideas on possible funding solutions to let him know.

**IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET HEARINGS:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, reminded Council members the 2008 budget hearings would be held on Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 pm and also on Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. She also noted the budget books were available for them to take and review before the hearings.

**IN OTHER MATTERS:**

Seward Township Trustee Aime Hoffman questioned Council again if the person hired by the Assessor to assist with trending would be handling all of the appeals next year. Councilman Teghtmeyer responded they would not be handling all appeals.

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

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Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

## KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL

Monday, August 27, 2007

The Kosciusko County Council met for their preliminary budget meeting on Monday, August 27, 2007 at 6:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones, President  
Tom Anglin  
Larry Teghtmeyer  
John Kinsey

Brad Tandy  
Charlene Knispel  
Bob Sanders  
Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer by John Kinsey.

### IN THE MATTER OF WAGE COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTION:

Brad Tandy, Wage Committee Member presented the Wage Committee report. Tandy noted that Council Member Larry Teghtmeyer, Commissioner Brad Jackson and he made up the Wage Committee along with County Administrator Ron Robinson and County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell. He thanked the department heads for their input and information.

Tandy stated the following specific recommendations from the Wage Committee:

- **Sheriff:** Sheriff Rocky Goshert had requested three new positions which included a full time jailer/transport officer, a full time work release officer and a full time clerical person. Tandy stated it was the recommendation of the Wage Committee to allow one full time work release officer due to the expected increase work release population. Their other recommendations were to increase overtime rather than add another jailer/transport officer and to evaluate their needs and consider part time for the clerical position. Goshert had also requested a 10% increase for merit officers and the Wage Committee recommendation was to allow the same increase as for all employees.
- **Systems Administration:** The Wage Committee received a request for one additional employee with computer knowledge to work with the System Admin. It was their recommendation to deny the request but to monitor over time.
- **Area Plan Commission:** Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, requested a salary increase for the Ordinance Administrator due to increased work load. The Wage Committee recommended the position be elevated from a COMOT IV Step III to a COMOT II Step III which would increase the salary by \$3,843.00.
- **Turkey Creek Township Assessor:** The Turkey Creek Assessor had requested an increase in part time money in 2007 for a total of \$9,180.00 (1080 hours at \$8.50) which was approved. The Wage Committee recommended this amount also be budgeted for 2008.
- **County Highway:** Highway Superintendent Dennis Pletcher had several wage increase requests for truck drivers. It was noted by the Wage Committee that Pletcher has the authority to make those changes with Council or the Wage Committee having to take action. Pletcher also requested an increase for the part time clerk; however the Wage Committee's recommendation was to keep the part time wage the same. Other requests included an increase in wages for the office manager and summer mowers. The Wage Committee denied the request for the office manager but recommended a \$1.00 per hour increase for the mowers to be consistent with the part time truck driver wages.
- **County Assessor:** Laurie Renier, County Assessor, requested two additional employees for her office due to increased work load. The Wage Committee's recommendation was to allow one person with skills related to trending. Renier also requested her wage be comparable to that of the Clerk and the Auditor due to her increased duties. Tandy noted after consulting with Kent Irwin, Compensation Specialist of Wagoner, Irwin and Scheele, the Wage Committee determined the Assessor should be paid at the same wage as the Auditor and the Clerk. This wage includes the \$2,000.00 the Clerk is paid for election years as well as the \$1,000.00 the Assessor is paid for being a Level II Assessor as required by law.
- **Township Assessors:** The Wage Committee made a recommendation based on information obtained from Wagoner, Irwin and Scheele that the Plain, Tippecanoe and Turkey Creek Township Assessors be paid at 85% of the County Assessor's wages and the Wayne Township Assessor be paid at 90% of the County Assessor's wage based on volume of work.

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- **Probation Officers:** Ron Babcock presented information concerning the wage increase for the Probation Officers as established by the State. The Wage Committee agreed the county continue to follow the pay guidelines provided by the State of Indiana with increases paid from the Adult and Juvenile User Fees.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve the recommendations of the  
SECOND: Charlene Knispel Wage Committee as presented.  
AYES: 5 NAYES: 2  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF TREASURER'S 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

County Treasurer Kent Adams presented his budget. Adams noted a reduction in two salaries due to a retirement and realignment of the office.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget from line item 11301  
SECOND: Brad Tandy through remainder of budget as presented.  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN COMMISSION'S 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Council member Charlene Knispel stated she had spoken with Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, and in his absence she noted that his 2008 budget was similar to 2007 with the exception of the salary increase for the Ordinance Administrator that had been approved by the Wage Committee. Councilman Tandy stated the Wage Committee did not address the 50% increase for the Part Time Plan Assistant that was being requested. Councilman Teghtmeyer noted the Area Plan Commission has been involved in several good meetings recently but he also questioned the increase for the Part Time Assistant. It was the consensus of Council that they would like to hear from Richard as to why the increase was needed before ruling on it.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve the budget from line item 21001  
SECOND: Tom Anglin through the remainder of the budget as  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 presented.  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY MVH#1 (204-050) 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Dennis Pletcher, Highway Superintendent, presented his 2008 budget for Council's review. Pletcher referenced the \$500,000.00 additional appropriation that he had requested earlier in 2007 and noted that he would not be spending it in 2007 after all, but would like to have that amount appropriated in 2008. Council questioned Pletcher regarding his budget request for computer software with Pletcher stating he has been talking to System Admin for a few years now about moving to a more stable computer system for record storage. He also noted they had been lucky so far and have not had a major crash with the current system. Building repairs were also addressed with Pletcher reporting they had to install a new roof in 2007. He also said he had been contacted by the EPA this year that they were in violation with their drains. Pletcher went on to say floor drains cannot drain into leach fields which was what theirs did. They are in the process of running new drains at the current time. Pletcher also noted that due to the age of the buildings, there would be ongoing maintenance issues.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve MVH budget from line item  
SECOND: John Kinsey 11601 through remainder of budget as  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 presented.  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY MVH#2 (204-051) 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Dennis Pletcher, Superintendent presented the MVH #2 budget. Increases were noted to Road Signs and Contractual Services. Pletcher stated vandalism and increasing costs per sign were the reasons for that particular increase. He went on to say snow plowing services were paid from the contractual services line. He also stated he anticipated contracting out more in 2008 to help with the wear and tear on their big trucks as they had to replace two transmissions this year due to snow plowing and to best utilize their manpower. Other discussion ensued regarding Bituminous and the appropriations requested.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve budget from line item 22037  
SECOND: Tom Anglin through remainder of the budget as presented.  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY MVH MAJOR MOVES (204-052) 2008 BUDGET**

**REQUEST:**

Dennis Pletcher, Superintendent presented the MVH Major Moves budget. Pletcher stated at this time he has not spent any money from the Major Moves fund. Discussion ensued regarding possible uses of this fund. Councilman Teghtmeyer noted he liked the idea of drafting a letter to the Governor to show the County's appreciation for the money received through the Major Moves program. No action was taken on the Major Moves budget at this time.

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY LOCAL ROAD AND STREET (205) 2008 BUDGET**

**REQUEST:**

Dennis Pletcher, Superintendent presented the Local Road and Street budget.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve budget as presented.

SECOND: Tom Anglin

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF CUMULATIVE BRIDGE (206) 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Dennis Pletcher, Superintendent presented information regarding the Cumulative Bridge budget. He stated he had requested an additional of \$500,000.00 in 07 and asked that request be disallowed as he would not have a contract in place before the end of the year for that work. Pletcher noted that he would like to re-appropriate that amount for 2008. Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor stated she had included in the budget a tax rate of 2.5 cent that would increase the operating balance of this fund.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve the budget as presented.

SECOND: John Kinsey

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (203) 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Bob Weaver presented his budget for 2008. Weaver noted his budget was similar to 2007. After the initial approval of the budget additional discussion ensued regarding other line items not previously approved. Councilman Larry Teghtmeyer made a second motion to include line items 11411 through 11605.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget from line item 21001

SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer through remainder of budget as presented.

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve budget from line item 11411

SECOND: Brad Tandy through 11605 as presented.

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HEALTH MAINTENANCE GRANT (230) 2008 BUDGET**

**REQUEST:**

Bob Weaver presented his Health Maintenance Grant budget. Council member Teghtmeyer questioned Weaver about the vehicle line item with Weaver responding that was for replacement only; not an additional vehicle. He also noted this expenditure was allowable by they grant guidelines.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve budget from line item 11601

SECOND: John Kinsey through remainder of budget.

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF PRENATAL (260) BUDGET REQUEST:**

Bob Weaver presented the Prenatal Grant Budget. It was noted there were no changes from the 2007 budget.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve budget as presented.

