

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 12, 2016

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on January 12, 2016 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Ron Truex - President
Bob Conley
Brad Jackson - Absent

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

Ron Truex opened the meeting and asked for current President, Bob Conley to make the nomination for the 2016 officers. Bob Conley nominated Ron Truex to serve as President and Bob Conley to serve as Vice-President for 2016.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the nominations of Ron Truex to serve as President and Bob Conley to serve as Vice-President for 2016.

Bob Conley passed the meeting over the newly elected President, Ron Truex.

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

IN THE MATTER OF KELLY HECKAMAN – NEW HHS EDUCATOR:

Kelly Heckaman, Extension Office Director, came before the Commissioners to introduce their newest Health Human Science Educator, Jacqueline Smith. Smith came from Tennessee where she worked with the State as a State Health Educator. Smith is very excited about her position and is looking forward to working for Kosciusko County. The Commissioners welcomed Smith to her position.

IN THE MATTER OF ANN TORPY – 2016 MAXIMUS CONSULTING SERVICES, INC CONTRACT & 2016 MICROVOTE INFINITY VOTING SYSTEM ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT :

Ann Torpy, County Clerk, came before the Commissioners and presented the annual Maximus Consulting Services, Inc. Agreement for approval. Torpy stated County Attorney, Chad Miner, reviewed the contract and stated everything was in order and he saw no issues or concerns with the Commissioners signing it. Torpy also brought before the Commissioners the 2016 Microvote Infinity Voting System Annual Maintenance Agreement for approval.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 2 NAYS:

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the 2016 Maximus Consulting Services Inc, Contract and 2016 Microvote Infinity Voting System Annual Maintenance Agreement as presented to the Commissioners.

IN THE MATTER OF TAMMY JOHNSTON – COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT AND BUDGET FOR 2016:

Tammy Johnston, Probation Director, came before the Commissioners and stated the Community Corrections budget was approved through June 30, 2016, but it now needs to be approved from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 by January 31, 2016. The increase is due to the budget being for a full year instead of a partial year. The Community Corrections Board met on Monday, January 11, 2016 and approved their part. Ron Truex stated that he serves on the Community Corrections board and it was a unanimous decision to approve the budget and Adult Community Based Supervision Grant for 2017. Truex continued with the County Commissioners are giving their confirmation that the paper work is all in order to approve the budget and grant for 2017.

MOTION: Ron Truex

SECOND: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the 2017 Budget and Adult Community Based Supervision Grant as

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 presented.
UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY – BID DATE FOR DUMP TRUCKS:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners to request a bid date of February 23, 2016 at 9:15AM. The bids will be for 3 single axle and 2 tandem axle dump trucks. Tilden stated it has been approximately 18 months since their bid for any dump trucks. The shop costs are increasing by large amounts due to the age of the current fleet that are requiring major repairs. Truex stated the County has been playing catch up for several years due to the poor condition of our roads and have transferred monies in order to make the road repairs over the past several years. Truex continued by stating he is pleased that we are seeing relief with the wheel tax and having those funds help offset the cost to repair our roads. Truex agreed with Tilden that the monies are available to purchase the new dump trucks that county highway so desperately need and a great opportunity to help us in continuing to gain ground on our road repairs.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the request to set a bid date of February 23, 2016 at 9:15AM for 3 single axle and 2 tandem axle dump trucks.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

County Council President, Bob Sanders, invited the Commissioners and public to attend the next Council meeting on February 11, 2016 at 7PM.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS January 26, 2016

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on January 26, 2016 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Ron Truex – President - ABSENT
Brad Jackson
Bob Conley

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

Bob Conley opened the meeting and stated he was nominated in error at the January 12, 2016 Commissioners meeting to serve as the Vice President for 2016. A nomination was made for Brad Jackson to become the Commissioners Vice President for 2016.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the nomination of Brad Jackson to serve as Vice-President for 2016 instead of Bob Conley.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPOINTMENT – WES STODER:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, came before the Commissioners for approval to extend Wes Stouder's term for another year for the Economic Development Board. Robinson stated he spoke to Stouder who agreed to continue his term.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the appointment for Wes Stouder to the Economic Development Board.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF:

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, presented the Commissioners with the 2015 Year End Statistics. Rovenstine stated even though bookings were down for 2015 the inmates were increased. The changes in the laws require felons to serve more time and the county is housing more felons due to changes at the state level. The female inmates increased in 2015 just as it did in 2014. Rovenstine stated the Work Release program was very successful for 2015 and \$453,327.00 was collected from inmates for use of this program. These funds are deposited into the County's general fund.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, advised the Commissioner that our Emergency Management Director, Ed Rock, was deployed by the state to Baltimore, Maryland. Rock will be helping with cleanup from the winter blizzard. Rock will be deployed for 8 days, but has contacted the police department and fire department to ensure there is coverage while he is gone.

IN THE MATTER OF NIPSCO – REYNOLDS-TOPEKA LINE PROJECT:

Larry Graham, Managing Director of Public Affairs for NIPSCO, came before the Commissioners to give a Pre-Construction Project update of the Reynolds-Topeka Electric System Improvement Project. Graham stated the project is scheduled to start in April of 2016. The project actually began in 2013 for the 100 mile, \$270 million system improvement project that will connect substations in Reynolds, Burr Oak and Topeka. The project is designed to move power across the region from where it's generated to where it's needed. Graham continued by stating they are ensuring permits are in order and have checked the maps for existing features like regulated drains so they can design around them. The next step is to deliver material, including pole segments, cross arms and conductors, to sites along the route. Installation will start in White County and reach Kosciusko County by late spring or early summer. Completion is expected by the end of 2017 but should be no later than June of 2018.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITIONERS BEN & DANELLE BARKEY - REZONING:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners with a request to continue the rezoning report recommendation for Ben & Danelle Barkey at 9:15AM on February 23, 2016. Richard stated the continuation was requested by the petitioner's attorney to allow them additional time to try and work somethings out.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the continuation of the Ben and Danelle Barkey Rezoning request to be heard at the February 23, 2016 Commissioners meeting at 9:15AM.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITIONER ROBERT CUNNINGHAM – VACATE ROAD WAY AND ALLEY'S IN TOWN OF OSWEGO:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners with a request to vacate a portion of 2nd Street and parts of alleys in a plat in the town of Oswego. Area Plan's recommendation is to allow the two alleyways in the southeast corner of Oswego at the request of petitioner, Robert Cunningham. The petitioner also requested a vacation of a 66-foot wide platted roadway. The recommendation by Area Plan is to allow the vacation of at least 50 feet of the 66 foot wide roadway that is being requested. Richard stated a portion of the roadway should stay open to allow access to tract adjust to the south for any future development. Richard stated that after the planning commission meeting there was even more input and it suggested to taking eight feet on either side of the road would be a better resolution.

Richard Helm, petitioner's attorney, came before the Commissioners and spoke in favor of the vacation of the roadway and alley's in the Town of Oswego. Helm agreed with the recommendations that the Area Plan Commissioner brought forward.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the vacation request as recommended by Area plan to vacate the two alley ways and 8 feet on each side of 2nd street and a 50 foot right of way in the alley way.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS February 9, 2016

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on February 9, 2016 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Ron Truex - President
Bob Conley
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF VETERAN OF THE MONTH – MAX MILLER:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, came before the Commissioners to introduce the February Veteran of the month, Max Miller. Maron stated Miller was in the US Army and US Airforce and enlisted right after graduating high school in 1948. He attended Lackland Airforce Base in San Antonio Texas for basic training and then onto Ft. Worth Texas. Miller was then sent to Arizona for gunnery training and then onto Waco Texas to be a crew chief. In Dec 1950 the Korean War broke out, which took Miller to the Seoul Korea where he was the crew chief aboard a B29 bomber. Miller stated he flew in 21 missions and was scared 99% of the time. He left the service in December 1954 and returned to Warsaw and held various jobs and eventually retired in 2007. Miller keeps himself busy by being a member of the American Legion and was the Sergeant of Arms, Past District Commander for the Pierceton Legion, recognized as the Distinguished Legionnaire for 2015, Member of VFM, volunteers for Habitat for Humanity and an active Shriner. Maron presented Miller with a plaque from the Commissioners thanking Miller for his dedication and sacrifice for this country. Miller thanked the Commissioners for nominating him and said he would forever hold that near and dear to his heart.

IN THE MATTER 2015 HOME SHOW:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Treasurer, requested permission from the Commissioners to have a booth at the 2016 Home Show. Mitchell feels the exposure at the Home Show has been a great avenue to reach the residents of the county and beneficial for all parties involved. Mitchell stated the cost for the booth will be \$175.00, which is an increase from last year. The show will be from March 4th – 6th. The Commissioners gave their blessing to participate in the 2016 Home show as they feel this is a great outreach to the community.

IN THE MATTER OF BOARD OF FINANCE:

Sue Ann Mitchell, Treasurer, presented the 2016 Board of Finance Organization and Investment Policy. Mitchell stated the first order of business is to select a President and Secretary. The Secretary will be the Treasurer, Sue Ann Mitchell and Ron Truex was nominated to be President. Mitchell presented the Commissioners with the financials showing the amount of interest that was taken in for 2015. Mitchell stated the county received \$69,949.71 in interest on all the bank accounts and another \$49,030.00 on the three Municipal Bond Investments for a grand total of \$118,979.71, which is a slight increase over 2015. Mitchell stated two of the current bonds will mature at the end of February 2016 and she will be laddering these funds out in other investments to ensure the county is receiving the most interest investment opportunities possible.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the written report of the 2015 investments and investment policy presented by Treasurer, Sue Ann Mitchell and the nomination of Ron Truex as President and Sue Ann Mitchell as Secretary for 2016.

IN THE MATTER OF CANCELLATION OF WARRANTS:

Sue Ann Mitchell, Treasurer, presented the Commissioners with a listing of checks that were issued by the county and have not yet been cashed. The check dates are from 2012 and earlier.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the cancellation of Warrants for checks 2012 and earlier.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES APPOINTMENT:

Ron Truex, Commissioner President, made a nomination for Dave Baumgartner to serve on the Child Protection Services Board. Truex stated Baumgartner serves on the Cemetery board for the city and would like to serve on a board for the county.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve Dave Baumgartner as the Child Protection Services appointment for 2016.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF LAKELAND REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT APPOINTMENT:

Ron Truex, Commissioner President, made recommendation to extend the term of Greg Mitchell to the Lakeland Regional Sewer District. Mitchell expressed his interest to continue his term on this board.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the appointment of Greg Mitchell to the Lakeland Regional Sewer District till April 2020.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF REPLACING SAFETY GLASS IN THE JAIL:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, came before Commissioners to request permission to replace the broken safety glass in the jail. Robinson stated the glass has been cracked and is in need of immediate repairs. The cost is \$9,800.00

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the request to repair the safety glass in the jail at the cost of \$9,800.00.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF REPLACING COPY MACHINE:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, came before Commissioners to request permission to replace a copy machine. The cost for the replacement will be \$8,900.00. Robinson stated with negotiations the cost savings will be \$13,000.00.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the request to spend \$8,900.00 on a new copy machine.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF CLERKS OFFICE AND ABSENTEE VOTING AREA:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, came before Commissioners to request permission to use the area where KEDCo used to be for the election this year. This will allow easier access to the absentee voting for individuals with handicaps and the elderly. Robinson assured the Commissioners this would not be a permanent area for voting.

IN THE MATTER OF UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION IN THE COURTS:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, came before Commissioners and gave brief update on the construction in the probation area and court rooms. Robinson stated the upgrades will ensure all the courts are ADA compliant.

IN THE MATTER OF JENNIFER VANDEBURG – NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY LIAISON FOR COMMUNITY AND RURAL AFFAIRS:

Jennifer Vandeburg, North Central Community Liaison, came before the Commissioners and gave a brief overview of her job and how she is here to help Kosciusko County. Vandeburg meets on a monthly basis with George Robertson, KEDCo President and Warsaw Cities Mayor Thallemer to discuss opportunities that Kosciusko County might qualify or help build key

partnerships for economic development projects. Vandeburg touched on Community Readiness Initiatives, Community Enhanced and Economic Development, Hometown Collaboration Initiative, Planning and several other areas that she might be able to assist our county with. Vandeburg has set time each month strictly for Kosciusko County and will be meeting with both Robertson and Thallemer on a regular basis. Vandeburg thanked the Commissioners for their time.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS February 23, 2016

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Bob Conley
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

Minutes for the February 9, 2016 were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF SIGN ORDINANCE:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners and stated the Area Plan Commission has been discussing the sign ordinance for roughly three months. There is a possibility for some major revisions to the sign ordinance in the upcoming future. Richard stated there has been a Supreme Court decision in reference to the town of Gilbert and their sign ordinance. Richard continued by stating further research and investigation needs to be done in the ruling the Supreme Court had to see how this will or could affect our county sign ordinance. Richard stated the Area Plan Commission plans on proceeding cautiously as things filter down to the county level to ensure our ordinance is fair, equitable and in line with any court decisions. The county has a very simplistic sign ordinance now and Richard assured the Commissioners that the Area Plan Commission plans on keeping it that way if possible.

Ron Truex, Commissioner President, did mention that currently if a sign is placed in a place that would compromise safety in any way it would be removed.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY – SALE OF COMMISSIONERS PROPERTY KNOWN AS HILLSIDE DRIVE:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, came before the Commissioners to request their signatures on a resolution to dispose of real estate property that they currently known as Hillside Drive that they acquired through a tax sale back in the late 1940's. Miner stated the resolution will give him permission to start the process to conduct an auction of this property. The public will be able to place written bids.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Resolution 16-02-23-001 to
grant permission to place the property known
as Hillside Drive up for public action.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-02-23-001 (2016020826)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF MAXIMUS CONSULTING SERVICES CONTRACT:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, came before the Commissioners to request their permission to continue their contract with Maximus Consulting Services from January 1, 2017 to April 30, 2020. The contract is for three years of cost allocation plans (2016 to 2018). The work will start in January 2017 with the kick-off of the 2016 plan. The end date allows for completing the 2018

plan in 2019 and invoicing and collecting for services provided upon delivery to Indiana Department of Child Services in 2020.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the Maximus Consulting

SECOND: Bob Conley

Services Contract from January 1, 2017 to

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

April 30, 2020.

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF RONALD & KAREN HARTER - VACATE OF PUBLIC WAY IN TIPPY TOWNSHIP:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners and stated Petitioners Ronald and Karen Harter would like to withdrawal their request to vacate a public way in Tippy Township. Richard stated the Area Plan Commission was in unanimous decision to allow the withdrawal. The Commissioners agreed to allow the withdrawal.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the request from Petitioners

SECOND: Brad Jackson

Ronald and Karen Harter to withdrawal their

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

request to vacate a public way in Tippy

UNANIMOUS

Township.