SECOND: Tom Anglin

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF WELL CHILD (280) BUDGET REQUEST:**

Bob Weaver presented his budget for Well Child. No changes were noted in the requested budget.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approved budget as presented.  
SECOND: Tom Anglin  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF PANDEMIC (292) BUDGET REQUEST:**

Bob Weaver presented the 2008 Pandemic Budget with no changes from 2007.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve budget as presented.  
SECOND: Tom Anglin  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF TB MEDICAL EXPENSES (294) BUDGET REQUEST:**

Bob Weaver presented his budget for the TB Medical Expenses Fund. Weaver stated this was not the grant money from the CCD; this was money that was to be used at the discretion of the health officer for communicable diseases. Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, noted this was a grant that had been paid from a different fund number previously.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approved budget as presented.  
SECOND: Tom Anglin  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Emergency Management Director, Ed Rock presented his 2008 budget.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as presented.  
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING (710) 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Emergency Management Director, Ed Rock, presented the budget. No changes were noted in this budget from the previous year.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve budget as presented.  
SECOND: John Kinsey  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF CLERK'S 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Clerk of the Courts Sharon Christner presented her budget. Christner noted a decrease of \$10,000.00 for postage due to using the pre-sort discount rate and the preferred internet signatures. An increase was noted for check sorting due to increased charges from the bank.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve budget from line item 11301  
SECOND: Bob Sanders through remainder of budget.  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF ELECTION BOARD 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Clerk of the Courts Sharon Christner presented the budget. Christner noted the increased budget is due to the fact there is a Presidential election in 2008 which will require additional workers. She stated she is trying to consolidate precincts in an effort to cut costs; however that may not be possible for the City of Warsaw for the big elections. Christner also noted the contract for election support is a new item for 2008 as Micro-Vote no longer provides free support; therefore making it a necessary expense.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve budget as presented.  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF VOTER REGISTRATION 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Clerk of the Courts, Sharon Christner, presented the voter registration budget noting there were no changes from last year's budget.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as presented.  
SECOND: John Kinsey  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY EXTENSION 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Joan Younce, Extension Office Director, presented the Extension Office budget.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget from line item 11301  
SECOND: Brad Tandy through remainder of budget as presented.  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY SURVEYOR 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Dick Kemper presented the County Surveyor's budget noting only minimal increases for gas/motor oil and rebinding of records.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve budget from line item 11301  
SECOND: Tom Anglin through remainder of budget.  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF DRAINAGE BOARD 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Dick Kemper County Surveyor presented the budget for the Drainage Board. Kemper stated there were no changes to the budget from last year. There was additional discussion regarding the condition of the Tippecanoe River and what needs to be done to increase its quality.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget from line item 11301  
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer through remainder of budget.  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION (228) 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Dick Kemper County Surveyor presented the budget for the Perpetuation Fund. There were no changes in the budget from the previous year.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve budget as presented.  
SECOND: Charlene Knispel  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF JAIL 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Sheriff Rocky Goshert presented his Jail budget. An increase for Medical for Prisoners was noted with Goshert responding the 2008 projected amount is consistent with 2007 spending at this time. Discussion also ensued regarding the increased overtime requested. It was noted the Wage Committee's recommendation was to increase overtime rather than hiring a full time transport officer/jailer.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget from line item 11301  
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer through remainder of budget and to also  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 include line item 11090.  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SHERIFF'S 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Sheriff Rocky Goshert presented the Sheriff's budget for 2008. It was noted that Motor Vehicles had been budgeted both in the Sheriff's budget as well as the Cum Jail. After further discussion it was decided to leave them in both budgets and the matter would be addressed at the Budget Hearing on August 30, 2007.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget from line item 11320  
SECOND: Brad Tandy through remainder of budget and to also  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 include line item 11315.  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT FORFEITURES (306) 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Sheriff Rocky Goshert presented the Law Enforcement Forfeitures budget for 2008.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as presented.  
SECOND: Bob Sanders  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY CORRECTIONS (243) 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Sheriff Rocky Goshert presented the County Corrections budget. Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, noted money from this fund is transferred to the general fund to cover the salaries for these positions. She also noted the entire salaries are not covered through this fund with the remaining salary balance paid out of county general. No action was taken as this is a payroll fund and salaries had not been discussed.

**IN THE MATTER OF 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM (713) 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Tom Brindle, Chief Dispatcher presented the 911 budget. It was noted that the only items remaining in this budget are salaries with the remainder of line items moved to county general to help alleviate the funding shortfall for E911.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve budget line items 11090 and  
SECOND: Tom Anglin 11401.  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF E911 (COUNTY GENERAL) 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, noted this budget will be paid out of county general and is a portion of the 2007 911 budget.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve budget as presented.  
SECOND: Tom Anglin  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF ELECTRONIC DATA (271) 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, stated this budget was set up to be used to help with the purchase of new ortho photos (GIS) to be taken in 2008. This will be a partnership purchase and will be paid for by the Surveyor, Assessor and general fund.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve budget as presented.  
SECOND: John Kinsey  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF MAINTENANCE 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, presented the 2008 Maintenance budget. Robinson noted he is in the process of reorganizing the maintenance department due to the retirement of Don Taylor as well as the departure of Keith Lahey. Robinson stated he is in the process of hiring new personnel and with the restructuring of personnel; it was possible there could be a decrease in salaries budgeted currently. He also noted that after reviewing the 2007 transfers to date, the 2008 budget was his best estimate.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve budget from line item 11316  
SECOND: Tom Anglin through remainder of budget as presented.  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell reviewed information that she had handed out to Council in regards to the County Option Income Tax. Mitchell noted the deadline for counties to decide if they want to implement this option has been extended by the Governor until the end of the year. She also stated she had presented Council with information from the township trustees regarding their requests for additional days as well as work load analysis' from the Assessor, the Trustees and one that Mitchell had prepared in 1995 for their review.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL**

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SUE ANN MITCHELL, AUDITOR

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, August 28, 2007**

The Kosciusko County Council met for their preliminary budget meeting on Tuesday, August 28, 2007 at 6:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones, President

Brad Tandy -*Absent*

Tom Anglin

Charlene Knispel

Larry Teghtmeyer

Bob Sanders

John Kinsey

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer by John Kinsey.

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

Larry Teghtmeyer, Wage Committee Member presented the Wage Committee report. Teghtmeyer noted that Council Member Brad Tandy, Commissioner Brad Jackson and he made up the Wage Committee along with County Administrator Ron Robinson and County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell. He thanked the department heads for their input and information.

Teghtmeyer reviewed the recommendations from the Wage Committee:

- **Sheriff:** Sheriff Rocky Goshert had requested three new positions which included a full time jailer/transport officer, a full time work release officer and a full time clerical person. Tandy stated it was the recommendation of the Wage Committee to allow one full time work release officer due to the expected increase work release population. Their other recommendations were to increase overtime rather than add another jailer/transport officer and to evaluate their needs and consider part time for the clerical position. Goshert had also requested a 10% increase for merit officers and the Wage Committee recommendation was to allow the same increase as for all employees.
- **Systems Administration:** The Wage Committee received a request for one additional employee with computer knowledge to work with the System Admin. It was their recommendation to deny the request but to monitor over time.
- **Area Plan Commission:** Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, requested a salary increase for the Ordinance Administrator due to increased work load. The Wage Committee recommended the position be elevated from a COMOT IV Step III to a COMOT II Step III which would increase the salary by \$3,843.00.
- **Turkey Creek Township Assessor:** The Turkey Creek Assessor had requested an increase in part time money in 2007 for a total of \$9,180.00 (1080 hours at \$8.50) which was approved. The Wage Committee recommended this amount also be budgeted for 2008.
- **County Highway:** Highway Superintendent Dennis Pletcher had several wage increase requests for truck drivers. It was noted by the Wage Committee that Pletcher has the authority to make those changes with Council or the Wage Committee having to take action. Pletcher also requested an

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increase for the part time clerk; however the Wage Committee's recommendation was to keep the part time wage the same. Other requests included an increase in wages for the office manager and summer mowers. The Wage Committee denied the request for the office manager but recommended a \$1.00 per hour increase for the mowers to be consistent with the part time truck driver wages.

- **County Assessor:** Laurie Renier, County Assessor, requested two additional employees for her office due to increased work load. The Wage Committee's recommendation was to allow one person with skills related to trending. Renier also requested her wage be comparable to that of the Clerk and the Auditor due to her increased duties. Tandy noted after consulting with Kent Irwin, Compensation Specialist of Wagoner, Irwin and Scheele, the Wage Committee determined the Assessor should be paid at the same wage as the Auditor and the Clerk. This wage includes the \$2,000.00 the Clerk is paid for election years as well as the \$1,000.00 the Assessor is paid for being a Level II Assessor as required by law.
- **Township Assessors:** The Wage Committee made a recommendation based on information obtained from Wagoner, Irwin and Scheele that the Plain, Tippecanoe and Turkey Creek Township Assessors be paid at 85% of the County Assessor's wages and the Wayne Township Assessor be paid at 90% of the County Assessor's wage based on volume of work.

**IN THE MATTER OF WAGE COMMITTEE REPORT CONTINUED:**

- **Probation Officers:** Ron Babcock presented information concerning the wage increase for the Probation Officers as established by the State. The Wage Committee agreed the county continue to follow the pay guidelines provided by the State of Indiana with increases paid from the Adult and Juvenile User Fees.

**IN THE MATTER OF CORONER 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

John Sadler, County Coroner, presented the Coroner's budget. Sadler requested his salary as well as the clerical assistant salary be frozen where it is and any increases be given to the Deputy Coroner to cover the additional calls they take. Sadler also noted he would prefer increases for equipment and supplies rather than a salary increase for himself and his clerical help. Councilman Teghtmeyer noted this information had not been presented to the Wage Committee; therefore had not be reviewed. Further discussion ensued following the vote with a second motion made by Teghtmeyer regarding the Deputy's wages.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget from line item 21001  
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer through remainder of budget.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve budget from line item 11078 for  
SECOND: Tom Anglin \$6,500.00 for Deputy Coroner as presented.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF PROSECUTOR'S 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Prosecutor Steve Hearn presented the Prosecutor's budget. It was noted there were very little changes in the budget from the previous year other than in increase for Drug Testing.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve prosecutor's budget from line  
SECOND: John Kinsey item 11515 through remainder of budget.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF TITLE IV D 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Steve Hearn, Prosecutor, presented the IV D budget. It was noted there were very little changes to the Title IV D budget from the previous year also.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget from line item 11517  
SECOND: Charlene Knispel through remainder of budget.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF RECORDER'S 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Deb Wulliman, Kosciusko County Recorder, presented her budget stating there wasn't much that changed from 2007.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve budget from line item 11301  
SECOND: John Kinsey through remainder of budget.



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added a shift with civil cases will occur and therefore they wish to budget the salary for the Assistant Court Reporter that was approved at the regular Council meeting on July 12, 2007 for 2008.

MOTION: Larry Tegtmeyer TO: Approve budget from line item 11016  
SECOND: Tom Anglin through the remainder of budget with a  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 reduction to \$185,000.00 for Pauper Counsel  
MOTION CARRIED (11326).

**IN THE MATTER OF DRUG & ALCOHOL FUND (284) 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Probation Officer Ron Babcock presented the Drug and Alcohol budget request. Babcock stated the increase in Operating Supplies was for materials used for their classes. He added the County is reimbursed for a portion of those costs.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve the budget as presented.  
SECOND: Tom Anglin  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF WELFARE DEPARTMENT (241) 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

County Family and Social Services Director, Peggy Shively presented her 2008 budget. Shively commented that her budget request was an estimated guess as there is not a way to know what expenses will occur from year to year therefore she transfers from account to account as needed throughout the year. Shively noted an increase in her request for Adoption Assistance and Care of Wards in Foster Homes for 2008. Shively also reported she will be required to carry a three month operating balance as opposed to the previous six month balance and this could create a shortfall of funds and necessitate borrowing from the County.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve budget as requested.  
SECOND: Tom Anglin  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC (291) 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

County Family and Social Services Director, Peggy Shively presented the budget. An increase in the requested budget was noted. Shively stated the Federal government pays all but 16% of Medicaid cost with the State picking up the 16% which they pass on to the County. Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell stated this obligation by the county was originated without the county having an operating balance, therefore creating a borrow/payback type situation. Mitchell noted the increase is based on current billing with a small increase in the hopes that the County will be able to get ahead and not need to be in a borrow/payback situation. Mitchell also noted if the County does not pay these bills, the State could hold the County's PTRC monies.

MOTION: Bob Sanders TO: Approve budget as presented.  
SECOND: Charlene  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ASSESSOR'S GENERAL 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

County Assessor Laurie Renier presented her budget. Council members had many questions for Renier in regards to compliancy matters. Renier replied that she is doing the best she can under the current circumstances. She went on to say there has been a great deal of turnover at the State level and the rules are continually changing in regards to what information is needed to become compliant. Renier also referenced antiquated software systems that make it impossible to meet deadlines due to not being able to work in multiple years at one time. She added that at this time there are no vendors in the state that have a software assessing package available that has been certified by the State. County Auditor Mitchell added she and Renier have discussed the possibility of designing an excel spreadsheet that could be sent to the state with the information they are requesting in order to obtain compliancy.

Further discussion ensued regarding Renier's budget request for Part Time monies. Council members did not feel that Renier was utilizing her part time appropriation. Renier responded she currently has three part time people that do the data entry; however she does not have space available for additional help. Council also questioned if Renier has asked any of the township trustees to come in and help as they are skilled in this work. Renier noted she had not.

MOTION: Larry Tegtmeyer TO: Approve budget from line item 11301  
SECOND: Tom Anglin through remainder of budget as presented.

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AYES: 6      NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL REASSESSMENT (275) 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

County Assessor Laurie Renier presented the Commercial/Industrial budget for consideration.

MOTION:      Larry Teghtmeyer      TO: Approve budget from line item 11401  
SECOND:      Tom Anglin      through remainder of budget.  
AYES: 6      NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ASSESSOR'S REASSESSMENT (275) 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

County Assessor Laurie Renier presented the Reassessment budget. Further discussion ensued regarding the problems the Assessor's office was having with their software. Renier stated there needed to be a long term fix that would accommodate all 17 townships. A new line item for Ortho Photos that the Assessor, Surveyor, and GIS were working on for 2008 was also discussed. It was also noted this budget contained an appropriation for the part time licensed appraiser that Council approved at their August 9, 2007 meeting.

MOTION:      Larry Teghtmeyer      TO: Approve budget with the stipulation that  
SECOND:      Bob Sanders      expenditures from line items 44003 and 44012  
AYES: 6      NAYES: 0      have prior approval from the Commissioners.  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF ASSESSOR'S EDUCATION/SALES DISCLOSURE FUND (276) 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

County Assessor, Laurie Renier presented the budget stating there were no changes from 2007. She also noted this fund consists of monies collected when sales disclosures are taken to the Auditor and Recorder's office.

MOTION:      Bob Sanders      TO: Approve the budget as presented.  
SECOND:      Charlene Knispel  
AYES: 6      NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAY TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Clay Township Trustee Assessor, Ben McKrill presented the Clay Township Assessing budget. Crill gave a brief summary outlining the changes to the trustee/assessor's job over the past few years as well as the current job responsibilities. He went on to say due to the increased workload he was requesting an additional ten days be added for assessing. Further discussion ensued with Council President Jones stating the County is proud of the Trustees/Assessor they have; however there are issues that need to be corrected as far as having work turned in by the necessary deadlines.

MOTION:      Tom Anglin      TO: Approve budget as presented including  
SECOND:      Bob Sanders      the 10 additional days requested.  
AYES: 3      NAYES: 3  
MOTION DID NOT CARRY

Further discussion among the Council members ensued regarding the number of additional days that were being requested, not only by Clay Township but by all townships. Council President Jones stated after studying the work load analysis prepared by the Assessor, the Township Assessors and well as one from 1995 prepared by Sue Ann Mitchell, he would like to see a five day increase across the board for all townships.

MOTION:      Larry Teghtmeyer      TO: Approve budget along with the following  
SECOND:      Charlene Knispel      additional days as listed for each township:  
AYES: 4      NAYES: 2      Clay-5 days; Etna-5 days; Franklin-5 days;  
MOTION DID NOT CARRY      Harrison-5 days; Jackson-3 days; Jefferson-10  
days; Lake-5 days; Monroe-1 day; Prairie-0

days; Scott-20 days; Seward-5 days;  
VanBuren-10 days; Washington-20 days

After the second motion did not carry it was decided to address the budget only and the days would be addressed at a later time. Councilman Teghtmeyer stated the matter of additional days is a sensitive issue every year and he appreciates everything the trustees/assessors do; however it would be wise to move on with the budget process at this time.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget for line items 21001 and  
SECOND: Bob Sanders 32015 as presented.  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF ETNA TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Etna Township Trustee Assessor, Gary Sponseller presented the Etna Township Assessing budget. It was noted that ten additional days had been requested for assessing duties.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget from line item 11520  
SECOND: Bob Sanders through remainder of budget.  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Franklin Township Trustee Assessor, Trillia Gearhart presented the Franklin Township Assessing budget. It was noted that thirteen additional days had been requested for assessing duties.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget from line item 11520  
SECOND: John Kinsey through remainder of budget.  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF HARRISON TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Harrison Township Trustee Assessor, Jim Moyer presented the Harrison Township Assessing budget and requested an additional 24 days for assessing duties to be paid to him rather than his deputy as he does the majority of the real estate work. Moyer also noted these days were in addition to the current days of 190 for his Deputy Assessor. He went on to say that if Council did not approve the additional days he requested he would like to decrease his deputy's days to 140 and have 50 days paid to him for assessing.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve line items 21001 and 32015 as  
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer presented.  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Gwen Ostrom, Jackson Township Trustee Assessor, presented her 2008 budget. Ostrom stated she had no idea what this job involved when she began a year ago. She went on to say that her husband Brock is a real estate appraiser and that has been very helpful. Ostrom requested three additional days for assessing.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve line items 21001 and 32015 as  
SECOND: John Kinsey presented.  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Jefferson Township Trustee Assessor, Beth Krull presented the Jefferson Township Assessing budget. Krull stated she was also requesting ten additional days for assessing.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve line items 21001 and 32015 as  
SECOND: Bob Sanders presented.  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Teghtmeyer stated is apparent from the work load analysis that Jefferson Township was short days and he recommended the ten additional days requested be allowed.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve ten (10) additional for assessing  
SECOND: Bob Sanders as requested.  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF LAKE TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Lake Township Trustee Assessor Molly Bradford presented her 2008 budget. Bradford requested an additional ten days for assessing. Bradford then made a request that pending any additional days; she would like to move 107 of the assessing days to a separate line item payable to her with the remaining three days paid to her deputy assessor.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve line item 11520 through  
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer remainder of budget.  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF MONROE TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Sandy Fiedeke, Monroe Township Trustee/Assessor presented her 2008 budget. Council President Jones noted that Monroe's personal property records had not been turned in as of date. Fiedeke acknowledged they were not in. Jones stated Council was going to get very strict on meeting deadlines due to the trending issues.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve line items 21001 and 32015 as  
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer presented.  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Prairie Township Trustee Assessor, Julie Goon presented the Prairie Township Assessing budget. It was noted that Goon had requested 157 of the 160 assessing days be paid to her for assessing with the remaining three paid to her deputy. It was also noted Goon did not request any additional days.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve line item 11338 through  
SECOND: Bob Sanders remainder of budget including moving 157  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 days from the Deputy Assessor to the Elected  
MOTION CARRIED Official for assessing.

**IN THE MATTER OF SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Fred Slabaugh, Scott Township Trustee Assessor presented his 2008 budget noting that he was requesting twenty additional days for assessing. Councilman Teghtmeyer stated according to the work load analysis Scott Township was short days and recommended the twenty additional days be granted.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve twenty (20) additional days for  
SECOND: Bob Sanders assessing as well as the remainder of the  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 budget as presented.  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF SEWARD TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Aime Hoffman, Seward Township Trustee Assessor presented her 2008 budget noting that she was requesting 14 additional days for assessing. Hoffman then made a request that pending any additional days; she would like to move 197 of the assessing days to a separate line item payable to her with the remaining three days paid to her deputy assessor.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve line items 21001 and 32015 as  
SECOND: John Kinsey presented.  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve request for 197 days to be  
SECOND: Tom Anglin moved from line item 11463-Deputy Assessor  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 to separate line item 11331-Seward Twp  
MOTION CARRIED Elected Official /Assessing Days.

**IN THE MATTER OF VANBUREN TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Libby Winchester, VanBuren Township Trustee Assessor, presented her 2008 budget. Winchester requested an additional 20 days for assessing. Councilman Teghtmeyer stated according to the work load analysis VanBuren Township was short days and recommended additional days be approved.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve 10 additional days for assessing  
SECOND: Charlene Knispel as well as line items 21001 and 32015.  
AYES: 4 NAYES: 2  
MOTION DID NOT CARRY

Further discussion ensued regarding the request for additional days.

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MOTION: Tom Anglin  
SECOND: Bob Sanders  
AYES: 6 NAYES:  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve 20 additional days for assessing as well as line items 21001 and 32015.