IN THE MATTER OF BEN & DANELLE BARKEY – REZONING FOR AGRICULTURAL II USES:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners and stated Petitioners Ben and Danelle Barkey would like to withdrawal their request to rezone an area from Agricultural to Agricultural II. Richard stated the Area Plan Commission had a unanimous decision to accept the rezoning request, but has since been requested by the petitioners to be dropped.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the request from Petitioners Ben

SECOND: Bob Conley

and Danelle Barkey to withdrawal their

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

request to rezone.

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF CHAD & ANNIE ZARTMEN – REZONING FOR AGRICULTURAL USES:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners with a rezoning request from Petitioners Chad and Annie Zartman. Their request is to rezone a Commercial piece of real estate to Agricultural. Richard stated the land in being rezoned is not suitable for Commercial uses and the Area Plan Commission is in unanimous decision to allow the rezoning. Richard continued by stating the Zartman's will be using it for pasturing, hunting and other agricultural uses. Richard did state that the Zartmans will be responsible for their own drainage and retention on their own track of land now. They will not be allowed to have the water go off the back side of their property. The Zartmans will have to meet the storm water control ordinance requirements.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the request from Petitioners

SECOND: Brad Jackson

Chad and Annie Zartman to rezone from

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

Commercial to Agricultural.

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 16-02-23-002 Zone (2016020825)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF DUMP TRUCK BIDS:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, and Scott Tilden, County Highway, Superintendent, came before the Commissioners and opened the bids for single and tandem axle dump trucks. The bid information is as follows:

Single Axle Dump Trucks – 3 trucks total

Weirs International – Plymouth, Indiana

Total 3 trucks without trade - \$459,330.00

Total 3 trucks with trade - \$454,830.00

Truck City – Gary, Indiana

3 Western Stars single axles

Total without trade - \$463,155.00

Total With trade - \$456,589.00

JX Peterbilt – Ft. Wayne, Indiana

3 Peterbilt single axles

Total without trade with Linden Equipment -	\$473,101.00
Total with trade with Linden Equipment -	\$464,603.00
Total without trade with WA Jones Equipment -	\$473,646.00
Total with trade with WA Jones Equipment -	\$465,146.00

Truck Country – Ft. Wayne, Indiana

3 Western Star Dump Trucks

Total without trade -	\$474,948.00
Total with trade -	\$468,248.00

Selking International – Ft. Wayne, Indiana

3 International Dump Trucks

Total without trade -	\$473,831.40
Total with trade -	\$468,331.40

Vomac Trucks – Ft. Wayne, Indiana

3 Mack Single Axle Trucks

Total without trade -	\$498,303.00
Total with trade -	\$490,303.00

NOTE: There was also plow option bids for each single axle truck.

Tandem Axle Dump Trucks – 2 trucks total

Truck City – Gary, Indiana

2 - 2017 Western Star Dump Trucks

Total without trade -	\$342,532.00
Total With trade -	\$303,759.00

Selking International – Ft. Wayne, Indiana

2 - 2017 International Dump Trucks

Total without trade with WA Jones Equipment -	\$346,889.40
Total with trade with WA Jones Equipment -	\$312,889.40

Weirs International – Plymouth, Indiana

2 – 2017 International Dump Trucks

Total without trade -	\$338,300.00
Total with trade -	\$313,200.00

Truck Country – Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Total without trade -	\$354,318.00
Total with trade -	\$321,318.00

Vomac Trucks – Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Total without trade -	\$371,170.00
Total with trade -	\$328,170.00

NOTE: There were also optional bids for snowplows and cross material spreaders for each tandem axle truck.

Scott Tilden asked the Commissioners permission to take all bids under advisement and make his recommendation at the March 8, 2016 Commissioners meeting. The Commissioners agreed

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 8, 2016

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on March 8, 2016 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Ron Truex – President - Absent
Bob Conley
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

Minutes for the February 23, 2016 were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF 2016 GYPSY MOTH TREATMENT PROJECT:

Eric Biddinger, Nursery Inspector and Compliance Officer Division of Entomology and Plant Pathology, came before the Commissioners to request approval for the Gypsy Moth treatment project. Biddinger stated the USDA Forest Service and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources are conducting aerial treatments to manage gypsy moth to slow the spread in Kosciusko County. The treatment includes areas around Hoffman Lake/Atwood and Pierceton. Biddinger continued by requesting the Commissioners to approve letters to facilitate obtaining Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approval.

Biddinger stated they will be applying two different treatments using two different contractors. Agriflite Services will be applying two applications of an EPA registered product called Foray 76B by low flying aircraft east of Pierceton in May. Foray is applied shortly after egg hatch and kills young caterpillars by disrupting their digestive system. This treatment is being targeted to areas with somewhat elevated populations of gypsy moth.

In June, an EPA registered product called Disrupt II will be applied by Al's Aerial Spraying in the Hoffman Lake and Atwood area. The Disrupt II product time releases the pheromone to provide a steady source of the female scent. The male moth senses the pheromone, becomes confused, and is unable to locate a female for mating. This breaks the life cycle and eliminates the existing very low level gypsy moth population.

Biddinger stated that if the gypsy moth issue is left alone it can seriously affect the urban and rural forests in Kosciusko County.

Public meetings have already been heard in both Pierceton and Atwood. The Pierceton meeting had no one from the public show and thirty-five residents show for the Atwood meeting. Biddinger shared with the Commissioners that the DNR addressed all the questions from the public and has received no complaints for objections to moving forward with the gypsy moth project.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 2 NAYS:

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the signing of the flight approval letters allowing AgriFlite Services and Al's Aerial Spraying, LLC to complete the flight project for the spraying of the gypsy moth in May and June 2016.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, addressed a question from Commissioner Brad Jackson in reference to the issues surrounding the Sheriff's department. Miner made a general statement stating that Sheriff Rovenstine has not been convicted of committing any crimes and in our system you are innocent until proven guilty. Miner recommended that we all keep that in mind as the events unfold. Miner continued by stating that Sheriff Rovenstine is an elected official and has not stepped down or been removed from this position and is still acting as the Sheriff for our county. Since Rovenstine is still serving as the County Sheriff there are no special requirements or steps the Commissioners need to take at this time. The matter lies with the Courts on how they proceed with this investigation.

Miner stated there was a search warrant issued on March 2, 2016 and from Miner's understanding there may have been some county property swept up in that warrant. Miner advised the Commissioners they need to do nothing at this point, but need to be aware and keep an eye on that situation.

Miner continued by stating one of his partners is involved with representing one of the other indicted men in a criminal proceeding that is currently underway. Miner stated this places him in a conflict of interest if further legal action would need to be obtained by the Commissioners. Miner stated if the County did need to seek legal assistance in this matter they would need to look for independent council at that time. Miner did state that he could answer general questions, but if he feels it is something too detailed he will guide the Commissioners to seek outside council.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners with his recommendation from the bids for two (2) Tandem axle dump trucks and three (3) Single axle dump trucks. Tilden stated there were 6 bids on the Single axle and 5 bids on the Tandem axle submitted for review at the February 23, 2016 Commissioners meeting. Tilden stated when reviewing the bids they looked for two key items, which were, lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Tilden continued by stating "responsive" meant to be compliant and to be compliant meant the bidder needed to follow the specs and guidelines that were set.

Tilden stated after reviewing the bids his recommendation for the three (3) Single axle dump trucks with dump body, hoist, hydraulics, underbody scraper with snow plow hitch and tailgate sander is to be awarded to Truck Country (aka Stoops) of Fort Wayne, Indiana. The bid is for three (3) 2017 Western Star Single Axle trucks with WA Jones dump body equipment for a bid price of \$468,248.00 with trades.

Tilden continued by stating after reviewing the bids for the two (2) Tandem axle dump trucks with dump body, hoist, hydraulics, underbody scraper with snow plow hitch and tailgate spreader is to awarded to Truck Country (aka Stoops) Fort Wayne, Indiana. The bid is for two (2) 2017 Western Star Tandem axle trucks with WA Jones dump bodies for a total of \$321,318.00 with trades.

Tilden stated these will be on a Municipal lease over a three (3) year plan on all five (5) trucks.

The Commissioners questioned Tilden on the age of the trucks being replaced and the ages ranged from 1978 – 2004. Tilden stated the maintenance on the older trucks has become an issue and is not cost effective at all. The ability to purchase these five (5) new trucks will be very beneficial to the county.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 2 NAYS:

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the recommendation to purchase 3 Single axle and 2 Tandem axle dump trucks from Truck Country (aka Stoops) Fort Wayne, Indiana in the amounts of \$468,248.00 (single axle with trade) and \$321,318.00 (tandem axle with trade).

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
March 22, 2016

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Chad Miner – County Attorney
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Minutes for the March 8, 2016 were approved as presented. Claims were signed and approved for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AWARD PRESENTATION:

1st Sgt. Chad Hill, Public Information Officer, came before the Commissioners stating the Kosciusko County Government officials would like to honor two men today for their potentially "life-saving" actions this month at a fiery four-vehicle crash.

Hill introduced Tyler Rothhaar and Chriss Willavize as the men being honored this morning at the Kosciusko County Commissioner's meeting for their quick response on March 11th after witnessing a multiple vehicle crash at the intersection of U.S. 30 and State Road 13. Tyler had been sitting in his vehicle in the passing lane stopped for a red traffic light at the intersection, when suddenly a semi-tractor/trailer slammed into the passenger vehicle, also stopped, that was directly beside him. Chriss had been at a gas station, located directly across from Tyler when the initial impact occurred.

The impacted vehicle caught fire and had two visible individuals inside. Tyler and Chriss immediately ran to the vehicle that was on fire, and pulled the driver and passenger away from the burning vehicle. Firemen and paramedics arrived within minutes to begin treatment on the victims, Jeremy & Crista Noland, of Columbus, Ohio.

The Kosciusko County Sheriff's Department, Kosciusko County Commissioners, Pierceton Fire Department, Lutheran Kosciusko E.M.S. and Grace College officials praised the efforts of Tyler Rothhaar and Chriss Willavize for their acts of bravery and selflessness for instantly going "above and beyond the call of duty" to rescue the two Noland family members. Tyler and Chriss were also presented with a framed certificate commemorating their actions from Kosciusko County Sheriff's 1st Sgt. Hill and a certificate from the Lutheran Kosciusko E.M.S.

Jim Swanson, Vice President for Academic and Student Services at Grace College, took a moment and stated how proud and honored the staff, faculty, administration and fellow students are of both of these men. Swanson spoke on how God sometimes prepares us for situations we are unaware of that we may face and used Tyler as an example. Tyler was in a severe car accident when he was younger and miraculously escaped the accident with no complications or injuries. Swanson reflected on if this was God's way of preparing Tyler for his heroic actions due to the situation he was once in. Swanson ended by thanking Tyler for this great day of honoring and representing our Lord and the Grace College Campus.

IN THE MATTER OF NAPPANEE CONFLICT OF INTEREST – ANGELA STILLSON:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, presented to the Commissioners a Conflict of Interest for Angela Stillson for the Nappanee Public Library. Stillson is owner of Stillson Studio who provides graphic art services for the library as needed. Puckett stated this Conflict of Interest has been signed in the past by the Commissioners.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the Nappanee Conflict of Interest for Angela Stillson.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:

Sheriff Rovenstine, came before the Commissioners and presented the 2015 Jail Inspection Report. Rovenstine stated there were a few minor foundation items but the overall finding gave them an excellent review on the jail. Rovenstine referenced the last page of the document and read the following "male and female offenders interviewed stated staff treated them well, food was good, and they felt safe in the facility and medical was good.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners and requested permission to have the Backwater Retriever Club park on the right of way for their yearly event on County Road 1000 E between 750 N and 1000 N on April 9th - April 10th. Tilden stated this request is on a permit and since they have done this for previous years with no traffic issues he would recommend approving the request. The area is in the Game Preserve area and on a gravel road.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the request by the Backwater

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

Retriever Club to park on the right of way for their yearly event on County Road 1000 E between 750 N and 1000 N on April 9th – April 10th.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 5, 2016

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on April 5, 2016 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN.

Those present were:

Ron Truex - President
Bob Conley
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF APRIL VETERAN OF THE MONTH:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, came before the Commissioners to introduce the April Veteran of the month, Roger Feters. Maron stated Feters enlisted in the Army in 1955 and discharged in 1958. Feters took basic training in Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri with C86 recon battalion. Feters joined the 101st airborne team and later assigned to company 8326. Feters ended his Army career with a total of 37 jumps. Feters currently resides in Syracuse with his wife Darlene. Maron stated Feters came highly recommended for this award by his neighbor, Commissioner, Brad Jackson and Maron could not agree more with honoring Feters for his service and dedication to his country. Maron continued by presenting Feters with a plaque to commemorate the occasion. The Commissioners thanked Feters for his sacrifice to our country. Feters thanked Maron and the Commissioners for the award.

IN THE MATTER OF ABATE – MOTORCYCLE SAFETY MONTH:

Ty Marshall, ABATE, came before the Commissioners to have a Proclamation approved and signed dedicating the Month of May as motorcycle safety awareness month. President, Ron Truex, read the Proclamation to the public prior to approving.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the ABATE Proclamation dedicating the Month of May as motorcycle safety awareness month.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – USI CONSULTANTS, INC.:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, came before the Commissioners with an agreement from USI Consultants, Inc. for the work on CR 1300N Extension (from SR15 East to Old SR15) project.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the USI Consultants, Inc. agreement for work on CR 1300N Extension (from SR15 East to Old SR15) project.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – SYRACUSE-WAWASEE TRAILS COMMITTEE FOR CONKLIN BAY:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, came before the Commissioners and stated the Syracuse-Wawasee Trails Committee has asked the county to be a pass through for a project with the Conkin Bay area. Robinson has asked permission from the Commissioners that would allow Commissioner, Brad Jackson, and himself to have a meeting with the Syracuse-Wawasee Trails

Committee to discuss the details for this project. The Commissioners all agreed a meeting was the best course of action.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners with the 2015 Annual Operational Report for Local Roads and Streets for approval.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the 2015 Annual Operational Report for Local Roads and Streets.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
April 19, 2016**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on April 19, 2016 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN.

Those present were:

Ron Truex - President

Bob Conley

Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney

Michelle Puckett – Auditor

Ron Robinson – County Administrator

Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF MACOG APPOINTMENT:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, came before the Commissioner's and requested the appointment of Rob Parker to the MACOG Regional Economic Development District. Parker will be replacing Mark Dobson's position.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the appointment of Rob Parker to the MACOG Regional Economic Development District.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY AUCTION ITEMS:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, came before the Commissioner's with a list of items the County Highway is asking to be deemed as surplus so they may be placed in an auction.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the list of items from the

SECOND: Brad Jackson

County highway as surplus to be placed in an auction.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY – TEMPORARY DETOUR BETWEEN SR15 AND SR25:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioner's to request a temporary detour for Rozella Road between SR 15 (Fisher Ave) and SR25 (Zimmer Rd). Tilden stated the detour will last 1-2 weeks and the request is coming from the city engineer of Warsaw. The detour is due to a sanitary sewer construction project that is to begin around Memorial Day. The City of Warsaw will be responsible for all the detour signs. Truex stated currently we have a restricted truck section on this particular section of road and questioned whether the county needed to temporarily post something. Tilden stated they can cover up the current truck restriction signs until the project is completed. Truex stated the Sheriff's department will need to be informed of the detour and not enforce the restricted truck usage until after the detour is completed, but would need to monitor this section of road heavily afterwards to ensure the truck restrictions are being met. Tilden does not see an issue with trucks using this portion of the roads during this 1-2 week period as any repairs should be very minimal.