**IN THE MATTER OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Dean Rhoades, Washington Township Trustee Assessor, presented his 2008 budget. Council President Jones noted that Washington's personal property records had not been turned in as of date. Rhoades acknowledged they were not; adding his office did not have enough time to have them completed in a timely manner. He went on to say that without the time needed it is impossible to get the work done. It was noted that Rhoades requested 150 additional days for assessing. Rhoades stated that would allow him to hire additional part time people. Discussion continued regarding the request with Council suggesting an additional 45 days as opposed to the 150 requested. Rhoades responded he would be grateful for the 45 days even though that was not what he requested.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Bob Sanders  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve 45 additional days for assessing as wells as line item 11520 through remainder of budget.

**IN THE MATTER OF PLAIN TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Plain Township Assessor Susie Stookey presented her 2008 budget for approval. Stookey reminded Council that she was working off of the 2007 budget that had been prepared by the previous Assessor. She also stated she was requesting an increase for postage and mileage as well as training/lodging/per diem. Stookey also pointed out that her 2008 budget included an Overtime line item that had not been in the previous budget; however Council had approved an additional appropriation for overtime for 2007.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: John Kinsey  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve budget with line item 11301 (Part Time) reduced to \$1,500.00 and line item 11401 (Overtime) eliminated.

**IN THE MATTER OF TIPPECANOE TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Tippecanoe Township Assessor, Dorothy Biesemeyer presented the Tippecanoe Township Assessing budget. Council President Jones noted that Tippecanoe Township's personal property records had not been turned in as of date. Biesemeyer responded she was in the process of balancing them and hoped to have them turned in by September 4<sup>th</sup>. Other changes to Biesemeyers' budget included replacing one full time employee with part time employees and the addition of an Overtime line item.

MOTION: Tom Anglin  
SECOND: Bob Sanders  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve budget from line 11301 through remainder of budget with line item 11401 (Overtime) reduced to \$1,000.00.

**IN THE MATTER OF TURKEY CREEK TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

Turkey Creek Township Assessor, Patty Gammieri presented her 2008 budget. Council President Jones noted that Turkey Creek's personal property records had not been turned in as of date. Gammieri stated there had been major problems with the trending in her township and her office had been working on correcting those issues, putting the personal property records had been put aside at that time. She noted she would have her personal property records in by the end of the week. Gammieri said she had made some changes in personnel and was using two part time people therefore her increased request in part time.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Tom Anglin  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve budget from line item 11517 through remainder of budget as well line item 11401 (Overtime) with a reduction to \$1,000.00.

Further discussion was held regarding the part time line with it noted that the Wage Committee recommending \$9,180.00 for 2008.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: John Kinsey  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve line item 11301 (Part Time) at \$10,000.00.

**IN THE MATTER OF WAYNE TOWNSHIP ASSESSING 2008 BUDGET REQUEST:**

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Wayne Township Assessor, Kristy Mayer presented her 2008 budget. Mayer noted she had one employee that will move to the six year level in 2008, therefore the larger salary increase.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve budget from line item 11332  
SECOND: Tom Anglin through remainder of budget as presented.  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

Mayer also addressed Council regarding the Wage Committee's recommendation for her salary as well as that of the Plain, Tippecanoe and Turkey Creek Township. Mayer stated she wasn't aware what the Wage Committee was going to recommend and she may not have budgeted enough for her salary to be paid at 90% of the Auditor/Clerk/Assessor's wage. She also noted she may have a shortfall for her chief deputy at 75% of Mayer's salary due to the proposed increase recommended. County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell stated there should be enough money in the 10000 accounts to cover the increases for Mayer and her chief providing a transfer is done. Mayer also said all of the "trustees have been through a war" this year with trending and she was thankful that she had part time monies available to utilize.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Neutralize budget to allow for adjusted  
SECOND: Bob Sanders salaries of Assessor and Chief.  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF AUDITOR'S BUDGET 2008 REQUEST:**

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell presented the Auditor's budget. Mitchell noted the only changes to her budget were for salary level changes.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve budget from line item 11301  
SECOND: Tom Anglin through the remainder of the budget.  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF PLAT BOOK FUND (274) BUDGET 2008 REQUEST:**

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell presented a budget for the plat book fund noting this was funded by transfer fees

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as requested.  
SECOND: John Kinsey  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY COMMISSION'S 2008 BUDGET:**

Commissioner President Ron Truex presented the Commissioner's budget for 2008. Truex stated he had been at meeting where a petition was being circulated to have the State eliminate township trustees. He went on to say that he informed those at that meeting that Kosciusko County would not sign the petition and did not support the idea. Truex briefly outlined the Commissioners budget noting many of the increases are State mandated and the County has no choice. Truex also noted the 2008 budget includes a line item for gas/motor oil that had not been included in the 2007 budget. He went on to say that this would be to cover expenses incurred by the Animal Control Officer whose position was moved to the Commissioners budget in 2007.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget from line item 11301  
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer through remainder of the budget.  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET:**

Commissioner Ron Truex presented the Cumulative Capital Development Fund budget. Truex stated this fund is used for building and improvements.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as presented.  
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF EDIT FUND BUDGET:**

The Council then considered the EDIT budget noting these funds will be used pay the bond payment due on the Justice Building as well as the Leesburg Sewer Project.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as requested.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF CUM JAIL BUDGET:**

Commissioner Ron Truex presented the Cum Jail budget. Truex noted the cars for the Sheriff's department are budgeted in this fund as well as in the Sheriff's budget.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as presented.  
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF RAINY DAY FUND BUDGET:**

The Council considered the Rainy Day Fund budget.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as requested.  
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL BUDGET:**

President, Harold Jones presented the County Council budget noting there were no changes from 2007.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve budget as presented.  
SECOND: Bob Sanders  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF SALARY DISCUSSION FOR ALL EMPLOYEES:**

Council members discussed a flat rate increase versus a percentage increase for employees. Councilman Anglin noted he was in favor of a flat rate increase in order to eliminate a growing gap in salaries. Council members Sanders and Knispel supported a percentage increase over a flat rate increase stating personnel at the higher pay scales were there for a reason and deserved to be paid accordingly as opposed to seeing the same increase as a lower level employee. Councilman Teghtmeyer stated there was a State mandated half percent increase for Perf that should be taken into account also. Commissioner Truex added there would also be an increase in insurance costs to the county and employees in 2008.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve a 2% increase across the board  
SECOND: Charlene Knispel for all employees.  
AYES: 4 NAYES: 2  
MOTION DID NOT CARRY

Further discussion ensued regarding salary options.

MOTION: Bob Sanders TO: Approve a 3% increase across the board  
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer that included the half percent for Perf.  
AYES: 5 NAYES: 1 (Increase equal to 2.5% for full time  
MOTION CARRIED employees.)

Sanders stated he respected Anglin's opinion but felt from a business standpoint a percentage increase was the best option at this time.

**IN THE MATTER OF AREA PLAN'S PART TIME PLAN ASSISTANT REQUEST:**

Area Plan Director Dan Richard noted for the record his request of \$30,000 for the Part Time Plan Assistant was in error and he would not need that much. It was also noted the increase in wages for the Ordinance Administrator approved by the Wage Committee had not been budgeted for. Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell stated it would be possible to transfer monies from the Part Time Plan Assistant to the Ordinance Administrator if Council approved Richard's request.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve line item 11302 at \$21,000.00  
SECOND: John Kinsey as requested and to allow money to be  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 transferred to cover Ordinance Admin.  
MOTION CARRIED increase.

**IN THE MATTER OF PART TIME EMPLOYEE WAGES:**

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Council considered part time wages for 2008. County Administrator Ron Robinson stated it is getting more difficult to keep part time employees due to wages paid. He recommended an increase be considered for the part time hourly rate.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve 3% increase for all part time  
SECOND: Bob Sanders employees not covered by Perf or receiving  
AYES: 5 NAYES: 1 benefits. It was noted this included 3% for all  
MOTION CARRIED Township Trustees as well.

**IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF'S VEHICLES:**

Council discussed the fact that the sheriff's vehicles had been budgeted in both the Cum Jail Fund and Sheriff's budget. It was Council's recommendation to leave the vehicles in both budgets at this time. Commissioner Truex added he would like the Commissioners to have input before any vehicle purchases are approved. He also stressed the importance of maintaining dialogue between the Commissioners and Council on vehicle purchases. The Commissioners will draft a letter to the Council regarding car purchase approvals.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRUSTEE'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL DAYS:**

Additional discussion ensued regarding the additional days requested by the trustees for assessing purposes. Councilman Teghtmeyer presented a motion that all trustees who have not already had days addressed be given five (5) additional days. The motion died due to lack of a second.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve ten (10) days across the board  
SECOND: Bob Sanders for all trustees that have not already had  
AYES: 4 NAYES: 2 additional days approved.  
MOTION DID NOT CARRY

Councilman Tom Anglin called for the meeting to be adjourned for the evening.

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL**

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HAROLD JONES, PRESIDENT

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CHARLENE KNISPEL

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TOM ANGLIN, VICE PRESIDENT

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BOB SANDERS

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JOHN KINSEY

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BRAD TANDY

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LARRY TEGHTMEYER

ATTEST:

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SUE ANN MITCHELL, AUDITOR

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Thursday, August 30, 2007**

The Kosciusko County Council met for their final budget hearing meeting on Thursday, August 30, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones, President	Brad Tandy
Tom Anglin	Charlene Knispel
Larry Teghtmeyer	Bob Sanders

John Kinsey	Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor
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The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer by John Kinsey.

**IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET REVIEW:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, reviewed the projected 2008 budget as follows:

- After reviewing the figures, it was noted Social Security Contributions could be reduced by \$116,000.00 in the General Fund for a total budget of \$18,010,000.00.
- Cars for the sheriff's department can be budgeted in both the General Fund and the Jail Fund in order to re-establish a rate for the Cum Jail Fund.
- A resolution to reduce the 2007 budget for the Highway was presented for acceptance.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve budget reduction for 2007  
 SECOND: Tom Anglin MVH fund as requested by Highway  
 AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 Superintendent Pletcher.  
 MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF COMPLIANCY ISSUES FOR TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES AND COUNTY ASSESSOR:**

Council President noted there are three townships that are not in compliance in meeting the deadline for personal property. Jones recommended the salaries of the Tippecanoe, Turkey Creek and Monroe Township Trustee/Assessor be held at the 2007 rate until they are in compliance. He also recommended the County Assessor's salary be locked at the 2007 rate until the County meets compliancy standards. Jones went on to say he is hopeful the compliancy issues will be cleared up before the end of the year and at that time Council can act on the Wage Committee's recommendation regarding those salaries.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Freeze the Tippecanoe, Turkey Creek  
 SECOND: Brad Tandy and Monroe Township Trustee/Assessor's  
 AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 wages at 2007 rate until compliancy is reached.  
 MOTION CARRIED Also freeze the County Assessor's salary at  
 2007 rate until County compliancy is obtained.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRUSTEE ADDITIONAL DAYS:**

Council continued to discuss the additional days requested by the township Trustee/Assessors. It was noted that there were townships that had not been addressed. The following is a list of the motions for additional days:

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve 10 additional days for Clay  
 SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer Township for assessing.  
 AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
 MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve 10 additional days for Etna  
 SECOND: Tom Anglin Township for assessing.  
 AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
 MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve 0 additional days for Franklin  
 SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer Township for assessing.  
 AYES: 6 NAYES: 1  
 MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve 10 additional days for Harrison  
 SECOND: John Kinsey Township Elected Official for assessing.  
 AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
 MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve 3 additional days for Jackson  
 SECOND: Charlene Knispel Township for assessing.  
 AYES: 7 NAYES: 0  
 MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve 10 additional days for Lake  
 SECOND: Tom Anglin Township Elected Official for assessing.  
 AYES: 7 NAYES: 0

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MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: John Kinsey  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0

TO: Approve 1 additional day for Monroe Township for assessing.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Charlene Knispel  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0

TO: Approve 0 additional days for Seward Township for assessing as 197 days were moved to the Elected Official for assessing duties.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Bob Sanders  
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0

TO: Amend Tuesday's motion from an additional 45 days to an additional 60 days (total) for Washington Township for assessing.

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET ADOPTION:**

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell stated after the preliminary budget hearings, the Council decreased the general fund budget by approximately \$700,000.00. Mitchell noted the largest increase to the general fund budget was due to increased insurance costs. Other increases in the overall budget included the Family & Children and Child Psychiatric Funds. Councilman Teghtmeyer expressed concerns about leaving the sheriff's vehicles in two budgets. Mitchell reminded Council the vehicles could be removed at a later date to decrease the budget.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer  
SECOND: Tom Anglin  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0

TO: Adopt the preliminary budget as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS REQUEST FOR COUNCIL PERMISSION TO PROCEED WITH REAL ESTATE PURCHASE:**

County Administrator Ron Robinson stated the Commissioners were requesting Council adopt a resolution that would allow the Commissioners to proceed with any real estate purchases that would be beneficial to the County.

MOTION: John Kinsey  
SECOND: Charlene Knispel  
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0

TO: Approve resolution granting the Commissioners permission to proceed with real estate purchase.

MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, presented handouts to the Council regarding information obtained from a meeting in Indianapolis regarding the County Option Income Tax. Mitchell noted there was a lot of valuable information in the handouts.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Jim Moyer, Harrison Township Trustee, on behalf of all of the townships thanked Council members for their willingness to listen to the townships concerns and to work with the townships for the betterment of the County.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL**

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LARRY TEGHTMEYER

ATTEST:

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SUE ANN MITCHELL, AUDITOR

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**September 13, 2007**

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones  
Tom Anglin - *Absent*  
John Kinsey  
Bob Sanders

Charlene Knispel  
Larry Teghtmeyer  
Brad Tandy  
Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a reading by John Kinsey that was taken from the September 11<sup>th</sup> memorial service held in the County.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR ELECTION BOARD:**

A request was received from Sharon Christner, County Clerk, to transfer \$7,500.00 from operating expenses to contract/election support. Christner could not attend the meeting as she was at conference but submitted information noting the original contract for election support ended with the last election. This transfer will cover the support contract with Microvote for the general election this year.

MOTION:	John Kinsey	TO: Approve transfer of \$7,500.00 from
SECOND:	Charlene Knispel	100- 22015-000-012 Operating Expense
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	100- 33011-000-012 Contract/Election Support
MOTION CARRIED		

**IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF'S REQUEST FOR INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT:**

Sheriff Rocky Goshert requested to have an insurance reimbursement check added back to his Repairs and Maintenance line. Goshert noted this was reimbursement from an accident involving one of the sheriff's vehicles.

MOTION:	John Kinsey	TO: Approve insurance reimbursement check
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	in the amount of \$2,446.99 to be added back to
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	100- 35001-000-019 Repairs & Maintenance
MOTION CARRIED		

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

Sheriff Rocky Goshert requested payroll transfers to cover shortfalls for 2007. Goshert noted the larger amounts were necessary due to cashing out officers for 2006.

MOTION:	John Kinsey	TO: Approve transfer of \$20.00 from
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	100- 10145-000-013 Jailer to
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	100- 10155-000-013 Jail Security
MOTION CARRIED		
		Approve transfer of \$1.00 from
		100- 10145-000-013 Jailer to
		100- 10156-000-013 Jail Security
		Approve transfer of \$1.00 from
		100- 11090-000-019 Longevity to
		100- 11319-000-019 Clerk/Receptionist
		Approve transfer of \$1,400.00 from
		100- 11909-000-019 Longevity to
		100- 10090-000-019 Sheriff/Patrolman
		Approve transfer of \$2,100.00 from
		100- 11909-000-019 Longevity to
		100- 11100-000-019 Sheriff/Captain

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

It was noted this transfer was to cover a shortfall for 2006 that had carried over to 2007.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve transfer of \$354.12 from  
SECOND: John Kinsey 100- 11301-000-009 Part Time to  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 100- 11008-000-009 Commissioners Salary  
MOTION CARRIED

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

LaShawn Brumfield, Deputy – Recorder’s Office, requested a transfer of \$150.00 to cover mileage expenses for AIC Conference that is scheduled for October. Brumfield noted Recorder Deb Wulliman already has staff registered to attend the conference.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve transfer of \$150.00 from  
SECOND: Brad Tandy 100- 11508-000-016 Per Diem/Meetings to  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 100- 32003-000-016 Mileage/Fuel & Travel  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY:**

Auditor Elect Marsha McSherry presented a salary ordinance amendment for the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. McSherry noted Council had previously amended the salary and this was the ordinance approving that change.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve salary ordinance as presented.  
SECOND: Brad Tandy  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF SEWARD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ASSESSING DAYS:**

Aime Hoffman, Seward Township Trustee, appeared before Council to request 10 additional assessing days. Council member Charlene Knispel questioned Hoffman if Council had not already approved transferring 197 days from her Deputy to herself for assessing duties thus increasing Hoffman’s salary. Hoffman stated Council did approve that at the budget hearings. Hoffman went on to say that she has seen an increase in the number of building permits in township, as well as having 23 appeals. Hoffman sited other increased duties as the reason for requesting additional days.

MOTION: Bob Sanders TO: Approve ten additional assessing days  
SECOND: John Kinsey for the Seward Township Elected Official.  
AYES: 4 NAYES: 1  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF 2008 BUDGET ADOPTION:**

Council President Jones opened the discussion regarding the 2008 budget. Jones noted per information from Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor; the proposed budget is one million dollars over the maximum levy. Auditor Elect Marsha McSherry stated reductions to the County General, Cum Bridge and the Sheriff’s budget would put the budget at approximately \$175,000.00 over the maximum levy. McSherry noted a \$500,000.00 reduction to County General, \$250,000.00 to Cum Bridge and the removal of the cars (\$150,000.00) from the Sheriff’s budget would accomplish this. McSherry added the sheriff’s cars would remain in the Cum Jail Fund. Councilman Teghtmeyer stated this was a reasonable budget at this time adding there would still be time to make adjustments to the budget at a later date. Councilman Sanders expressed concern about reducing the Cum Bridge Fund as it could involve safety issues. Highway Superintendent Pletcher stated revenue for Cum Bridge has been down approximately \$250,000.00 for the past three years. Pletcher added his operating balance needs to be around \$1,500,000.00 for a few years. Pletcher went on to say there are seven bridges in the county as well as many small structures. Their goal is to replace one bridge and rehab two or three a year as well as replace a small structure or two. Pletcher added they do not always know what they will find or how bad a structure is until they start the repairs. Further discussion ensued regarding the operating balance of the Cum Bridge Fund.

MOTION: Charlene Knispel TO: Adopt 2008 County budget as presented.  
SECOND: Bob Sanders  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT RECEPTION:**

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated there would be reception for Don Taylor who was retiring from the County after 17 years of service in the Maintenance department. Robinson noted the reception would be held Friday, September 14, 2007 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm and invited Council members to stop by to wish Taylor well in his retirement.

**IN THE MATTER OF 2008 SALARY ORDINANCE:**

Marsha McSherry, Auditor Elect, presented the 2008 Salary Ordinance for the Council's approval. McSherry noted it was necessary for Council to approve the Salary Ordinance at the same time the budget was approved.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve 2008 Salary Ordinance as  
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer presented.  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF TOWNSHIP COMPLIANCY FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY:**

Council President Harold Jones stated he had received information that the Monroe, Tippecanoe and Turkey Creek Assessors were now compliant with their personal property records. Jones suggested the freeze on those salaries be removed and their 2008 salary rates be reinstated.

MOTION: Bob Sanders TO: Reinstatement the proposed 2008 salaries  
SECOND: Charlene Knispel for the Monroe, Tippecanoe, Turkey  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 Creek Assessors as well as for the County  
MOTION CARRIED Assessor.

**IN THE MATTER OF REASSESSMENT:**

Council President Jones presented a letter from County Assessor Laurie Renier stating she had received notification that Kosciusko County would not be required to have a reassessment for 2006 pay 2007. Jones went on to say that Renier had also provided a list of county employees that have been working on the personal property compliancy issues and that much progress was being made. He then listed those names noting it was good to recognize those people. Jones added this project truly was a county wide effort and was pleased to see progress.