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

TO: Approve the temporary detour between
SR15 and SR25 on Rozella Road for a 1-2
week period of time.

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE BREAKFAST:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, came before the County Commissioner's and invited them to attend and help serve the County Employee's breakfast on Friday, April 22, 2016 from 6am – 8am.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW SHERIFF'S FACILITY LOCATED AT THE COUNTY HIGHWAY:

Aaron Rovenstine, County Sheriff, invited the County Commissioner's to attend the opening of the new Sheriff's facility located at the County Highway. Rovenstine stated he would like to have all three Commissioner's tour the new facility on April 28th or 29th. Rovenstine also thanked Robinson and McSherry for their help in making the project a success.

IN THE MATTER OF STEVEN DANDURAND, PETITIONER – VACATE PUBLIC WAY IN PFEIFFER VEACH ADDITION:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioner's with a unanimous recommendation from the Area Plan Commission to accept the request to vacate the public way in Pfeiffer Veach Addition within the Barbee Lake area. Richard stated the main discussion was around the utilities access to this area as it is located on this public way. Richard stated the power easement would still be preserved and there should be no issues.

Steve Snyder, Attorney, addressed the same utilities access that Richard had addressed and stated Dandurand would still maintain the utility power easement for this vacation.

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

TO: Approve the vacation for Steven
Dandurand in Pfeiffer Veach Addition.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-04-19-001 Vac (2016040595)

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
May 2, 2016**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on May 2, 2016 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN.

Those present were:

Ron Truex - President
Bob Conley
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF APRIL VETERAN OF THE MONTH:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, came before the Commissioners to introduce the May Veteran of the month, Byron Hunter. Maron stated Hunter enlisted in the US Navy in 1943 with his basic training at Great Lakes. After basic training Hunter attended Miami University where he learned Morris code. Upon completion of his schooling Hunter was sent to Norfolk, VA and assigned to the USS Chiwawa which was a tanker ship. The primary mission of the USS Chiwawa was to refuel destroyer ships and destroyer escorts. Hunter was discharged from the USS Navy in November 1945 after serving 33 months. Hunter attended Indiana Technical

College and earned a degree in electrical engineering. He worked for 35 years at ITT in Fort Wayne, IN and retired in 1984. Hunter thanked the Commissioners for this recognition and stated he was proud to serve our Country. Maron presented Hunter with a plaque signed by the Commissioners thanking him for his serve and dedication to our country.

IN THE MATTER OF MAY AS POPPY MONTH TO HONOR VETERANS:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Treasurer, came before the Commissioners and presented a Proclamation-Resolution proclaiming May Poppy Month to honor the Veterans of Kosciusko County for their service and sacrifice. Mitchell stated the Poppy as the memorial flower for the American War dead is a tradition which began in the years following the World War I. Veterans returning to their homes in this county remembered the wild poppies which lined the devastated battlefields of France and Flanders, and the soldiers of all nations came to look upon the flowers as a living symbol of their dead comrades' sacrifice. Mitchell read the Proclamation before the Commissioners and requested their approval to have May dedicated as Poppy Month.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the Proclamation-Resolution
proclaiming May Poppy Month to honor the

SECOND: Bob Conley

Veterans of Kosciusko County for their service
and sacrifice.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF 2016 TAX SALE CONTRACT WITH SRI:

Sue Ann Mitchell, County Treasurer, came before the Commissioners and presented the 2016 Tax Sale Contract with SRI. Mitchell stated the fee has increased from \$70 to \$75, but stated she recommends signing the contract as SRI is a huge help to the Treasurer and Auditor's office during the tax sale.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the 2016 Tax Sale Contract with
SRI.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY SHERIFF:

Aaron Rovenstine, Sheriff, came before the Commissioners and shared that 12 officer's graduate from the Reserve Academy. Rovenstine also gave his well wishes to all the candidates running for an elected office position.

IN THE MATTER OF ORTHOWORX - ACCELINX:

Sheryl Conley, President and CEO OrthoWorx, came before the Commissioners to discuss a project her organization is working on. Conley stated that in early April 2016 they announced the launch of a new initiative aimed at providing an ecosystem to accelerate the likelihood of success of innovative enterprises by leveraging the unique assets of the northern Indiana orthopedic medical device industry cluster, which has the largest concentration of such activity in the world.

Conley continued by stating the centerpiece of the effort will be AcceLinx, an organization that will provide a platform for selected entrepreneurs to advance new medical device technologies and create new enterprises. The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) has offered up to \$1.2 million over six years in funding to help establish and operate the new entity. The City of Warsaw has also committed to \$500,000 in funding to the initiative. Discussions are currently underway with other regional economic and private stakeholders toward the remaining funding needed for the six-year, \$4.8 million operational budget.

Conley stated the innovation process in medical devices has become more complex because of a variety of factors, including a complicated web of regulatory clearances that are required to market and gain reimbursement for products. The path from concept to a mature company in medical devices often takes six or more years. Large companies are more likely to acquire technologies or products that are further along in their development cycle than in the past to assure that regulatory paths, clinical performance and commercial potential are well understood. That means entrepreneurs can benefit from guidance and technical/production support to develop and test their concepts from an economic as well as a medical perspective. Moreover, human capital as much as financial capital is a key differentiator for success.

The organization will be headquartered in Warsaw. Although legally separate from OrthoWorx, AcceLinx will initially be housed within the OrthoWorx offices with a physical location expected to be established within the next year. According to Conley, the initial efforts will focus on creating the AcceLinx entity, assembling the team and network, and establishing the funding partner. Future announcements will be made regarding how AcceLinx will engage with entrepreneurs who want to learn more.

Conley stated innovation is the lifeblood of the medical device industry and why the companies in our region account for leading global market shares and approximately \$17 billion in annual revenue. Conley said one of OrthoWorx's fundamental purposes, in addition to the work they have done in talent development and talent attraction, is to foster innovation in our state to enhance the environment from the late Dr. Dane Miller and other community leaders, they conceived and developed the AcceLinx initiative to capitalize on the unprecedented concentration of intellectual capital and device industry experience in northern Indiana.

Conley read the following facts in reference to Orthopedic Industry Impact and the need for start-up support.

Orthopedic Industry Impact

- Nearly 7,000 direct jobs in Kosciusko County and another more than 6,000 in indirect jobs; Kosciusko County is biggest benefactor of this industry
- Region accounts for 45% of \$45 billion global orthopedics market
- Home to two of the world's top four orthopedic original equipment manufacture's (OEM) and many supplier companies
- Largest orthopedic device hub in the world

Need for start-up support

- More start-ups would diversify county economy away from reliance on large companies
- Independent early stage ventures are prone to failure without adequate support/guidance
- Opportunity to attract start-ups to access our unique resources
- Availability of capital less in Indiana than elsewhere because of perception of lack of innovation, insufficient deal flow
- It can typically take on average 6 years to bring a product to market

Conley listed the proposed collaboration agreement as follows:

- Reinvestment of \$1.0 million to support the continued growth of jobs in the is key industry
- Kosciusko County collaboration agreement will be similar to other that have stepped up to support AcceLinx
 - State of Indiana: \$1.2 million
 - City of Warsaw: \$500,000
 - In advanced discussions with other regional stakeholders
- Payment is spread out over 6 years, starting in 2017; subject to reporting twice a year; favorable to grantor
- AcceLinx to be based in Warsaw and utilize suppliers and support businesses throughout Kosciusko County and the region
- AcceLinx expected to be self-funding in 6 years, generating tax revenue without continued county support

Conley thanked the Commissioners for their consideration in recommend moving forward with the Collaboration Agreement with OrthoWorx to establish and operate AcceLinx.

The Commissioners thanked Conley for opportunity to collaborate with OrthoWorx and they will review all the information that was supplied and will touch base with OrthoWorx at a later date with their decision.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - UPDATES:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, gave the Commissioners an update on the following:

- Work in the Prosecutor's office has begun to ensure they are able to work more efficient

- Starting May 11, 2016 the south entrance will be closed to have the doors refinished and worked on
- Starting May 11, 2016 the steps and sidewalk of the south entrance will be replaced all the way to the street due to several cracks and uneven cement
- Permission to start paperwork to have Marsha McSherry become the ADA & Title VI Coordinator

IN THE MATTER OF OVERCROWDING OF JAIL:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, stated they have been working with Sheriff Rovenstine for over a year on the issue with the overcrowding in the jail. Robinson stated after their research and consulting with an architect they found it is more economic to make adjustments at the Work Release facility to solve the current issues. Robinson stated this will work for now, but they know this will be a temporary solution to a problem that appears to be an ongoing concern. The changes being made will open up one entire cell block at the jail. Robinson stated he has a contract with the Lochmueller Group, Inc for the expansion of the existing Work Release Center that County Attorney, Chad Miner, reviewed and approved for the Commissioners to sign if they approve the expansion of the Work Release facility.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the contract with Lochmueller Group, Inc and Kosciusko County for the expansion of the Work Release facility.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
May 17, 2016

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on May 17, 2016 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN.

Those present were:

Ron Truex - President
Bob Conley
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADULT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT:

Kurt Jones, Community Corrections Director, came before the Commissioners to request their approval for a grant that was awarded to Kosciusko County by the Indiana Department of Corrections (IDOC). The grant is for fiscal year 2016-2017 in the amount of \$356,200.00. The grant will be used for electronic monitoring of home detention. Jones stated the grant will cover the wages for three employees plus the equipment needed to run the electronic monitoring. Jones stated they are working on currently hiring the Home Detention Officer and after July 1st they will be looking at hiring a secretary. Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated he reviewed the contract and had no concerns or issues with it. Jones confirmed the grant runs from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and will need to reapply for an additional grant by December 31, 2016 for the next fiscal year, which will begin on July 1, 2017. The Commissioners expressed concern on what would happen if this grant goes away. Sheriff Rovenstine stated with the new sentencing guides for offenders he does not see this grant going away. Rovenstine expressed the state is looking for ways to help offenders stay out of the “system” and remain in society and the community correction programs are an excellent way of achieving that goal. Jones stated he is working with the Bowen Center and other agencies to offer classes for these individuals to address their addictions to ensure they can be successful in the community correction programs. Jones stated his main goal is to ensure these individuals continue to work and earn money so they can financially support their families and remain in their homes for their children. Jones stated this program has the potential to be self-funding once they collect enough money from the user fees that the participants must pay in order to use the electronic monitoring devices. Truex stated that if the grant stopped then the Community Corrections Program would stop thus

eliminating Jones position along with his employee's. Jones and Rovenstine stated they do not feel this grant will be eliminated as the state is very much in favor of these programs and helping keep individuals out in society and working. The Commissioners feel these programs will benefit everyone involved on many different levels.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the Adult Community

SECOND: Brad Jackson

Corrections grant for fiscal year 2016-2017 in the amount of \$356,200.00.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF MILFORD LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT – MARGARET COUSINS:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, came before the Commissioners and presented a Milford Library Board appointment for Margaret Cousins. Puckett stated Cousins submitted a letter stating she would like to serve another term on the board. Julia Frew, Milford Library Director, also submitted a letter stating her approval of Cousins being appointed for another term.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the Milford Library

SECOND: Bob Conley

Appointment for Margaret Cousins for another term 7/2016 to 7/2020.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF ROVENSTINE:

Sheriff Rovenstine came before the Commissioners to invite them to tour the new facility. Rovenstine also thanked the Commissioners for their support in making this project happen.

IN THE MATTER OF ADA COORDINATOR:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, came before the Commissioners to request a Resolution be approved appointing Marsha McSherry as ADA Coordinator to replace himself.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the Resolution to have Marsha

SECOND: Brad Jackson

McSherry named ADA Coordinator and replace Ron Robinson.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION NO. 16-05-17-001 (216050676)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF JUSTICE BUILDING BOILERS:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, came before the Commissioners to approval for an emergency request to have the boilers replaced. After discussion and pursuant to IC 36-1-12-9, the Commissioners determined and declared that an emergency existed regarding the replacement of the boilers that provide heat to the Justice Building. Presently only one (1) of the originally installed five (5) boilers is functioning, and given the timeframe needed to order replacement boilers and have the same installed, immediate action is required to ensure that the Justice Building will have adequate heat during the upcoming fall. The following two (2) vendors, both of whom are known to deal in the public work required to be done, shall be invited to provide quotes: Core and New Plumbing and Heating.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the emergency request to

SECOND: Bob Conley

replace the boilers in the Justice Building.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF CONGRESSIONAL SCHOOL FUND ANNUAL REPORT:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, came before the Commissioners with the Congressional School Fund Annual Report that needs to be approved and submitted to state.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the Congressional School Fund

SECOND: Brad Jackson

Annual Report.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ROAD 900W RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners and gave a brief update on the County Road 900W reconstruction project. Tilden stated the project is nearly complete and will have final inspection in the next couple weeks. Tilden shared that as of

Monday morning May 16th the painting stripping and seeding was not completed. The Commissioners stated the reconstruction area looked very nice.

IN THE MATTER OF WAGON WHEEL:

Jim Newcome, County Resident, came before the Commissioners and expressed his concern and feelings on the Commissioners and Council showing their support for the Wagon Wheel and the large fundraiser that is taking place for the Wagon Wheel Center for the Arts. Newcome stated he was in attendance at the opening event and was really impressed with their efforts. Newcome feels the Wagon Wheel Center for the Arts is a huge asset to the community.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL MEETING:

Bob Sanders, Council President, invited the Commissioners to attend the next Council meeting that will be held on June 9th at 7 pm. Sanders stated the Council will be discussing the Wheel and Surtax and wanted to encourage the Commissioners be present for this discussion.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS May 31, 2016

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on May 31, 2016 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN.

Those present were:

Ron Truex - President
Bob Conley
Brad Jackson

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF SWEARING IN KURT JONES:

Sheriff, Aaron Rovenstine, came before the Commissioners and stated the Community Corrections board met and decided the new Community Corrections Director, Kurt Jones, should be commissioned as a “special deputy”. Rovenstine stated the board felt this was necessary due to the responsibilities of the job. Rovenstine read the Commission and then introduced Judge Reed to swear Kurt Jones in as a “special deputy”.