**IN THE MATTER OF EXTENSION FOR FILING HOMESTEAD CREDIT:**

Councilman Bob Sanders questioned what the financial impact would be to the County with the Governor extending the deadline for filing 2007 pay 2008 exemptions, especially the homestead credit. Auditor Chief Deputy Michelle Puckett stated the Auditor's office is working on that now, but noted homeowners must still meet the March 1<sup>st</sup> ownership criteria to file for 07pay08. Puckett said there have been a few exemptions that were filed after the original filing date that will be changed to reflect the extended deadline, but did not feel there would be a big impact for the County.

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX:**

Councilman Larry Teghtmeyer discussed the extended deadline for Counties to adopt a county option income tax. Teghtmeyer noted if the County adopted the county option income tax before October 15<sup>th</sup> they could begin collecting it on November 1<sup>st</sup>. However if the tax was adopted in November it would be collected beginning January 1, 2008. Councilman Sanders expressed concerns for businesses that would have such a short time frame to make the necessary adjustments to their payrolls if the tax were to go into effect in 2007. Sanders also stated he felt Council should take time to properly review all of the information regarding the proposed county option income tax in order to make a well informed decision. Further discussion ensued with Councilman Teghtmeyer noting the only option he was interested in for the County would be Option B. Council President Jones added it was not necessary to rush into a decision and suggested the matter be addressed further at Council's regularly scheduled meeting in October.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL**

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John Kinsey

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Charlene Knispel

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Bob Sanders

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Brad Tandy

**Attest:**

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Larry Teghtmeyer

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Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

## KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL October 11, 2007

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, October 11, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones  
Tom Anglin  
John Kinsey - *Absent*  
Bob Sanders

Charlene Knispel  
Larry Teghtmeyer  
Brad Tandy  
Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor – *Absent*  
Marsha McSherry – Auditor Elect

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer by Harold Jones.

### **IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR CORONER:**

A request was received from John Sadler, Coroner, to transfer \$1600.00 from his Mileage/Fuel account to his Deputy Coroner account. It was noted this transfer was needed due to the increased number of investigations this year as well as the number of situations that have required a second investigator.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$1,600.00 from
SECOND:	Larry Teghtmeyer	100-32003-000-010 Mileage/Fuel & Travel to
AYES: 5	NAYES: 0	100-11078-000-010 Deputy Coroner

MOTION CARRIED

### **IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR E911:**

A request was received from Tom Brindle, E911 Director, to transfer \$800.00 from his Telephone account to his Education account to cover the additional medical dispatch training needed.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$800.00 from
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	713-31034-000-000 Telephone to
AYES: 5	NAYES: 0	713-11414-000-000 Education

MOTION CARRIED

### **IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR RECORDER:**

A request was received from Deb Wulliman, Recorder, to transfer \$615.00 from her Part Time account to her Per Diem/Meetings account in order to cover the cost of attending AIC Conference.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$615.00 from
SECOND:	Larry Teghtmeyer	100-11301-000-016 Part Time to
AYES: 5	NAYES: 0	100-11508-000-016 Per Diem/Meetings

MOTION CARRIED

### **IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

A request was received from Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, to transfer \$800.00 from his Printing/Advertising account to his Gas/Motor Oil account to cover a shortfall due to the increased cost of fuel.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$800.00 from
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	100-33001-000-007 Printing/Advertising to
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	100-22003-000-007 Gas/Motor Oil

MOTION CARRIED

### **IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT:**

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Two transfer requests were received from Laurie Renier, County Assessor. Becky Richard, Chief Deputy Assessor, speaking on behalf of Renier stated the first transfer was to cover the salary of the part time appraiser that Council had approved at an earlier meeting. Richard stated the second transfer was to cover the shortfall in overtime due to meeting the October 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for compliancy on personal property. Richard added the entire \$5,000.00 was not needed at this time, but due to working on the compliancy issues other work has fallen behind and it may be necessary to continue the overtime to get caught up in other areas.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT CONTINUED:**

Council President Jones questioned Richard on where the County was in regards to the compliancy issues. Richard responded the County is compliant with the 2004 pay 2005 personal property but is not compliant for 2003 pay 2004 personal property. She added their office is working to locate the discrepancies. Jones commended the Assessor's office as well as the other offices that had personnel who helped with the compliancy issue to meet the October 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve transfer of \$5500.00 from
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	275-31018-000-003 Contracts to
AYES: 5	NAYES: 0 ABSTAIN: 1	275-11301-000-003 Part Time
MOTION CARRIED		Approve transfer of \$5,000.00 from
		275-31018-000-003 Contracts to
		275-11401-000-003 Overtime

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

A request was received from Sheriff Rocky Goshert to have an insurance reimbursement added back on his Repairs & Maintenance appropriation line. Goshert stated the County had received a check for \$18,480.00 for a patrol car that had been damaged in a cross county pursuit. It was also noted that Goshert would like to replace the damaged vehicle if possible. Goshert added the County to may be able to recoup the loss as the person being pursued was insured.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve transfer of \$18,480.00 from
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	100-00563-000-000 Reimbursement Insurance
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	to
MOTION CARRIED		100-35001-000-019 Repairs & Maintenance

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

Rocky Goshert, Sheriff, requested an additional appropriation of \$55,000.00 for the Sheriff's department in Gas, Oil and Lubricants. Goshert noted the increased fuel costs have expended his budget adding the requested amount should carry him through the remainder of the year. Goshert went on to say the Sheriff's department is required to transport patients from the Bowen Center to other locations as needed also adding to the increase in fuel costs. Goshert also informed Council that he is in the process of looking at other possible fuel options in an effort to cut costs.

MOTION:	Brad Tandy	TO: Approve additional appropriation for
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	\$55,000.00 to
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	100-22003-000-019 Gas, Oil & Lubricants
MOTION CARRIED		

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR TITLE IV-D:**

A request was received from Steve Hearn, Prosecuting Attorney, for an additional appropriation of \$2,325.00 to cover a revised work schedule for the remainder of the year for a seasonal and one part time employee. It was noted the money to fund this request would come from the Title IV-D incentive money.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve additional appropriation for
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	\$2,425.00 to
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	100-11301-000-022 Part Time
MOTION CARRIED		

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR TITLE IV-D:**

A request was received from Prosecuting Attorney Steve Hearn for an additional appropriation of \$5,374.00 to cover the amended salary of the Title IV-D Prosecutor. It was noted this salary had been approved by Council at a previous meeting and the money to fund this request would come from the Title IV-D incentive money.

MOTION:	Larry Teghtmeyer	TO: Approve additional appropriation for
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SECOND: Bob Sanders \$5,374.00 to  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 100-11112-000-022 Title IV-D Prosecutor  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF 2007 SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR REASSESSMENT:**

Marsha McSherry, Auditor Elect, presented a 2007 salary ordinance amendment for the Part Time Appraiser to be paid from Reassessment. This position was previously approved by Council; however, the salary ordinance had not been prepared at that time.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Approve 2007 Salary Ordinance  
SECOND: Brad Tandy Amendment for Part Time Appraiser as  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 presented.  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF 2008 SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS:**

Marsha McSherry, Auditor Elect, presented several 2008 salary ordinance amendments for the Council's approval. McSherry noted these were corrections that were discovered after the 2008 budget approval. Amendments included the following: Work Release Assistant Director, Reassessment Part Time Appraiser, Reassessment Commercial Industrial Appraiser II, Superior II & III Assistant Court Report, Health - Environmental Scientist and Environmental Food Specialist.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve 2008 Salary Ordinance  
SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer Amendments as presented.  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF KCCRVC BUDGET PRESENTATION:**

Mary Kittrell, CVB Director, presented the Kosciusko County Convention, Recreation and Visitor Commission's 2008 Budget Request to Council for their review. Kittrell noted the budget included the Commission's budget as well as the CVB promotional programs budget. Kittrell added the Council would need to rule on the budget at their meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**IN THE MATTER OF AIC RECOGNITION:**

Council President Harold Jones recognized Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, as recipient of the Association of Indiana Counties Auditor of the Year Award at the AIC Fall Conference held October 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> in Indianapolis.

**IN THE MATTER OF AIC FALL CONFERENCE:**

Councilman Larry Teghtmeyer reported on the Fall AIC Conference stating Tim Berry, State Auditor and Cheryl Musgrave, DLGF Commissioner had been guest speakers at the conference. Teghtmeyer stated Musgrave urged all county councils to stay on top of the assessing projects in their counties as well as the software issues each county is facing. Teghtmeyer noted other topics covered at the conference included: Local Option Income Tax (LOIT), Tax Review Board and self wage schedule audits. Teghtmeyer stated adoption of LOIT would cause a tax shift between county properties and properties located in municipalities. Teghtmeyer said it was suggested that a County Council member sit on the Tax Review Board as well as a County Commissioner. He also went on to say the Kent Irwin of Waggoner, Irwin and Scheele, urged all counties to conduct a self audit of their wage schedules to eliminate potential problems. Teghtmeyer added he did not feel the conference had been well attended.

Council President Jones stated further information was needed on LOIT due to the recent news of municipalities receiving a higher credit than county properties. Councilman Sanders agreed that more thought needed to be put into the process before any decisions were made. Council member Knispel expressed concern with the timeline for adopting LOIT and where future legislation may go. Councilman Jones added additional information regarding rates would be needed before the next Council meeting in order to make any decisions.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL**

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Harold Jones, President

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Tom Anglin, Vice President

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John Kinsey

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Charlene Knispel

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Attest:

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Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**November 8, 2007**

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones  
Tom Anglin  
John Kinsey  
Bob Sanders

Charlene Knispel  
Larry Tegtmeyer - *Absent*  
Brad Tandy  
Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer by John Kinsey. Minutes were approved as presented.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR CIRCUIT COURT:**

A request was received from Judge Rex Reed to transfer \$2,000.00 from Maintenance/Office Machines to Legal Research Services. Reed stated the monies are not needed in the Maintenance account, however additional legal books are needed and this transfer would cover those costs.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve transfer of \$2,000.00 from  
SECOND: Bob Sanders 100-35009-000-043 Maint/Office Machines to  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 100-21010-000-043 Legal Research Srv.  
MOTION CARRIED

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

A request was received from Bob Weaver, Health Administrator, to transfer money to cover remaining year salary for the TB Nurse. Weaver stated when the full time nurse left employment there was accumulated vacation time that had to be paid causing a shortfall in the account.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve transfer of \$650.00 from  
SECOND: Brad Tandy 203-11327-000-000 Part Time Nurse to  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 203-11148-000-000 TB Nurse  
MOTION CARRIED

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

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A request was received from Sheriff Rocky Goshert to transfer money in the DNR Grant Account from personnel to equipment. Goshert noted this fund is used for the Lake Patrol and this transfer would allow for additional equipment to be purchased for the boats.