IN THE MATTER OF KABS 2017 BUDGET REQUEST:

Robert Cunningham, KABS General Manager, came before the Commissioners and presented the budget request for 2017. Cunningham stated their total budget for 2017 will be \$704,216. Cunningham stated KABS submitted \$343,608 in Federal and \$129,679 in State for a total of \$473,287 for 2017. A Capital Grant in the amount of \$79,397 is also being accepted for the purchase of one (1) new large transit bus and one (1) smaller vehicle that will be used for medical runs.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the 2017 budget request submitted in the amount of \$343,608 in Federal and \$129,679 in State for a total of \$473,287 along with a Capital Grant in the amount of \$79,397 to purchase a new transit bus and a small vehicle for medical runs.

IN THE MATTER OF ACCELINX AND KOSCIUKSO COUNTY COLLABORATION:

Sheryl Conley, President and CEO OrthoWorx, came before the Commissioners to discuss the proposed collaboration agreement that was discussed at the May 2, 2016 Commissioners meeting.

Conley listed the proposed collaboration agreement as follows:

- Reinvestment of \$1.0 million to support the continued growth of jobs in this key industry

- Kosciusko County collaboration agreement will be similar to other that have stepped up to support AcceLinx
 - State of Indiana: \$1.2 million
 - City of Warsaw: \$500,000
 - In advanced discussions with other regional stakeholders
- Payment is spread out over 6 years, starting in 2017; subject to reporting twice a year; favorable to grantor
- AcceLinx to be based in Warsaw and utilize suppliers and support businesses throughout Kosciusko County and the region
- AcceLinx expected to be self-funding in 6 years, generating tax revenue without continued county support

Brad Jackson, Commissioner, stated he didn't have any questions, but rather comments based on items listed in the contract. Jackson stated the contract says it can be terminated at any time, the new businesses must locate in Kosciusko County, Sheryl Conley or someone from AcceLinx will give quarterly updates to keep ensure the commissioners and the public stay informed and the requested amount will be more specific but no more than a 40% of increase or \$1M whichever is the lesser of the two.

Bob Conley, Commissioner, questioned if anyone could come to AcceLink and discuss their ideas for a business platform in the orthopedic world. Sheryl Conley stated this program would provide the needed support for potential start-ups and technology.

Mayor Thallemer gave his support for AcceLinx and stated the City of Warsaw will be contributing \$500,000 towards funding to support it. Thallemer stated AcceLinx will be utilizing suppliers and support businesses throughout Kosciusko County and the region, which will be a win for everyone.

County Attorney, Chad Miner, stated he read through the contract and found no issues or concerns.

Sheryl Conley will provide the official contract to Chad Miner to obtain the necessary signatures.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the contract between Kosciusko County and AcceLinx to support them in the growth of the orthopedic sector in talent development, talent attraction and innovation.

IN THE MATTER OF THE WAYNE TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE FOR LEANN RITENOUR:

Leann Ritenour appeared before the Commissioners unrepresented as well as Shelia Burner, Wayne Township Trustee representing Wayne Township.

Ritenour and Burner were both given the opportunity to give their arguments and testimony. Ritenour stated that she was seeking assistance with respect to a past due balance owed to NIPSCO. Burner stated that she had concerns regarding the truthfulness of Ritenour's application and also regarding Ritenour's lack of employment. Burner also stated that the maximum amount that the Trustee's office could provide with respect to any single bill would be One-Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00).

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed by the Commissioners giving the matter to the Wayne Township Trustee with instructions that so long as questions of truthfulness in the application could be satisfactorily resolved by Ritenour, Ritenour's request should be approved and funds given to her accordingly.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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TO: Remand the matter back to the Wayne Township Trustee with instructions that so long as questions of truthfulness in the Ritenour's application could be satisfactorily resolved by Ritenour the request for assistance with her NIPSCO bill should be approved and funds given.

IN THE MATTER OF STELLAR COMMUNITY RESOLUTION:

Mayor Thallemer, came before the Commissioners with a Resolution for the City of Warsaw applying for a Stellar Community designation grant. Thallemer stated a Stellar Community Strategic Investment Plan has been developed for the Stellar Impact Zone, which is a target area in need of revitalization. The plan supports goals of the City of Warsaw's Comprehensive Plan including, but not limited to: the revitalization of the East Market Street Neighborhood, preservation of historic resources, production of affordable housing, promotion of economic development activities, expansion of available transportation choices, enhancements to the Warsaw Park System, and promotion of mixed land uses. Thallemer stated that the City of Warsaw was among the three (3) finalists along with the City of Rushville and the City of Shelbyville. Thallemer continued by stating they are in the process of formalizing their application in a strategic investment plan that is due July 1, 2016 to the State Committee who will visit the City of Warsaw on July 21, 2016 for a three (3) hour visit. The City of Warsaw and the State Committee will review the City's plan and tour the sites for the projects and then have a question and answer session. The process moves onto the State Fair on August 18, 2016 for the winner to be announced the Stellar Community Designee.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the Stellar Community
Resolution for the City of Warsaw.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-05-31-001 (2016051195)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD

APPOINTMENT:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, came before the Commissioners and presented a Resolution appointing Barry Andrews to the Kosciusko County Community Corrections Program Advisory Board as a lay person replacing Ron Truex.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the Resolution appointing Barry
Andrews to the Kosciusko County
Community Corrections Program Advisory
Board as a lay person replacing Ron Truex.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION NO. 16-05-31-002 (2016051194)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF THE WALK AND WONDER SCULPTURES:

Mayor Thallemer, stated the Walk and Wonder Sculptures have been placed around town and encouraged everyone to walk around and visit them. The sculptures will be in place till the end of September.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
June 14, 2016**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on June 14, 2016 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Ron Truex - President
Bob Conley - Absent
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett - Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF PHIL D. HOCHESTETLER SCHOLARSHIP:

Aaron Rovenstine, County Sheriff, came before the Commissioners to present Emily of Tippecanoe High school with the Phil D. Hochestetler Scholarship award. Rovenstine stated the scholarship was set up in honor of Phil D. Hochestetler when he lost his life in the line of duty back in 1994. The second Scholarship was awarded to Kyle of Wawasee High School, who was not able to be present.

IN THE MATTER OF AWARD FOR MASTER ROAD BUILDER:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners to present the Master Road Builder award to Steve Moriarty. Tilden stated that on June 1, 2016 Moriarty was awarded the Road Builder back in 2012 and recently earned the Master Road Builder award. The Commissioners and Tilden thanked Moriarty for his hard work and continued service.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYMENT MANAGEMENT ASSET SYSTEM:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners and stated the County Highway has implemented a payment management asset system due to guidelines associated with the "Special LOIT" funds that the Highway will be receiving. The Highway is required to have a payment management asset system in place. Tilden stated with tremendous help from Moriarty, Bill Holder and other county highway employees, they were able to create this system internally and saved the county roughly \$120,000 to \$160,000. Tilden stated they still need to submit the system to LTAP for approval and then submit it to INDOT showing proof the system has been completed and is ready for use.

IN THE MATTER OF PICTOMETRY CONTRACT:

Susan Engleberth, County Assessor, came before the Commissioners with an amended contract between Pictometry International Corp and Kosciusko County. Engleberth stated she was able to negotiate the flight price for 2017, which decreased the expense by \$6,900.00 for a new total of the third project to be \$244,460.70.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the amended contract between Pictometry International Corp and Kosciusko County, which reduced the cost by \$6,900.00. The new amount for the third project is \$244,460.70.

IN THE MATTER OF CENTER FOR LAKES & STREAMS – Nate Bosch:

Nate Bosch, Director of Center for Lakes and Streams, came before the Council to give an update on the Grace College Lakes & Streams projects.

Bosch stated the Lakes Festival was held on June 11th and 12th and stated this has been their biggest turn out so far. Bosch shared that there were fireworks at the festival this year along with family fun activities, food vendors, lake education and business expo booths along with music. They are hoping to increase the exposure on this event each year.

Bosch gave an update on the log jam project and shared that the Tippecanoe River has been named one of the ten most important rivers in the country. Bosch shared that 171 log jams have been removed out of the Tippecanoe River with 38 left to go. The goal is to have the remaining log jams removed by the end of the summer and once completed a ribbon cutting ceremony will happen. Bosch stated several people have already started canoeing and kayaking down the river and are giving great feedback and compliments. Bosch has been in contact with a few interested parties that are looking to start a canoe livery on the Tippecanoe River, which would push the responsibility for removing any future log jams onto the canoe livery.

Bosch shared the results of the Economic Impact Study that was funded through donations. Bosch stated that Kosciusko County Lakes contribute over \$313 million annually to our local economy due to the current quality of our lakes. Bosch referenced a chart that showed lake specific businesses (boat sales, boat manufacturing, marina...etc) contribute \$150,722 million, lake related businesses (auto & gas, food & dining, construction...etc) contribute \$147,661 million and property taxes contribute \$15,000 million. Bosch did state that some businesses chose not to participate in the survey, but could possibly be higher than what is reported. Bosch stated everyone needs to understand what is at stake with improvement and decline in lake quality. If everyone does their part to improve the lake quality, the economic value of our lakes could increase by 5% for an additional \$10,519 million each year. If we follow practices that

degrade lake quality, the economic loss to the value of our lakes could be a devastating 40% loss of \$84,153 million less each year. Bosch finished by stating the importance of keeping our lakes healthy and clean is an investment for our future that will only benefit our community for generations to come.

IN THE MATTER OF NON PROFIT 2016 BUDGET REQUESTS:

The following not-for-profit organizations appeared before the Commissioners to request funding for the 2017 budget year.

- ❖ **Historical Society** – Jerry Frush, Museum President, and Sally Hogan, Director requested the amount of \$21,000.00 for 2017. Frush explained this amount covers the basic expenses. They will continue to apply for grants and conduct fundraisers throughout the year to help support and improve the Historical Society and its various projects. The amount of funding will be used to maintain the current level of operations, and allow the recommended maintenance on the elevator to ensure its safety. Sally Hogan stated they are doing a Passport to Kosciusko County that involves the entire county and will allow individuals to experience the true treasures of our county and show the interesting and fun places in Kosciusko County.
- ❖ **4-H Council** – Renea Messmore, Director Educator, spoke on behalf of the 4-H Council requesting \$40,983.00 for 2017. Messmore thanked the Commissioners for their continuing support of 4-H in the County. Messmore stated the majority of this funding request is to cover the cost of use of the fairgrounds for 4-H activities during the fair as well as other times of the year. The rest of the funding will be used to provide 4-H members with the opportunities to attend workshops, trips, and 4-H camp, provide educational programming and workshops to members as well as provide ribbons and premiums to recognize 4-H member's achievements. Messmore stated they have participated in First Fridays doing hands-on activities. They have also started a program called Girl Power which reaches out to at-risk young girls to provide them with positive adult relationships. Messmore stated they would like to turn this program into a 4-H club in the future.
- ❖ **Cardinal Services** – Jane Wear, Former President/CEO, came before the Commissioners and thanked them for their past and continued support while she was serving as President. Wear stated Randy Hall will be stepping in to take her position. Hall stepped forward and stated he welcomed the opportunity and again thanked the Commissioners for all of their support. Cardinal Services is requesting a total amount of \$96,957.00 for 2017 which is a 5% increase over last year. Hall explained the funds will be used for financial support of three programs offered by Cardinal Services: Head Start (services children birth through age 5), Community Living Program (services adults with developmental and physical disabilities) and KABS (bus services provided throughout the County). Hall stated 202 children are served through Head Start, 51 clients are served through Community Living, and 47,620 rides were provided last year through KABS. These were used for transportation to employment, school, shopping and medical appointments. The portion for the KABS request is \$18,802.00 (which is included in the figure listed above).
- ❖ **Home Care & Hospice** – Rick Paczkowski, Executive Director, requested \$44,400 for 2017 for the REAL Service Program to help support the under-funding by the state. Paczkowski thanked the Commissioners for all of their support and spoke about how compassionate the employees are to each of the families and patients they serve. The Real Service Program is run by the State Area II Agency on Aging and is for the elderly and disabled. Paczkowski stated the nurses, aids, and homemakers provide services to keep the clients safe in their own homes to avoid nursing home placement. Paczkowski stated unfortunately they continue to see increases in wages, benefits, as well as every facet of their operations in excess of 3%, and are unable to cover the continued losses with other programs since their reimbursements are also being reduced by Medicare and Medicaid each year. Paczkowski also stated they received no increases from United Way for this program since they missed their overall goal.
- ❖ **Beaman Home** – Tracie Hodson, Executive Director, requested \$39,250 for 2017. Hodson thanked the County and Commissioners for supporting the Beaman Home over

the past years. Hodson stated with the new facility opening, she believes the demand and use of their programs and services will increase significantly. In addition to the Residential Program participants coming and going through the Shelter, they will also have Non-Residential Program participants coming into the adjacent Outreach Center to participate in support groups, Adult Life Skills classes, children's programming and more. Hodson stated the foot traffic through their doors will more than triple as they expand their services to better reach and meet the needs of the community's domestic violence victims and their children. The funds being requested will be used to help cover the costs of phone & internet service and personnel costs for a full time Food Service Specialist, who will be responsible for ensuring quality nutritious meals are prepared for residents, teaching how to prepare good nutritious meals, manage the food and kitchen supplies and provide necessary reports for food funding.

- ❖ **Kosciusko Community Senior Services** – David Neff, Executive Director, thanked the Commissioners for their continued support. Neff requested an amount of \$40,000.00 for 2017. Neff explained KCSS provides handicapped rides for seniors. The rides are prioritized with medical being first, nutrition being second, and recreation being last. KCSS also serves mobile meals to seniors at their homes throughout the entire County. Neff stated over 21,000 meals were served last year. KCSS also provides other services to seniors including help with taxes, Medicare/Medicaid and legal services. Neff explained KCSS collaborates with KABS to provide different routes throughout the County. Neff stated their priority to be a door-to-door service continues to allow many frail or wheelchair bound clients the opportunity to remain independent.
- ❖ **Animal Welfare League** – Darla McCammon, Director, and Tammy Keirn, Board President, requested an amount of \$80,914 for 2017. McCammon started by stating the Animal Shelter saves the County \$377,000/year since the shelter takes on the responsibility of providing the complete care of the animals. McCammon stated for a County of our size, we have one of the highest adoption rates in the U.S. McCammon stated the AWL helps people throughout the community including seniors, people with Autism, people in the military, and the boy scouts and girl scouts. They also visit schools in the area. McCammon stated they are asking for an increase this year because they are in the middle of a Capital Campaign. McCammon explained there are a lot of things they want to do for the community, but they are unable to because of the tight quarters they have at their current building. Keirn stated they are doing well receiving funds for their Capital Campaign, but it is taking away from funds being donated for general purposes.
- ❖ **Bowen Center** – Kurt Carlson, President/CEO, requested \$585,180 for 2017 which is the amount mandated by the State. Carlson thanked the Commissioners for their support over the years and stated Bowen Center strives to meet the mental health and addiction needs of the communities they serve, which includes Kosciusko County. Carlson stated over 6,199 residents from Kosciusko County were served last year. About 1 out of 13 residents receive services from the Bowen Center at some point during the year. Carlson advised the Commissioners the County's financial support makes services more affordable to the residents.
- ❖ **St. Joseph River Basin** – Jeremy Reiman, Environmental Planner, requested an amount of \$500 for 2017. Reiman stated the river basin covers seven counties in Northern Indiana including the top third of Kosciusko County. The mission of the basin is to be an advocate for water quality to help write a forum of regional discussion across the entire watershed about different issues such as environmental impacts to our waterways and surface water quality. Reiman stated the St. Joseph River Basin Commission has recently conducted extensive water quality analysis on seven (7) surface waters in Kosciusko County that drain to the St. Joseph River. The results of this analysis provide a framework for management of these water resources. Reiman also stated they collaborate with local watershed groups and soil and water conservation districts, help organize a technical resource workshop for contractors, and help many organizations apply for grants from IDEM or IDNR.