MOTION: Bob Sanders TO: Approve transfer of \$3,300.00 from  
SECOND: Tom Anglin 953-11706-000-000 Personnel to  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 953-31082-000-000 Equipment  
MOTION CARRIED

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

A request was received from Sheriff Rocky Goshert to transfer money from Repairs & Maintenance to Other Equipment in order to replace sheriff vehicle that was damaged. Goshert stated Council had approved the car purchase at their last meeting; however Goshert had requested the insurance check be put into the wrong account to allow for the purchase. This transfer would correct that error.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve transfer of \$18,480.00 from  
SECOND: John Kinsey 100-35001-000-019 Repairs & Maint. to  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 100-44017-000-019 Sheriff, Other Equipment  
MOTION CARRIED

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

A request was received from Sheriff Rocky Goshert to add an insurance reimbursement to his Repairs & Maintenance account. Goshert noted this reimbursement was from a sheriff's car/deer accident and would allow for repairs to be made to the vehicle.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve insurance reimbursement be  
SECOND: Bob Sanders added to appropriation  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 100-35001-000-019 Repairs & Maintenance  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR SHERIFF/JAIL:**

Sheriff Rocky Goshert requested an additional appropriation of \$31,000.00 for inmate medical expenses. Goshert stated current medical expenses are averaging around \$16,000.00 per month due to the increased number of inmates. Goshert went on to say the medical problems have included staph infections and dental procedures. He added the dental procedures have included teeth extractions caused by meth use. Council members questioned Goshert about the medical provider the county is currently using in regards to costs with Goshert noting the county is saving money by using the provider as they have a doctor that comes on sight two times a week. Goshert also explained the procedures used when extensive medical conditions exist when booking an inmate in order to relieve the county's obligation for medical care.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve additional appropriations for  
SECOND: Bob Sanders \$31,000.00 to  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 100-36038-000-013 Inmate Medical  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR PROSECUTOR/INFRACTION DEFERRAL:**

Prosecuting Attorney Steve Hearn requested additional appropriations from the Infraction Deferral Fund. Hearn stated these appropriations would be used for requests from the Indiana State Police, the Kosciusko County Sheriff's Department, the Kosciusko County Drug Task Force and the Indiana State Police Detective Division.

MOTION: Bob Sanders TO: Approve additional appropriations for  
SECOND: Charlene Knispel \$5,000.00 to 268-32037-000-000 Misc. Exp.  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 \$6,500.00 to 268-32037-000-000 Misc. Exp.  
MOTION CARRIED \$1,574.85 to 268-31082-000-000 Equipment  
\$1,350.00 to 268-31082-000-000 Equipment  
\$2,399.94 to 268-31082-000-000 Equipment  
\$ 399.98 to 268-31082-000-000 Equipment  
\$1,787.92 to 268-31082-000-000 Equipment

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR KCCRVC:**

Mary Kittrell, CVB Director, presented the KCCRVC 2008 budget for approval. Kittrell noted this budget is subject to fund availability. Kittrell stated there is an increase in the 2008 budget due to new programs being implemented. Councilman Kinsey stated he had heard many positive things this year about the Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

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MOTION:	John Kinsey	TO: Approve additional appropriations for
SECOND:	Bob Sanders	\$114,000.00 to 546-31019-000-000 Grants
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	\$440,000.00 to 546-31075-000-000 Promo
MOTION CARRIED		\$ 5,000.00 to 546-31099-000-000 Admin

**IN THE MATTER OF BELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY APPOINTMENT:**

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell stated the Bell Memorial Library was in need of an appointee to serve on the board as the previous appointment had resigned due to moving out of the township/town. The library had requested either Sandy Schaefer or Lee Ann Rock be appointed to fill the position. After further discussion, it was decided the matter should be tabled until more information about the candidates could be gathered.

**IN THE MATTER OF COMPLIANCY ISSUES:**

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell reported she had received notification from the DLGF that the Auditor's records were compliant for 2006 pay 2007. Council President Jones expressed his appreciation for the work that Assessor Renier and her staff as well as Auditor Mitchell and her staff have been doing in order to clear up the compliancy issues that county has been facing.

**IN THE MATTER OF COIT AND EDIT RECERTIFICATION:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, stated she had received a letter from the Indiana Department of Revenue stating the County would need to recertify the withholding rates for COIT and EDIT. It was noted the current rates are at maximum.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Leave COIT and EDIT rates as they
SECOND:	Brad Tandy	currently are and certify them as such.
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED		

**IN THE MATTER OF LOCAL OPTION INCOME TAX:**

Harold Jones, Council President, stated at this time he did not feel the Council could make any decisions regarding the LOIT due to the Governor's current property tax proposal. Council members were all in agreement with Jones.

**IN OTHER MATTERS:**

Council President Jones recognized and congratulated Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell who recently received the Auditor of the Year Award at the Association of Indiana Counties Conference.

Jones also recognized Councilman John Kinsey and County Commissioner Ron Truex who both were inducted into the GOP Hall of Fame at their recent banquet.

Kudos were given by the Council to the Highway, Sheriff, Area Plan, Health and Emergency Management Departments for their efforts in helping the Nappanee area that suffered damages due to the October 18<sup>th</sup> tornado.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL**

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Harold Jones, President

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Tom Anglin, Vice President

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Attest:

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Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

## KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL

December 13, 2007

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Harold Jones  
Tom Anglin  
John Kinsey  
Bob Sanders - *Absent*

Charlene Knispel  
Larry Teghtmeyer  
Brad Tandy  
Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Harold Jones. The meeting was opened with the pledge and a prayer by John Kinsey.

### **IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC:**

Peggy Shively, DFC Director, requested an additional appropriation of \$94,837.00 for Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment. Shively stated the State now provides this service however the County is obligated to pay the fees. She noted the State bills the County quarterly for their portion which is about 30% of the total amount. Discussion ensued regarding the financial mandates the State has placed on Counties.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve additional appropriation for  
SECOND: Charlene Knispel \$94,837.00 to  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 291-37028-000-000 Children's Res. Treatment  
MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Larry Teghtmeyer questioned Auditor Mitchell what the consequences would be if the County refused to pay for these services. Mitchell stated the County's PRTC money could be withheld. When asked how much money that might be Mitchell stated it could be close to half a million dollars. Discussion continued with Teghtmeyer requesting to rescind his vote and make a new motion.

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Deny additional appropriation request and  
SECOND: Tom Anglin deny payment.  
AYES: 2 NAYES: 4  
MOTION DID NOT CARRY

Teghtmeyer requested that a letter of protest be included with the quarterly payment.

### **IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, stated Council had approved this additional appropriation for the Health Department in the amount of \$28,500.00 in December 2006 for the purchase of new software. Mitchell went on to say that due to budget delays and the late submissions of the additional appropriations to the DLGF it was necessary to resubmit this additional and requested Council re-approve it.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve additional appropriations for  
SECOND: John Kinsey \$28,500.00 to  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 203-44012-000-000 Computer Equipment  
MOTION CARRIED

### **IN THE MATTER OF K-CODE BUDGET PRESENTATION:**

Heather Desenberg, K-Code Coordinator, presented the K-CODE 2008 budget for approval. Desenberg stated they were approaching the budget differently for 2008 in that requests must be specific with how much will be spent on each item as opposed to a total amount request. Desenberg noted K-CODE's budget is funded by monies generated through the K-CODE program. It was also noted the 2008 budget was the same as the prior year.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve 2008 K-CODE budget as  
SECOND: Charlene Knispel presented.  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

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

A request was received from Kent Adams, County Treasurer, to transfer funds to pay off comp time accrued by year end.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$5,500.00 from
SECOND:	John Kinsey	100- 10201-000-038 Deputy to
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	100- 11401-000-038 Overtime
MOTION CARRIED		

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

A request was received from Ed Rock, EMA Director, to transfer funds to cover shortfall in gas/oil account.

MOTION:	Brad Tandy	TO: Approve transfer of \$600.00 from
SECOND:	Tom Anglin	100-31007-000-007 Emergency Services
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	100-22003-000-007 Gas/Oil
MOTION CARRIED		

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

A request was received from Ron Robinson, County Administrator, to transfer funds to cover a shortfall in utilities. Robinson also requested a transfer to cover a shortfall in the maintenance supervisor account caused by the retirement of the previous supervisor. Council questioned Robinson if enough money had been budgeted for utilities for 2008 and Robinson stated he felt it should be.

MOTION:	Larry Tegtmeyer	TO: Approve transfer of \$960.97 from
SECOND:	John Kinsey	100-11072-000-006 Housekeeper to
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	100-100-34003-006 Electric
MOTION CARRIED		
		Transfer of \$5000.00 from
		100-11066-000-006 Maintenance Assistant to
		100-100-34003-006 Electric
		Transfer of \$10,000.00 from
		100-11316-000-006 Part Time to
		100-100-34003-006 Electric
		Transfer of \$4,254.70 from
		100-11069-000-006 Housekeeper to
		100-100-34003-006 Electric
		Transfer of \$831.11 from
		100-22004-000-006 Winter De-Icer to
		100-100-34003-006 Electric
		Transfer of \$7,000.00 from
		100-22007-000-006 Housekeeping Supplies to
		100-100-34003-006 Electric
		Transfer of \$5,000.00 from
		100-22007-000-006 Housekeeping to
		100-34004-000-006 Water/Sewage
		Transfer \$4,000.00 from
		100-11068-000-006 Housekeeper to
		100-11005-0000-006 Maint. Supervisor

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

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell presented a request to transfer funds for the Commissioners to cover shortfall due to increased assessing certifications.