IN THE MATTER OF COLLABORATION AGREEMENT WITH ORTHOWORX:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, came before the Commissioners and presented the approved Collaboration Agreement with OrthoWorx that was approved at the May 31, 2016

Commissioners meeting, but with some minor changes. Miner stated the requested changes have been made in reference to the amount coming from the county not to exceed the lesser of either 40% of the increase in income taxes received by Kosciusko County with respect to year 2016 compared to tax year 2015 or \$1M whichever is the lesser of the two. Miner stated the Kosciusko County Council has signed and approved the agreement. Miner will deliver the agreement to OrthoWorx for final signatures and then provide the completed agreement to the Auditor's office.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS July 12, 2016

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on July 12, 2016 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Ron Truex - President
Bob Conley
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett - Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF VETERAN FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, came before the Commissioners to introduce the July Veteran of the month, Bret Hunter. Maron stated Hunter is the county's first Gulf War veteran. After Bret Hunter graduated from Grace College in December of 2011, he decided to sign on for a 3 1/2 year contract with the United States Army and on Oct. 15, 2012, he shipped out for basic training at Fort Benning, GA. Bret was at Fort Benning a total of 20 weeks, three of which were at airborne school. He then got orders to the 4th Brigade of the 82nd Airborne to be a paratrooper. After getting to his unit, which was 1-508, he immediately started training with the platoon to get ready for upcoming deployment. In January of 2014, his battalion left for a nine month tour in Afghanistan. Bret's battalion was tasked with the main security force for several special operations groups that worked very closely around the Afghanistan/Pakistan border. Once they returned to the states there was a small period of reintegration. Shortly after high intensity training began, so the battalion would be ready to jump, fight and secure enemy territory, if need be. On Feb. 28, 2016, Bret's contract expired with the Army and he decided to come home to Indiana. For the last few months Bret has been employed as a machinist at Tecomet and he was recently accepted to Manchester University where he will be using his GI Bill to further his education. Brett shared a unique experience he had while in the Army; in April of 2015, Bret's battalion made a night jump with British paratroopers, the largest mass jump to this day. After he opened his parachute he fell into the treeline and got stuck. He got down by opening his reserve parachute and climbing down the para-cord. Maron and the Commissioners thanked Hunter for his service and dedication to his country. Hunter thanked the Commissioners and Maron for the recognition, but also expressed his gratitude towards his fellow comrades who work very hard at their jobs in order to defend our country.

IN THE MATTER OF KEDCO QUARTERLY UPDATE:

George Robertson, KEDCO President, came before the Commissioners and gave a brief quarterly update. Robertson stated the challenge this year is to create the workforce for the new employment opportunities that have been created over the past year. There have been three (3) big announcements so far this year of job opportunities for our community. The first announcement was from a new company called Owl Manor Veterinary Medical. Owl Manor will create at least thirty-three (33) new jobs over the next three (3) years and appears to be a

high growth company. The second announcement was from a company called Texmo, which is a British company that recently purchased Medcast and is doubling in size. They serve the orthopedic industry, aerospace industry and automotive industry so they have a very broad range of expertise. The third announcement was from an existing company Winona PVD Powder Coating and their expansion of at least fifty (50) new employees.

Robertson stated he feels the remaining quarters will be much slower than the first quarter. He feels businesses are being very cautious with the way the economy is right now.

Robertson stated they will continue their focus on the workforce and the needed skills to create a skilled workers pole for these companies to pull from. Robertson stated there is currently a mismatch of skills sets and is currently a challenge for our area. They have started programs at the high school level and offering classes through Ivy-Tech so Juniors and Seniors can earn college credits. They are focusing on machinist, welders and healthcare positions as those are the skill sets that are most needed for the current job pole.

Brad Jackson thanked Robertson for all his hard work and all the time and energy he puts forth to make all of these deals go so smoothly.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – TAKE HOME OF VEHICLE POLICY:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, came before the Commissioners to request approval for a temporary request that would allow both of the Community Correction Officers to take home the county vehicle. One of the Corrections Officer lives in South Bend, which means the vehicle, would be taken out of Kosciusko County and this is not the normal policy. Miner stated the Community Corrections Board has not made a final decision to establish a permanent policy at this time, but wanted to put in place a temporary policy in the interim. The board wanted the officer's to have access to these vehicles in case they were to receive a call in the middle of the night that they needed to respond to. The current policy for the Sheriff's department is to not allow county vehicles to be taken out of the county. The Commissioners were in unanimous decision to not allow the Corrections Officer to take the vehicle home due to this officer living out of the county. Miner stated he will notify the Community Corrections Board of the Commissioners decision.

Sheriff Rovenstine stated he felt the Commissioners should meet with the Community Corrections Director and get a better understanding as to why they feel the need for the officer to take the county vehicle home is warranted. The Commissioners stated they would be more than happy to meet with the Director, but the Commissioners did not feel it would change their decision.

IN THE MATTER OF INTERNAL CONTROL POLICY FOR KOSCIUSKO COUNTY:

Marsha McSherry, Assistant County Administrator, came before the Commissioners and presented an Ordinance adopting Internal Control Standards. McSherry stated that under Indiana Code 5-11-1-27(e) the State Board of Accounts (SBOA) there are three (3) steps to the Ordinance process. The first step is to adopt the Ordinance with the minimum standards set by the SBOA. The Second part is to have personnel training through a certification process for any employee who handles money. The Third and final step is to supply the Auditor with the signed certificates, which the Auditor must submit with the annual report in 2017.

The Commissioners questioned if there would be any repercussions to them not approving this Ordinance. Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, stated if the certificates are not filed with the Annual Report the county would be considered not in compliance. Puckett also stated if we are not in compliance it could ultimately hold up our budget orders for next year.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the Internal Control Policy
Ordinance 2016-07-12-001.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF WORK RELEASE BID AWARD RECOMMENDATION:

John Arndt, Hebard Architects, came before the Commissioners and stated after reviewing all the bids with Ron Robinson, County Administrator, and Marsha McSherry, Assistant County Administrator, the recommendation to the Commissioners is to go with Clint Davis Construction

as they were the lowest bidder and met all the specific requirements. Clint Davis Construction will do the Base Construction and Alternate 1 for staining bricks and Alternate 2 for removing wallpaper. Ardnt stated the county will do Alternate 3, which is the removal of the carpet or have another company take care of that project.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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TO: Approve the Work Release Bid
construction project to Clint Davis

Construction along with Alternate 1 and
Alternate 2 only. Alternate 3 will be done by
the county.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners with a request to apply for a Community Crossing Matching Grant that was established with House Bill 1001. Tilden stated the cap for the 50/50 grant is \$2M, which means they will award back up to \$1M for the matching portion of the grant. Tilden stated the deadline for applying for his grant is July 29, 2016 and will be awarded sometime in August 2016. Tilden is submitting for three (3) separate projects, County Farm Road 200S-700 S, 350 West between Old 30 and New 30 and Old 15 by Levi Lee Road. Tilden is requesting a bid letting date of August 23, 2016 at 9:15am. Tilden stated they need to go ahead with the bid process because they will need to provide the bid award information as soon as the award letters for the grants are approved. The Commissioners were in unanimous decision to allow the bid letting date of August 23, 2016 at 9:15am.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
July 26, 2016

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on July 26, 2016 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Ron Truex - President
Bob Conley
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett - Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF PIERCETON LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT – LINDA SCHAFER:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, came before the Commissioners and presented the Certificate of Appointment for the Pierceton Library Board. Puckett stated Pam Myers, Pierceton Library Director, submitted a letter requesting Linda Schafer be appointed to the Pierceton Library Board for a four (4) year term to end on July 31, 2020. Schafer will be replacing Terra Dunn.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

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TO: Approve the Pierceton Library
Appointment for Linda Shafter to replace
Terra Dunn for a four (4) year term to end on
July 31, 2020.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE NUMBER 75-1:

Matt Sandy, Area Plan, came before the Commissioners and presented an amended Ordinance for Zoning Ordinance 75-1. Sandy stated the amendment is more of a clarification to the Ordinance to remove any misinterpretations. Sandy proceeded to inform the Commissioners that the intent of the amended Ordinance is to clarify that on older narrow lots that staff can administratively reduce the side setbacks, which is how we have been administering the

Ordinance for the last sixteen (16) years. The current Zoning Ordinance 75-1 was misinterpreted by an attorney, so a request is being made to amend the current Ordinance and changed to reflect what the Ordinance really meant and what has been done over the past sixteen (16) years. The language being removed is “and that no adjoining property owners object through legal affidavit the minimum depth of”. Brad Jackson, Commissioner, stated the five (5) foot setbacks have been requirements in the past and has never required permission from the adjoining property owners. The confusing language is being requested to be removed from the original Ordinance so it states what was truly intended.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3

NAYS: 0

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TO: Approve the Amended Zoning Ordinance 75-1 removing the confusing language. The new Zoning Ordinance is 2016-07-26-001.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-07-26-001 (2016070948)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF SALE OF EPWORTH FOREST ROAD PROPERTY:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, came before the Commissioners with a Sheriff's Sale property that had previously been to the Sheriff's Sale. Miner stated that the property on Epworth Forest Road had some foreclosure issues that had to be resolved and removed from the Sheriff's Sale. The issues have since been corrected and will now be placed on the Sheriff's sale again, which is scheduled for some time in September. Miner asked the Commissioner's if they wanted to purchase this property and if so, what bid price would you like submitted?

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners and stated the county has been in litigation on this particular property for over ten (10) years. Richard stated the County has a judgement against this property. Richard stressed how horrible the conditions of his property are and how much work needs to be done to it. Richard stated he feels the judgement against this property needs to stay enforced to ensure the property is cleaned up by the new property owners.

Mike Kissinger, Surveyor Director, came before the Commissioners and stated he is the adjoining property owner of the property in question. Kissinger stated he agreed with Richard that the judgement needs to remain in effect during the Sheriff's Sale to collect the legal fees. Kissinger stated this property is only coming back to the Commissioners as when it was originally sold during the Sheriff's Sale Kissinger purchased the property, but due to notification problems and legal descriptions, the property had to be pulled and resubmitted to the Sheriff's Sale.

Miner stated there is \$37,000 worth of judgements against the Epworth Forest property. The Commissioners stated to have Miner place a bid for the full amount of the judgements, which is \$37,000. Miner doesn't feel anyone will out bid the Commissioners as the property's value was assessed at roughly \$28,600. Miner continued and stated once the Commissioners have purchased the property they can then have a Commissioner's sale for this property. The Commissioners at this point can place stipulations on the bidding process and what will be required of the individual with the highest bid. Miner stated at the last Commissioner's sale the highest bidder had ninety (90) days to have the property cleaned up in order to receive the deed to the property.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3

NAYS: 0

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TO: Approve Chad Miner to place a bid at the Sheriff Sale for the Epworth Forest Road Property in the amount of \$37,000.

IN THE MATTER OF NIPSCO REYNOLDS-TOPEKA PROJECT AGREEMENT:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, came before the Commissioners and presented the NIPSCO Reynolds-Topeka Project Agreement. Miner stated that he and Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, had concerns with damages that might occur on the county roads during the installation of the new electric transmission lines connecting NIPSCO substations. The project for Kosciusko County will be commencing north of intersection at N 1100 W and W 575 N, northeasterly for approximately eighteen (18) miles to the northern boundary of Kosciusko County, consisting of overhead power 345kV transmission lines, supporting electrical line

transmission towers, access roads, lay-down and staging yards, right-of-way clearing, and construction and related facilities.

Miner stated NIPSCO will have a \$1M bond (Performance Assurance) and could be decreased to \$600,000 on or after the date that is sixty (60) days after the final delivery of materials: provided, that NIPSCO has performed all of its then existing repair obligations. If, within seven (7) days after its receipt of such notice from NIPSCO, the County sends written notification to NIPSCO that there is then-existing damage to a County road and /or drain that NIPSCO is required by this agreement to repair, the Performance Assurance may not be decreased until NIPSCO has completed such remaining repair obligations. Tilden stated he agreed with the \$1M amount and felt it is a reasonable amount for any repairs that might need to be done.

NIPSCO Representative came before the Commissioners and stated they are confident with the agreement and had no concerns. The representative stated they will not interrupt any crops for the farmers and has as a timeframe from December through April that NIPSCO will work with.

MOTION: Bob Conley	TO: Approve the NIPSCO Reynolds-Topeka
SECOND: Brad Jackson	project agreement for the \$1M bond for any
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0	road repairs that may be needed for the
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IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY CROSSING GRANT – COUNTY HIGHWAY:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners to request a commitment letter from the County Commissioners on their letterhead that INDOT requires to be submitted for the Community Crossing Grant. The letter needs to state that the County will commit the 50% of the matching fund from the LOIT Special Distribution for the County's Crossing Grant.

MOTION: Bob Conley	TO: Approve the commitment letter to
SECOND: Brad Jackson	INDOT for 50% of the matching funds to
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0	come from the LOIT Special distribution.
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IN THE MATTER OF SPEED LIMIT FOR CR 225E TO 35 MPH – COUNTY HIGHWAY:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners to request Speed Limit Ordinance 16-07-26-002 Speed for CR 225E. Tilden stated the current speed limit is 40mph, but the City of Warsaw has requested the County to reduce the speed limit to 35mph on CR 225E from CR 75N, south to the Warsaw City Limits. Tilden stated this will be more in line with the speed limit that is currently in place for the City limits.

MOTION: Bob Conley	TO: Approve the Speed Limit Ordinance 16-
SECOND: Brad Jackson	07-26-002 Speed for CR 225E – from CR
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0	75N, south to the Warsaw City Limits.
UNANIMOUS	

ORDINANCE NO. 16-07-26-002 Speed (2016070949)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF MUNICIPAL LEASE FINANCING FROM CATERPILLAR – COUNTY HIGHWAY:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners and presented a Municipal Lease Financing from Caterpillar for the new Caterpillar Wheel Loader that the Highway purchased through NIPA.

MOTION: Bob Conley	TO: Approve the Municipal Lease Financing
SECOND: Brad Jackson	from Caterpillar for the purchase of a new
AYES: 3 NAYS: 0	Caterpillar Wheel Loader.
UNANIMOUS	

IN THE MATTER OF CORRECTED ORDINANCE FOR LAURA MARTIN VACATION:

Steve Snyder, Petitioner's Attorney, came before the Commissioners with a corrected Ordinance for the Laura Martin vacation. The original Ordinance 15-10-20-001 was approved at the October 20, 2015 Commissioners meeting. The original Ordinance had an incorrect legal description, but the correction was made before publication and what was advertised, but the original Ordinance was not updated correctly. Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, agreed with Snyder that the Commissioners had originally approved the correct legal description at the October 20, 2015 meeting, but the Ordinance was overlooked when the corrections were originally made.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the corrected Ordinance for the Laura Martin vacation. The original Ordinance was 15-10-20-001 and the corrected Ordinance is 2016-07-26-003.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-07-26-003 (2016070947)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
August 9, 2016

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on August 9, 2016 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Ron Truex - President
Bob Conley
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Jaime Ladd - Chief Deputy
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF VETERAN FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, came before the Commissioners to introduce the August Veteran of the month, Don Locke. Maron began by stating Locke was born at 729 N Lake St in Warsaw, IN on March 6, 1921. Locke was working in Speedway at Allison Division of General Motors when he was drafted into the Military in August 1942 at the age of 21. Locke was inducted into the Army Air Corps and after orientation and several tests, was sent to Wichita, Texas to airplane mechanic school. Locke wanted to fly, but could not qualify as he had not attended college. While in school at Wichita, the law changed, and Locke was allowed to take the test and passed. He was sent to pre-flight school at Stamford, Texas and began flight training in the old PT-19 open air cockpit. Maron stated Locke had successfully qualified and was sent to Greenville, Texas to fly BT-13's and commissioned 2nd Lt. with his flying wings on his Army Air Corps jacket and was ready to become a fighter pilot. The Air Corps authorities decided Locke should become a Flight Trainer and was sent to headquarter school at Randolph Field, Texas. Locke was sent to his old Basic School as a Flight Trainer, but was then sent to the East coast to train the Republic P47 Fighter Plane. Locke was then sent to Seattle, Washington by train and boarded a ship to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Locke became a member of the 15th Fighter group Squadron 47 flying P-47's. In January 1945 they were to go to Iwo Jima where the Marines would invade. The Air Corps command decided Locke's group would fly P-51 Mustangs and head to war. They landed in Iwo Jima on March 6, 1945, which was Locke's 24th birthday. Their job was to fly to Japan, which was 750 miles away and shoot up everything on the ground as well as in the air. Locke was credited with 22 missions and stayed in Iwo Jima until the war was over. Locke was discharged in September 1945 as a First Lieutenant. Maron and the Commissioners presented Locke with a plaque thanking him for his dedication and love for his country.

IN THE MATTER OF 911 CONNECT:

Sheriff Rovenstine came before the Commissioners and introduced Chad Hill, 1st Sergeant and Sarah Lancaster, Assistant Chief Dispatcher, to speak on behalf of the 911 Connect. Rovenstine stated they are trying to help emergency services find a way to contact dispatch services when an emergency occurs, but not necessarily a life threatening emergency, so to not tie up radio traffic.

Hill came before the Commissioners and presented them with some documentation in reference to the 911 Connect. Hill stated this is currently in the Dispatch center now and paid for by District 2, but they are no longer able to fund the services for this program. Hill stated this program allows public safety personnel to have a real-time messaging network that is universally available on all devices. Hill continued by stating with 911iNet all first responders and public safety entities can connect to a secure network to exchange information in real time. Hill stated that the Highway Department would be able to access this same information to help when there are trees down or flooded roads reported. The 911iNet brings together: Local Police Departments, Fire Departments, Emergency Management, County Commissioners, Highway Department and possibly schools if they choose. Hill stated some of the features include secure one-on-one messages, group conferences, video and audio conferencing, secure file transfer and more. 911 Connect utilizes modern technology to connect into the 911iNet secure system. Hill stated that there is a panic button that can be used to send a secure instant message to the local 911 Center, followed by a text message to the list of pre-designated recipients. You can get a brief explanation of what the panic button is to help clarify which will help the 911 Dispatch better evaluate the emergency.

Hill stated there is a price to continue with this 911iNet paging system. The cost will be a reoccurring \$4,000 annually. Hill stated he understands this will be an additional costs but the 911iNet provides the only reliable, universally compatible, way to securely transfer and receive information between all Public Safety Personnel.

Ron Truex, Commissioner President, stated the funding is being requested to continue a program that is already being used today and not to start a new program. Hill stated that Truex is correct in his statement.

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, came before the Commissioners and stated the funding for this program was federally funded through grants, but this federal funding is being cut and can no longer be supported through the District 2 grant. Rock stated he feels this program is an excellent program to continue due to the simple interface it allows for day-to-day local incidents and for large scale multi-jurisdictional emergencies.

Truex stated he would like to visit the Dispatch center and see exactly how this program works to evaluate before making a decision on spending the requested \$4,000. Bob Sanders, County Council President will visit the Dispatch center with Truex and the Commissioners will make a motion at a later date on this request.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners and stated the three (3) road construction projects for the Community Crossing Grant was submitted to INDOT on July 27, 2016 and should be notified by August 31, 2016 if they will be awarded any money for these projects. Tilden stated they will be opening bids for these three (3) projects at the August 23, 2016 Commissioners meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT :

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, came before the Commissioners and advised them that the State is in the process of rebuilding the 800 megahertz broadcast system because it has maxed out on the number of licensed services that are allowed to use it. Rock stated the county has 185 radios that will need to be upgraded to the new system, which will cost a couple hundred dollars per radio. Rock stated that from 2011-2014 Sprint Nextel took over what was our operating frequency at that time. They actually paid us to move our radios around to the different frequency, which was approximately \$29,600 that was placed into the County General Funds back in 2011 and 2014 by Nextel. Rock stated he is purposing to go to Council and request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$35,000 to have the 185 radios updated. Rock stated that if the radios are not updated then the county potentially has over \$500,000 worth of equipment that will be worthless. Rock stated he would recommend taking the \$29,600

that Nextel paid the county and add an additional \$5,000 to have the current equipment upgraded. Rock advised the Commissioners that he is going to attempt to apply for a grant that would offset the \$5,000, but at this point he is not 100% sure he will be able to make that happen.

Truex stated they will review this process when they visit dispatch and make a determination at a later date.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 23, 2016

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on August 23, 2016 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Ron Truex - President
Bob Conley
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett - Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PASS THROUGH GRANT:

Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, came before the Commissioners to request permission to be a pass through for a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from the State of Indiana. The grant will be used to support the Emergency Management Alliance of Indiana Conference. Rock stated this is a way for the state to get money into the conference to help support it. Rock stated the grant will be a reimbursable grant, where the county pays up front and then the state reimburses the county for the funds spent.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the pass through \$5,000 reimbursable grant from the state that will be used to support the Emergency Management Alliance of Indiana Conference.

IN THE MATTER OF THE TITLE SHEET FOR PHASE II BRIDGE INSPECTION:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners with the Title sheet for the Phase II Bridge Inspection. Tilden stated the inspection was completed by USI Consultants. Tilden stated the inspection went very well and no issues were found.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Title Sheet for Phase II Bridge Inspection.

IN THE MATTER OF THE LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING WITH INDOT FOR UNOFFICIAL DETOUR ROUTE ON STATE ROAD 19:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners with a Letter of Understanding with INDOT for an unofficial detour route for a small structure that will be getting replaced in 2017. The structure is located on State Road 19 at the south edge of Mentone, west on CR W 500 S, north on CR S 1150 W and east on SR 15. Tilden stated INDOT did not give him a time frame on how long the detour route would be needed.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Title Sheet for Phase II Bridge Inspection.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY HIGHWAY'S LIST OF SURPLUS FOR AUCTION:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners with a list of items that need to be deemed surplus property so these items can be sold at the auction that is coming up.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the list of property items as surplus so these items can be sold at the auction.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF THE 911iNET CONNECT & 800 MEGAHERTZ BROADCAST FREQUENCY SYSTEM:

Sheriff Rovenstine came before the Commissioners and introduced Dispatch Director, Chad Hill and Dispatch Assistant, Sarah Lancaster, to present a brief presentation of the 911iNet Paging System. Truex stated he and County Council President Bob Sanders visited the dispatch center in order to view the paging system and see how the dispatch center uses it. Hill stated they believe the 911iNet Paging System will not only be beneficial to them, but to other agencies within the county. This system will allow the agencies to communicate quicker and reduce the amount of current radio traffic. Truex stated he would like to address each section of the system as a separate piece. The first section is the texting capabilities that have been used for several years. The funding for this has come through grants, but this grant option is no longer available. Truex also stated the texting is used on a daily basis, and is very helpful to our officers and frees up radio traffic. Truex and Sanders both feel the texting capabilities is a function that needs to remain in place due to the nature it is used.

Truex stated the next section is the 800 frequency radio update. Hill addressed the 800 frequency as the wave of the future. The 800 frequency is currently being used by the surrounding counties, State Police and the EMS. Ed Rock, Emergency Management Director, came before the Commissioners and advised them that the State is in the process of rebuilding the 800 megahertz broadcast system, because it has maxed out on the number of licensed services that are allowed to use it. Rock stated the county has 185 radios that will need to be upgraded to the new system, which will cost several hundred dollars per radio. Rock stated that from 2011-2014 Sprint Nextel took over what was our operating frequency at that time. They actually paid us to move our radios around to the different frequency. Approximately \$29,600 was placed into the County General Funds back in 2011 and 2014 by Nextel. Rock stated he is proposing to go to Council and request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$35,000 to have the 185 radios updated. Rock stated that if the radios are not updated then the county potentially has over \$500,000 worth of equipment that will be worthless. Rock stated he would recommend taking the \$29,600 that Nextel paid the county and add an additional \$5,000 to have the current equipment upgraded. Rock advised the Commissioners that he is going to attempt to apply for a grant that would offset the \$5,000, but at this point he is not 100% sure he will be able to make that happen.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the request to move forward with the 911iNet Connect system and upgrading the current radios to the 800 megahertz broadcast frequency system.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF FIRE RADIO TRAFFIC MOVED TO SHERIFF ANTENNA:

Sheriff Rovenstine came before the Commissioners and requested permission to have the fire radio antenna moved to the sheriff's radio antenna for a cost of \$22,000. Rovenstine stated the other option is to have a multi-tower used, but the cost to have the multi-tower will be \$750,000 to \$1M. Rovenstine feels the best move is to have the fire radio moved to the sheriff's radio antenna. Hill stated he requested permission from the FCC to have the fire radio moved to the sheriff's radio antenna and the request was approved.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the request to move the fire radio to the sheriff's radio antenna for a cost of \$22,000.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF VACATION FOR JUDD MASON:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners with a request from petitioner, Judd Mason, to vacate an easement in the plat of 2nd Addition to Springbrook Park. The easement to be vacated does not impair access to any property, does not serve as access to any public place, and the vacation will not hinder the orderly development of the area. The public way to be vacated was described as follows: The easement between Lots 20 and 21 in the 2nd Addition to Springbrook Park, beginning at the northeast corner of Lot 21 in 2nd Addition to Springbrook Park; from southeasterly to the northwest corner of Lot 20; from southerly, on and along the west line of Lot 20 to the southwest corner of Lot 20, being the water's edge of Sechrist Lake; from northwesterly, on and along the shoreline of Sechrist Lake to the southeast corner of Lot 21; from northerly on and along the east line of Lot 21 to the place of the beginning. Richard stated there was no remonstrance at the hearing and the Area Plan Commission gives a unanimous recommendation to allow the vacation.

Steve Snyder, Petitioners attorney, came before the Commissioners and agreed with the findings from Richard and added that the property is being cleaned up, which is a win for all the homeowners in that area and the property doesn't serve a true purpose.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the request to vacate the easement in the plat of 2nd Addition to Springbrook Park.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3

NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 16-08-23-001 (2016081154)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF SIGN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:

Matt Sandy, Area Plan, came before the Commissioners with a request to amend the sign portion of a zoning ordinance. Sandy stated this amendment has been discussed over the past several months and a determination has been made for the amendment, which was voted on and passed by the Area Plan Commission with a unanimous vote. Sandy stated the main changes were to the Real Estate signage and temporary signs. The Real Estate signs will no longer have separate guidelines and will be required to follow the same guidelines as any other sign. Truex stated The Supreme Court ruling made it very clear that we cannot have different types of signs. There will be one sign ordinance whether it be a for sale sign, a help wanted sign, a political sign, a real estate sign and so on. We now will only have temporary signs. Truex opened the floor up for discussion, but made it very clear they would not discuss any type of ordinance for a "special" type of sign.

Nellie Robinson, Atwood resident, came before the Commissioners with a concern of who will be able to place signs on her property. The Commissioners assured her that any sign that is placed on her property must have her approval, or she has the right to remove that sign from her yard.

Marsha Anderson, Board of Realtors, questioned the Commission on temporary Open House signs. Jackson stated they are not different "temporary" signs anymore. All temporary signs must be ten (10) feet off the driving surface and permission must be obtained from the property owner. If these two requirements are not met, the sign will be removed and discarded. The removed signs will not be kept for pick up as they have in the past. Jackson stated the penalty for not following the temporary sign guidelines will be the loss of your sign, which could be costly for some.

Bruce Woodward, Real Estate Agent, pointed out that the proposed ordinance lacks specifics on the size of signs for different zoning areas.

Kim Clark, Real Estate Agent, applauded the proposed overall changes, but also expressed concern about the lack of details involving size of signs.

The Kosciusko Board of Realtors were requesting the sign size be limited in residential zoned districts to six (6) square feet, but the Commissioners did not request that as one of the changes.

Jim Newcome, resident, questioned the Commissioners on temporary signs pertaining to advertisement for businesses who do home repairs or home installation of products. Newcome wanted to know how the Commissioners were addressing the timeframe on those signs. Truex

stated that a specific time would not be addressed at this meeting, but if the Commissioners feel at a later date the time frame of temporary signs becomes an issue they will address it at that time.

The Commissioners requested that the Area Plan Commission make a revision to the temporary signs portion stating consent must be obtained from the property owner before placing a temporary sign on their property. Sandy stated he will take the Ordinance back to the Area Plan Commission and discuss these revisions and bring an updated Ordinance to the next Commissioners meeting on September 6, 2016 for approval.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3

NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the temporary sign ordinance with the following revisions; the sign must be ten (10) feet from the driving surface, the property owner must give permission for the sign to be placed on their property and if the sign is found in violation of these guidelines the sign will be removed and disposed of.

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING REQUEST – PETITIONER ROBERT VANDAL:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners with a request from petitioner, Robert Vandal, to remove from classification as Industrial II to be reclassified and rezoned as Commercial on one (1) acre of land. Richard stated the tract of land is located in Turkey Creek Township, off the west side of 13 and 912 North of 1000 N, by the funeral home. The petitioners would like to put a Brew Pub restaurant and potentially a drive thru coffee/espresso shop on this tract of ground. Richard stated the Area Plan Commission voted unanimously to recommend the rezoning.