MOTION:	Tom Anglin	TO: Approve transfer of \$4,000.00 from
SECOND:	Brad Tandy	100-36018-000-009 Juvenile Justice to
AYES: 6	NAYES: 0	100-11425-000-009 Level I & Level II
MOTION CARRIED		

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

County Clerk Sharon Christner requested a transfer to cover the increased costs for legal directories.

MOTION:		TO: Approve transfer of \$49.00 from
SECOND:		100-32003-000-008 Mileage to
AYES:	NAYES:	100-21010-000-008 Legal Directory
MOTION CARRIED		

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

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, requested a transfer of funds to pay off comp time accrued by year end.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve transfer of \$930.00 from  
SECOND: Tom Anglin 100-11301-000-005 Part Time to  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 100-11401-000-005 Overtime  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF 2008 TRANSFER OF FUNDS/SALARY ORDINANCE AMDEMENT FOR AUDITOR:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, presented a salary ordinance amendment as well as a transfer request for 2008 funds to cover a shortfall in salary for the claims deputy. Mitchell stated the position had been filled with an existing county employee with a college degree and more years of service.

MOTION: John Kinsey TO: Approve transfer of \$1,213.00 from  
SECOND: Tom Anglin 100-11301-000-005 Part Time to  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 100-11057-000-005 Claims Deputy  
MOTION CARRIED Approve salary ordinance amendment as presented.

**IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE AMDEMENT FOR PROBATION:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, presented a salary ordinance amendment for Probation. Mitchell noted an error occurred at budget time when figuring the state mandated increases for the probation officers.

MOTION: Charlene Knispel TO: Approve salary ordinance amendment for  
SECOND: Brad Tandy Probation as presented.  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SHERIFF/DNR GRANT:**

Sheriff Rocky Goshert requested transfers in the DNR Grant to cover the purchase of new radio equipment for the boats that are used by the DNR officers.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve transfer of \$1,700.00 from  
SECOND: John Kinsey 953-11706-000-000 Personnel to  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 953-31082-000-000 Equipment  
MOTION CARRIED Transfer of \$572.17 from  
953-22022-000-000 Uniforms to  
953-31082-000-000 Equipment  
Transfer of \$79.23 from  
953-32037-000-000 Miscellaneous to  
953-31082-000-000 Equipment

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

Sheriff Rocky Goshert made a request to have an insurance reimbursement added back to his Repairs and Maintenance line in order to cover repair costs incurred.

MOTION: Larry Tegtmeyer TO: Approve \$6,845.00 be added back to line  
SECOND: Brad Tandy item  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 100-35001-000-019 Repairs & Maintenance  
MOTION CARRIED

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

Dennis Pletcher, Highway Superintendent, requested transfers in payroll accounts to cover potential overtime due to snow plowing. Pletcher noted there was money available in the accounts due to drivers leaving employment.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve Transfer of \$17,000.00 from  
SECOND: John Kinsey 204-10314-000-051 Truck Driver to  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 204-11401-000-051 Overtime  
MOTION CARRIED Transfer of \$20,000.00 from  
204-10332-000-051 Truck Driver to  
204-11401-000-051 Overtime  
Transfer of \$10,000.00 from  
204-10330-000-051 Truck Driver to  
204-11301-000-051 Part Time

**IN THE MATTER OF CUM BRIDGE APPROPRIATION REDUCTION:**

Dennis Pletcher, Highway Superintendent, stated he had requested an additional appropriation back in February for a small structure in Warsaw that was to be replaced. Pletcher went on to say the work had not been able to be completed and the appropriation was not needed. He requested the appropriation be rescinded.

MOTION: Larry Tegtmeyer TO: Rescind appropriation approval of  
SECOND: Tom Anglin \$350,000.00 to  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 206-39000-000-000  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY REPLACEMENT VEHICLES:**

Highway Superintendent Dennis Pletcher stated he had spoken with the Commissioners regarding the need to replace a dump truck and had gotten their approval to proceed in January with the advertising. Pletcher noted it may be necessary for him to request an additional appropriation for the truck and wanted to make Council aware of the situation. Pletcher reported other possible needs including the replacement of three pickups as well as a grader.

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAYPOOL OVERPASS REPORT:**

Dennis Pletcher, Highway Superintendent gave a brief report on possible options being discussed regarding construction work to the Claypool over head bridge. Pletcher outlined the three options discussed at the meeting he had attended and stated although there was no good solution; he favored closing the bridge from all directions as this would shorten the time frame for completing the work.

**IN THE MATTER OF 2008 SHERIFF'S CONTRACT:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor, presented the 2008 Sheriff's contract for approval. Mitchell noted the contract had been approved by the Commissioners as well as the Sheriff.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve 2008 Sheriff's contract of  
SECOND: John Kinsey \$94,993.00.  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

Sheriff Rocky Goshert requested that his salary be capped at the 2008 rate for the remainder of his term in office which would include 2009 and 2010. Councilman Anglin expressed his appreciation for Goshert's request.

**IN THE MATTER OF NACO PRESCRIPTION CARD SAVINGS:**

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell stated that since the implementation of the NACo prescription cards in September there have been 573 county residents who had used the cards for a savings of \$11,605.15. Mitchell noted this has been very beneficial to the residents at little cost to the County.

**IN THE MATTER OF BELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY APPOINTMENT:**

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell stated she had received word back from the Lorna Klein, Bell Library Director, requesting Sandy Schaefer be appointed to the Library Board for 2008.

MOTION: Brad Tandy TO: Approve appointment of Sandy Schaefer  
SECOND: Tom Anglin to Bell Library Board.  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF PTABOA APPOINTMENTS:**

Laurie Renier, County Assessor, requested that Susan Myrick be reappointed to the PTABOA Board as well as appointing Brock Ostrom.

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Approve Ostrom and Myrick to the  
SECOND: John Kinsey PTABOA Board as requested.  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF ASSESSOR'S OFFICE UPDATE:**

Laurie Renier, County Assessor, reported that she has been in contact with Cheryl Musgrave, DLGF Commissioner, with the county's work plan regarding trending for 07 pay 08. It was noted this is the data that would be used to set the 07/08 tax rates.

**IN THE MATTER OF ASSESSOR'S OFFICE UPDATE CONTINUED:**

Renier added the DLGF is threatening to take away the county's PTRC monies as well as Renier's Level II certification for not having data submitted in the time frame the DLGF has requested. Further discussion continued regarding the time frame for submitting data with Council President Jones noting the concern to keep tax billing on time.

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell stated she felt it would be necessary to do a provisional billing for 2007 pay 2008. She noted the provisional billing would be 45% of the 2007 billing. Councilman Jones questioned when it must be decided if a provisional billing would be used. Mitchell stated it would be necessary to make that decision in March.

**IN THE MATTER OF YEAR END BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

Sue Ann Mitchell, Auditor, presented the following year end appointments for approval:

<u>BOARD</u>	<u>APPOINTMENT</u>
John Kinsey	Solid Waste
Charlene Knispel	Area Plan
Bob Sanders	KDI
Larry Teghtmeyer and Brad Tandy	Wage Committee
KCCRVC	Table until next meeting
ABC	Kenny Johnson

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Appoint John Kinsey to Solid Waste  
 SECOND: Larry Teghtmeyer Board.  
 AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
 MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Appoint Charlene Knispel to Area Plan.  
 SECOND: Tom Anglin  
 AYES: 5 NAYES: 0  
 MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Appoint Bob Sanders to KDI Board.  
 SECOND: Brad Tandy  
 AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
 MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Tom Anglin TO: Appoint Larry Teghtmeyer and Brad  
 SECOND: Charlene Knispel Tandy to Wage Committee.  
 AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
 MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Larry Teghtmeyer TO: Appoint Kenny Johnson to ABC Board.  
 SECOND: Tom Anglin  
 AYES: 6 NAYES: 0  
 MOTION CARRIED

**IN THE MATTER OF LOCAL OPTION INCOME TAX:**

County Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell stated according to the Department of Local Government Finance, Indiana Code 6-3.5-1.1-24(c) 25 (d), and 26 (d) requires counties that chose not to adopt a new LOIT to submit a letter to the DLGF stating they did not adopt the LOIT. Mitchell noted she had prepared the letter to be sent regarding the county's decision not to adopt the new LOIT.

**IN THE MATTER OF HOMESTEAD CREDIT REBATE CHECKS:**

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell presented information prepared by Treasurer Kent Adams regarding the financial estimate of the Homestead Credit Rebate checks. It was noted by investing the rebate funds for 60 days to allow final calculations to be made; the County would earn approximately \$19,000.00 in interest. It was also noted the approximate expense to the County to mail the rebate checks (including checks, envelopes, postage, software updates and labor) would total in excess of \$16,000.00. Mitchell added the Commissioners had adopted a resolution that would apply the rebates only to homestead properties and not other types of properties including personal or mobile homes in order to expedite the distribution of the checks.

**IN THE MATTER OF OTHER BUSINESS:**

Councilman Larry Teghtmeyer expressed concern with the assessing software and the position the County is in regarding compliancy matters. Teghtmeyer then questioned Assessor Renier if her software is not working well or keeping up. Renier responded there are issues with the software; however there are problems with all PPDMS (personal property) software. Further discussion ensued with it being noted the Auditor/Assessor had met compliancy issues by using the state mandated 18 digit identifier number.

**IN THE MATTER OF AUDITOR'S THANK YOU:**

Auditor Sue Ann Mitchell thanked Council for the opportunity to work with them over the past eight years. She noted the County has had some tough times in those years; however as her term comes to an end she has enjoyed working with all of them.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COUNCIL**

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Harold Jones, President

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Tom Anglin, Vice President

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John Kinsey

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Charlene Knispel

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Bob Sanders

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Brad Tandy

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Larry Teghtmeyer

Attest:

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Sue Ann Mitchell, County Auditor