Jack Birch, Vandal's attorney, came before the Commissioners and stated he was in agreement with Richard's statement and stated they feel this is an appropriate rezoning request.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3

NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the rezoning request from Robert Vandal to remove classification as Industrial II to be reclassified and rezoned as Commercial.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-08-23-003

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING REQUEST – PETITIONER STONEHILL HOMES OF INDIANA:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners with a request from petitioner, Stonehill Homes of Indiana, to remove from classification as Agricultural to be reclassified and rezoned as Commercial. Richard stated the property is located along SR 15 just north of Warsaw. Richard stated the Area Plan Commission voted unanimously to recommend the rezoning to tie in with the rest of the property that is located in that area as Commercial. Richard stated the next step in the process would be the platting process, which the owners were made aware of.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3

NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the rezoning request from Stonehill Homes of Indiana to remove classification as Agricultural to be reclassified and rezoned as Commercial.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-08-23-002

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF REZONING REQUEST – PETITIONER RICKY & DIANA WATTERS:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners with a request from petitioners, Ricky & Diana Watters, to remove from classification as Agricultural to be reclassified and rezoned as Residential. Richard stated the property is located in the New Palestine Lake area off of Bruner Road for 2.2 acres. Richards stated the Watters have exhausted their sell offs and they would like to have a 2 lot subdivision. Richard stated the Area Plan Commission voted unanimously to recommend the rezoning.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the rezoning request from Ricky & Diana Watters to remove

AYES: 3
UNANIMOUS

NAYS: 0

classification as Agricultural to be reclassified
and rezoned as Residential.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-08-23-004

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF BIDS FOR COMMUNITY CROSSING MATCH GRANT BIDS:
Chad Miner, County Attorney, and Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioner to open bids on the following projects – County Farm Road (200S to 700S), Old SR 15 (Levi Lee to Armstrong), and CR 350W (US 30 to Old 30). The bids were read as follows:

	Phend & Brown	Rieth-Riley
County Farm Rd- 200S to 700S	\$1,098,795.20	\$1,361,911.15
Old SR 15 – Levi Lee to Armstrong	\$210,798.00	\$337,524.29
CR 350W – US 30 to Old 30	\$238,949.00	\$308,554.41

Tilden requested to take the bids under advisement for review and come back to the September 6, 2016 with a recommendation. Tilden stated by the September 6, 2016 meeting he will know if they were awarded the Community Crossing 50/50 Grant Matching Funds from INDOT.

The Commissioners agreed with Tilden’s recommendation.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 6, 2016

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on September 6, 2016 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Ron Truex - President
Bob Conley
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett - Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2017 RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS:
Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, stated the retirement line item for the Commissioners budget for 2017 needs to be addressed. Commissioner President, Ron Truex, stated the sheriff’s retirement contributions were recalculated based on guidance from the merit review board. The review suggested that the 20-32 year retirement benefits should be increased by 1% to be in line with the surrounding counties. Truex stated this would create a \$30,000 increase annually, but would be different each year as the benefits are based the deputy’s age and years of service. Truex stated he spoke to Council at their August 25, 2016 meeting and received approval from the Council to adjust the retirement benefit package upon approval from the Commissioners. Per Truex the original amount showed the retirement benefit package to have decreased by \$50,000, but when the actual figures were presented the amount should have increased by \$30,000 not decreased. The original amount requested for the retirement benefits was \$1,227,159. The correct amount needed for the 2017 budget is \$1,307,159.

MOTION: Bob Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson
AYES: 3
UNANIMOUS

NAYS: 0

TO: Approve the recommendation from the
merit board to increase the retirement benefits
program for the 20-32 years retirement plan
by 1% for a \$30,000 increase for a total
amount of \$1,307,159.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE AWARD BID FOR THE COMMUNITY CROSSING
GRANT ROAD PROJECTS:**

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners with his recommendation to award the Community Crossing Grant road projects to Phend & Brown, Inc. Tilden stated the Phend & Brown, Inc. was the lowest bidder and met all the requirements that were presented to them. Tilden stated the bid amounts were as follows: County Farm Road (200S to 700S) \$1,098,795.20, CR 350 West (Old US 30 to US 30) \$238,949.00 and OLD SR 15 (Levi Lee Rd to Armstrong Rd) \$210,798.00. Tilden stated they have a meeting on September 19, 2016 for the Ft Wayne District to discuss further details on the time table for the projects.

MOTION: Bob Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the recommendation to award
the Community Crossing Grant road projects
to Phend & Brown, Inc.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE KOSCIUSKO COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE
AMENDMENT:**

Matt Sandy, Area Plan, came before the Commissioners with an updated amended County Zoning Ordinance. The amendment is pertaining to the temporary sign sections 3.19.11.1, which reads that signs under this section shall not be located closer than ten (10) feet from any driving surface, and section 3.19.11.7, which reads that any sign found to be in violation of any portion of section 3.19.11 will be removed and disposed of. Truex stated that the owner of the signs will no longer be contacted to pick up their signs.

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MOTION: Brad Jackson
SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the amended Kosciusko County
Ordinance to section 3.19.11.1 and section
3.19.11.7.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-09-06-001 (2016090149)
As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
September 20, 2016

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on September 20, 2016 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Ron Truex - President
Bob Conley
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett - Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

**IN THE MATTER OF SEPTEMBER VETERAN OF THE MONTH – MALCOLM
WILLIAMS:**

Rich Maron, Veterans Affairs Officer, came before the Commissioners to honor Malcom Williams as the September Veteran of the month. Maron stated Williams enlisted in the Navy as an Aviation Cadet in June of 1942. After joining the Navy Williams was a navigator of a patrol squadron flying the amphibious PBY Catalinas, including during the operations of US Naval Forces against the Marshall Islands. Williams participated in several daring and dangerous long range missions requiring extremely accurate navigation deep into Japanese held defenses. Williams later became a Lieutenant (JG) and received his pilot's license.

Williams left the service in 1946 and returned home to Swayzee to farm with his father. He married his sweetheart Shirley in 1952. Williams became one of the larger grain and livestock farmers in Central Indiana. Williams continued his farm operations until retiring in 1986.

Williams, at the age of 97, continues to work out at the Lakeside Fitness center in Syracuse and plays golf 3-4 times a week with his “younger friends”. Williams continues to spend time at Lake Wawasee with 4 generations of family.

Maron along with the Commissioners thanked Williams for his time and dedication to his Country and presented him with a plaque.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE AMENDED PERSONNEL POLICY HANDBOOK
ORDINANCE FOR SECTION 3:**

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, came before the Commissioners with an amended ordinance for section 3 of the Personnel Policy Handbook. Robinson stated 3.19 County pay Grid Policy and 3.20 Step 2 and Step 3 Placement were both update due to the new 10 year employment change. The Policy will become effective on January 1, 2017.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the Amended Personnel Policy Handbook Ordinance to Sections 3.19 & 3.20.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2017 NON-FOR PROFIT AGREEMENTS:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, came before the Commissioners and presented the 2017 Non-For-Profit Agreements for approval. Puckett stated the Council approved a 2% increase from the 2016 awarded amounts at their August 22nd meeting.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the 2017 Non-for-Profit agreements with the 2% increase.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF KABS:

Robert Cunningham, KABS General Manager, came before the Commissioners with a brief overview of statics for 2016. Cunningham shared that in 2016 they gave 49,424 rides and in 2015 they gave 47,672 rides. The increase in rides was due to additional funding they received through grants. Cunningham stated they had 512 trip denials in 2016 and 157 trip denials in 2015. Cunningham advised the Commissioners that these numbers are skewed as they are asking people to make return calls even if they have been denied on their first call. Cunningham explained to the Commissioners that the more ride denials they have the better opportunity they have in being awarded additional federal funding for their ride share program.

Cunningham addressed the issue they are seeing with the wrap advertisement they place on thier buses. This type of advertisement for 2016 has generated roughly \$13,000 in revenue and \$8,400 in 2015. Cunningham stated they are having issues with their current vendor getting updated and/or new wraps for the buses. The problem they are working through is the cost to have these wraps produced verses the cost of a billboard. Cunningham stated there is a potential loss of income if they do not wrap the buses.

Cunningham stated they received two (2) new buses this year. The funding for these buses came from 80% Federal money and 20% Local Income through a Capital Grant. The Local Income came from the Kosciusko County Community Foundation and the City of Warsaw. Cunningham presented a contract invoice voucher for the Commissioners to sign showing they are aware of the funds that KABS will be receiving.

Cunningham presented the Commissioners with a request for limited power of attorney for all vehicle transactions. Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated it is normal protocol to give this type of authority to Cunningham so he can manage the necessary transactions through the BMV on the KAB buses.

Cunningham stated he has a safety issue on west Winona Avenue by the railroad crossing and wanted to know who to contact. Truex advised Cunningham to contact the City of Warsaw as they have a city road department that deals with those issues/concerns.

Cunningham thanked the Commissioners for their continued support of the KABS program.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3

NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Capital Grant Invoice

Voucher and the request for Limited Power of

Attorney for Vehicle transactions.

IN THE MATTER OF LOCAL ROADS AND BRIDGES MATCHING GRANT

AGREEMENT:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, presented a Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant Agreement. This agreement is between the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and Kosciusko County for the Community Crossing Grant money the highway department was awarded. Tilden stated they attended the Pre-instruction meeting at the Fort Wayne District INDOT office.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3

NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Local Roads and Bridges

Matching Grant Agreement for the

Community Crossing Grant money.

IN THE MATTER OF BUSSARD, EGOLF AND HURT VACATION:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners with a unanimous recommendation to accept the request of petitioners Bussard, Egolf and Hurt to vacate a public way in Roy Hohman subdivision on Yellow Creek Lake. Richard stated the public way for which the Petitioners are seeking vacation is located between Lot Number Twenty-three (23) to the North and bordered on the South on Yellow Creek Lake.

Jennifer Carnes, Attorney for Petitioners, stated she is in agreement with Richard's recommendation and stated they have a Deed of Dedication ready for when the vacation is approved.

A property owner who lives next to the Petitioners stated she is not opposed to the vacation as long as they re-dedicate the existing road so she has access to her property.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3

NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Ordinance to vacate the

public way located between Lot Number

Twenty-three (23) to the North and bordered

on the South on Yellow Creek Lake.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-09-20-003 VAC (2016090967)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF CARY LEWIS VACATION:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners with a unanimous recommendation to accept the request of petitioner Cary Lewis to vacate an unimproved roadway lying west of his residence at 3103 S. Woodland Hills Drive West in Warsaw Indiana. Richard stated this unimproved roadway is not conducive to being improved due to the structure and layout of the road. Richard stated Lewis must agree to the stipulation that he must combine all into one track of ground.

Scott Reust, Attorney for Petitioner, stated he has nothing further to add as they are in agreement with Richard's recommendation.

MOTION: Bob Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3

NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Ordinance to vacate an

unimproved roadway lying west of 3103 S

Woodland Hills Drive in Warsaw Indiana

ORDINANCE NO. 16-09-20-004 VAC (2016090968)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF ZONING REQUEST – PETITIONER LEESBURG MILLS:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director came before the Commissioners with a unanimous recommendation to accept the request of petitioner Leesburg Mill to be removed as a No Zoning and rezoned as Commercial. Richard stated the Leesburg Mill was incorporated into the town of Leesburg, but was recently annexed out of the town of Leesburg and established as unincorporated. Richard stated the property is now considered at large in the county. The Petitioner has the intentions to develop this property commercially as a Pub and Eatery and to obtain a liquor license.

Steve Snyder, Attorney for Petitioner, stated Leesburg Mill is requesting their zoning status be changed to Commercial. Truex questioned why they would want to change from No Zoning to Commercial where there would be restrictions. Snyder stated they cannot obtain a liquor license under no zoning, but can under Commercial zoning. The Commercial Zoning will allow the petitioner to obtain the liquor license for their purposed use of the property.

MOTION: Bob Conley
SECOND: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the request by the Petitioner,
Leesburg Mills to change from No Zoning to
Commercial Zoning.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 16-09-20-002 ZONE (2016090969)
As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
October 4, 2016

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on October 4, 2016 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Ron Truex - President
Bob Conley
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF OCTOBER VETERAN OF THE MONTH – DOYLE MUNSON:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, came before the Commissioners to introduce the October Veteran of the month, Doyle Munson. Maron stated Munson was a veteran who served during the Korean War. Munson grew up on a farm near Claypool, graduated from Claypool High School and worked as a machinist for Power King before being drafted into the U.S. Army. Following basic training, half of his company was sent to Korea while he and the other half were sent to Germany. Given Munson's background as a machinist he was assigned to the maintenance squadron where he remained until the Korean War concluded. Munson served in the military from June of 1953 to May of 1955. Munson returned home and became a farmer. Munson stated that fifty years of farming, serving his country and serving God in various ways in his church has led to a good life. Maron and the Commissioners thanked Munson for his dedication and service to his county and presented Munson with a plaque.

IN THE MATTER OF NATIONWIDE SCHOLARSHIP:

David Bottorff, Executive Director for the Association of Indiana Counties, came before the Commissioners to present a \$1,000 Nationwide Scholarship to Jacob Semonis. Jacob's mother, Amy Irwin, accepted the scholarship on behalf of Jacob as he was not able to attend due to his classes. Bottorff stated \$500 will be awarded now and the remaining \$500 in January once Jacob has registered for his spring classes. Bottorff stated that Jacob is attending Purdue University and is studying Agricultural Economics. Jacob plans on returning home after graduation and

continue to work on the family farm as well as provide support to his family. Bottoroff and the Commissioners congratulated Amy Irwin on Jacob's scholarship.

IN THE MATTER OF KOSCIUSKO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY UPDATE:

George Robertson, Kosciusko Economic Development Director, came before the Commissioners to give a brief quarterly update. Robertson stated a study of corporate investment came out last week stating that investing will hit an all-time low this year. The number one reason cited was all the regulations that are set by the Federal Government, which is causing corporation to not invest. Robertson stated the last couple of years have been strong for our economy here in Kosciusko County. Robertson stated he attended the ground breaking and ribbon cutting for Louis Dreyfus with the Glycerin Refinery, which is a huge capital investment that will bring continued revenue to our farmers and the county. Robertson stated he was in Pierceton at the Shiloh facility which is a supplier for Ford truck parts. Shiloh did a huge capital investment in equipment, hiring new employees to bring their total to over 100 employees. Shiloh had a celebration as they have been certified as a top Ford supplier and allows them to become a preferred vendor. Robertson stated this will allow more contracts with Ford and more people coming to Kosciusko County to work. Robertson was very proud to say that all the hard work they have been doing over the past two (2) years is showing great results and proof that their efforts are paying off.

Robertson stated the new labor report reported Kosciusko County has nearly 41,000 people employed, which is the highest it has ever been in the history of Kosciusko County. The unemployment rate is down to 3.5%. Robertson stated their focus will remain on work force development and continue to work on programs to achieve this. Robertson stated he will be attending the first parent/student meeting tonight for the fourteen (14) students in the second year of machining at Ivy Tech, which is the first of this kind of pre-college schooling in Kosciusko County.

Robertson stated he approached the Northeast Regional Partnership to do a "Bring 'em Home to Northeast Indiana" campaign for skilled workers. They are now developing that program with Kosciusko County playing a key role in getting the campaign started. Robertson stated there are three (3) critical factors in bringing people back home. First being safety, second being school K-12 curriculum, and the third is good jobs. The campaign will launch later this year.

IN THE MATTER OF ORTHOWORX – ACCELINX QUARTERLY UPDATE:

Sheryl Conley, President and CEO OrthoWorx, came before the Commissioners to give a brief quarterly update on the AcceLinx. Sheryl Conley stated since the signing of the grant agreement in June of 2016 OrthoWorx has continued to make progress in establishing AcceLinx with potential capital partners. Sheryl Conley stated they have continued to raise funds for their operating expenses with a total committed so far in the amount of \$3.3M over the next six (6) years. They have agreements in place with IEDC, Kosciusko County, City of Warsaw, City of Fort Wayne and Allen County. Sheryl Conley stated they will continue to work on additional funding through grants and other regional stake holders in the group.

Sheryl Conley stated the initial launch is intended to bring awareness to AcceLinx and encourage startups to contact AcceLinx and learn how they can potential benefit from a partnership with AcceLinx.

Bob Conley questioned Sheryl Conley on the promotion of funding and potential funding and what has been established since June. Sheryl Conley stated the funding is a huge component as without the funding being established they would not be able to invest in the companies that seek them out for help. Sheryl Conley stated their focus has been setting up all the pieces so they can establish the entity and go forward. Sheryl Conley assured the Commissioners they are on track and where they feel they need to be at this point in time.

IN THE MATTER OF ANNUAL COUNTY BID SUPPLY ITEMS FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR 2017:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners to request to set a date for the Annual County Bid Supply items for the Highway Department for 2017. Tilden stated he would like to ask for November 15th at 9:15am. Ron Truex, Commissioner President, stated for future request he would like it advertised for 9:00am instead of 9:15am.

IN THE MATTER OF SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE FOR FOX RUN SUBDIVISION IN TURKEY CREEK TOWNSHIP FOR 25 MPH:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners with a Speed Limit Ordinance for Fox Run Subdivision in Turkey Creek Township. The request is to have the speed limit set at 25mph. Commissioner Brad Jackson agreed to reduce the speed limit due to the tight narrow curves in the addition.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the Speed Limit Ordinance to reduce the speed limit to 25mph in the Fox Run Subdivision in Turkey Creek Township.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 16-10-04-001 Speed (2016100456)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF CONTRACT WITH USI CONSULTANTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION FOR 1300 NORTH AND KERN ROAD:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners with a contract for construction inspection for 1300 North and Kern Road reconstruction of the intersection. Tilden stated this is due to a new elementary school being built and the need for a better sight distance and alignment at the intersection. The school is paying for the right of way and the engineering. The County will be responsible for the construction and inspection. The contract is for \$25,000 which is ten (10) percent of the construction estimate. Tilden stated the contract is with USI Consultants.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the Contract with USI Consultants for the construction inspection for 1300 North and Kern Road.

SECOND: Bob Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
October 18, 2016

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on October 18, 2016 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Ron Truex – President - Absent
Brad Jackson – Vice President
Bob Conley

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF LAKE CITY MASTER TREASURY MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT:

Ann Torpy, County Clerk, came before the Commissioners and presented a Master Treasury Management Services Agreement with Lake City Bank. Torpy stated the contract agreement is to set up a Trust Account to enable the Clerk's office to send electronic payments to the Indiana State Auditor. Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated he has reviewed the contract and stated he saw no issues or concerns with it.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the Lake City Master Treasury Management Services Agreement.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF NAPPANEE LIBRARY APPOINTMENT – DONALD ALEO:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, came before the Commissioners with an appointment for the Nappanee Library. The appointment is for Donald Aleo for a term of four (4) years that will expire on October 1, 2020.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the Nappanee Library

SECOND: Brad Jackson

Appointment for Donald Aleo for four (4) years to expire on October 1, 2020.

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF RECORDERS - CSI COMPUTER SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT:

Joetta Mitchell, County Recorder, came before the Commissioners with an annual maintenance agreement with CSI – Computer Systems, Inc. Mitchell stated the contract increased by \$250.00 for the software maintenance, but the contract had to be adjusted for inventory that is no longer in use. The adjustment was \$248.00 so the contract will only be \$2.00 higher than last year.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the CSI – Computer Systems,

SECOND: Brad Jackson

Inc. annual contract for the Recorders office

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PURCHASE OF A BOOKEYE 4 SCANNER:

Joetta Mitchell, County Recorder, came before the Commissioners with a request to purchase a Bookeye 4 Scanner. Mitchell stated the finance agreement is for three (3) years with a monthly payment amount of \$1,325.00. Mitchell stated the Recorders office will pay for the first year out of the Recorders Perpetuation fund, the second year will be paid for by the Clerk's office and the third year will be split three (3) ways between three (3) different departments. The total cost of the scanner will be \$47,700.00.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the purchase of the Bookeye 4

SECOND: Brad Jackson

Scanner with a three (3) year finance

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

agreement for a total of \$47,700.00

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF PROSECUTOR GRANT:

Robert Bishop came before the Commissioners and presented a Prosecutor Grant on behalf of Prosecutor, Dan Hampton. Bishop stated the purpose of this grant is to allow a Senior Prosecutor Hub county to provide the necessary support staff with access to the systems necessary to establish proper administrative enforcement in IV-D cases in which a special prosecutor has been appointed and also to serve as a point of contact for the parties involved in the case. Under this program, the state will be divided into regions. Each region will have a Senior Prosecutor Child Support Hub County that will work with each Senior Prosecutor in that region who has been appointed on a child support case. The Hub positions will be supported by a monetary grant from IPAC to the Prosecutor's Office in that particular Hub County in order to cover the extra support staff hours and actual expenses of the additional case enforcement. The County Prosecutor should fill out this application for Senior Child Support Prosecutor HUB Designation, which should then be signed by the Prosecutor, the President of the County Commissioners and the President of the County Council. Bishop stated this grant will bring in \$25,000 for the Prosecutor to use.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the Prosecutor's Grant for

SECOND: Brad Jackson

Senior Child Support HUB Designation

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF PURCHASE OF CORONER VEHICLE :

Tony Ciriello, County Coroner, came before the Commissioners to request permission to order and purchase the new Coroner vehicle that was approved during the 2017 budget process.

Ciriello stated the vehicle needs to be ordered now in order for it to arrive by the first of the year to have all the necessary equipment installed. Ciriello received a quote from Kerlin Ford and Rice Ford. Kerlin Ford's quote was for 34,992.38 and Rice Ford's was 35,237.00. Ciriello made

the recommendation to approve Kerlin Ford's quote at \$34,992.38 as he was approved to spend up to \$35,000.00 on a new vehicle for the 2017 budget.

MOTION: Bob Conley TO: Approve the order and purchase of the
SECOND: Brad Jackson new Coroner's vehicle in the amount of
AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 \$34,992.38
UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF 2017 INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENTS:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, came before the Commissioners with the 2017 Inter-Local Agreements that are Kosciusko County and nine (9) of the surrounding police departments who work with the Dispatch center for terminal service data. Robinson stated the fees are the same for 2017 as they were in 2016, which varies for each police department.

MOTION: Bob Conley TO: Approve the 2017 Inter-Local
SECOND: Brad Jackson Agreements between the Kosciusko County
AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 and the surrounding police departments
UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FRONT PORTION OF THE MUNSON BUILDING:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, came before the Commissioners with a request to approve the destruction of the front portion of the Munson building. Robinson stated they are working on obtaining quotes on a new structure. Robinson stated the lowest quote was submitted by G & G Hauling located in Warsaw and feels they should be awarded the job for the destruction of the front portion of the Munson Building.

MOTION: Bob Conley TO: Approve the recommendation to use G &
SECOND: Brad Jackson G Hauling for the destruction of the front
AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 portion of the Munson Building
UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY OFFICE COMPLEX:

Ron Robinson, County Administrator, came before the Commissioners with a request to approve the renovation of the Highway Office Complex. Robinson stated a portion of the renovation will include a large parts bay area so they can store extra and replacement parts. Robinson stated they need to have parts on hand as most places are taking up to a week to receive parts. Robinson stated they have funds set aside for next year to make these renovations, but would like to get started now. Robinson also stated the funds would be used from the EDIT fund.

MOTION: Bob Conley TO: Approve the Highway Office Complex
SECOND: Brad Jackson renovation and to increase the parts bay area
AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF KABS 5311 GRANT:

Robert Cunningham, KABS General Manager, came before the Commissioners with a change to the KABS 5311 Grant. Cunningham stated he received documentation from INDOT stating the 5311 Grant has been reduced by \$300.00. Cunningham stated the reason for the reduction is they work off estimated figures and when the final numbers were presented the amount was \$300.00 less. Cunningham is looking for the Commissioners to approve the updated grant paperwork with the change listed.

MOTION: Bob Conley TO: Approve the updated KABS 5311 Grant
SECOND: Brad Jackson showing the reduction of \$300.00
AYES: 2 NAYS: 0
UNANIMOUS

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS November 1, 2016

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on November 1, 2016 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Ron Truex - President
Bob Conley
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE VETERANS DAY DINNER:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, shared and invited everyone who is a Veteran to attend a special Veteran's Day dinner. Maron stated the dinner will be held on Saturday, November 12th starting at 4pm at the Calvary Tabernacle.

IN THE MATTER OF THE NOVEMBER VETERAN OF THE MONTH – GARY VANKIRK:

Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, came before the Commissioners to introduce the November Veteran of the month, Gary VanKirk. Maron stated VanKirk is a Navy veteran who began serving in April 1964. VanKirk began his service at boot camp at the Great Lakes training center in Illinois. VanKirk went to submarine school in New London Connecticut, but was dismissed from sub school due to an inner ear issue with equilibrium. VanKirk would then head to Norfolk, Virginia and report aboard the Destroyer USS Putnam DD-757 and assigned to the forward engine room. Maron stated VanKirk was responsible for opening and closing the large throttle wheel which allowed the ship to go faster or slower. VanKirk returned home after serving for four (4) years where he worked for Sprint for 30 years. Maron and the Commissioners thanked VanKirk for his dedication to our County and Country and presented VanKirk with a plaque.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSPECTION OF ANTENNA TOWER:

Sheriff Rovenstine and Chad Hill, 1st Sergeant, came before the Commissioners to request approval to spend \$6,240 for the inspection of the antenna tower. Rovenstine stated the Commissioners approved the request to have the fire radio antenna moved to the sheriff's radio antenna located in Bogg's park at their August 23rd meeting. Hill stated they were informed that the FCC requires an inspection of the antenna tower. The structural analysis is for the impact of the equipment on the tower and the foundation to ensure the tower meets the local codes and regulations of the proposed loading per CenturyLink. Hill advised the Commissioners the original quote from Bluestream was \$19,800, but after discussions the price was negotiated down to \$6,240. The Commissioners thanked Hill for his diligence on the negotiations and approved spending the \$6,240 for the antenna tower inspection. The expense will be paid from the County Edit fund. The Commissioners requested Hill to provide an update to the Commissioners when the tower becomes active.

IN THE MATTER OF THE KABS UPDATE:

Robert Cunningham, KABS General Manager, came before the Commissioners and presented the Audit report for the Cardinal Services, Inc.

Cunningham also stated he requested and received permission from INDOT to give free rides to and from the polls on Election Day. Cunningham stated they are required to obtain permission from INDOT when they dedicate a bus free of service to ensure they are not infringing on residents and their ability to use the bus. Cunningham stated they are running ads in the paper and distributing flyers throughout the county of this offer.

Cunningham stated he is working with the County Auditor, Michelle Puckett and the State Board of Accounts (SBOA) on some auditing issues/concerns. Cunningham assured the

Commissioners that the SBOA should have everything they need and it appears to just be a communication issue.

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2017 SHERIFF'S SALARY CONTRACT:

Ron Robinson, County Administrative, came before the Commissioners with the 2017 Sheriff's Salary Contract. Robinson stated the salary contract states the county is establishing a fixed amount of compensation for the Sheriff in the amount of \$113,049.00 annually or \$4,348.03 bi-weekly for the 2017 calendar year. County Attorney, Chad Miner, has reviewed the contract and stated it looks fine to him and does not see any issues or concerns. County Auditor, Michelle Puckett, stated the County Council approved the appropriation of the \$113,049.00 annually, but this contract will allow the disbursement of the funds that were appropriated. Miner stated the amount in the contract is within the appropriate guidelines to be approved.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the 2017 Sheriff's Salary

SECOND: Bob Conley

Contract in the amount of \$113,049.00

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

annually or \$4348.03 bi-weekly for the 2017
calendar year.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE BIDS FOR THE MUNSON BUILDING STRUCTURE:

Ron Robinson, County Administrative, came before the Commissioners with two (2) bids for the Munson Building structure project. Robinson state the Munson Building is no longer structurally safe and needs to be torn down and replaced. The front portion will be removed and a smaller structure will be added to the remaining building. Robinson stated with a smaller structure it will allow for approximately 6-8 new parking spaces to be created. Robinson stated the bids were as follows:

Butt & Timmons - \$44,901.00

Davis Construction - \$51,725.69

Robinson's recommendation is to proceed with Butt & Timmons due to them being the lowest bidder.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the recommendation made by

SECOND: Brad Jackson

Ron Robinson to use Butt & Timmons for the

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

Munson Building structure project.

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IN THE MATTER OF 2017 SOLID WASTE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, came before the Commissioners with the 2017 Solid Waste Inter-Local Agreement for their approval. Puckett stated the agreement allows the Auditor's office to serve as the Controller for the Solid Waste District. Puckett stated they are compensated \$6,000.00 per year. The agreement will go before the Council for approval at their November 10, 2016 meeting.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the 2017 Solid Waste Inter-

SECOND: Brad Jackson

Local Agreement allowing the Auditor's

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

office to serve as the controller for the Solid

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Waste District.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-11-01-001 ILA-Solid Waste

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners to ask the Commissioners to approve the Master Installment Purchase Agreement with Mercedes-Benz Financial Services. Tilden stated they have already received three (3) of the five (5) dump trucks that were ordered. Chad Miner, County Attorney, stated the contract looked good and had no issues or concerns with it. Tilden stated the installment schedule is for \$272,878.47 over the next three (3) years and due on November 1st of 2016, 2017 and 2018. The first payment will be paid on November 15, 2016.

MOTION: Bob Conley

TO: Approve the Master installment purchase

SECOND: Brad Jackson

agreement with Mercedes-Benz Financial

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

Services in the amount of \$789,566.00 for

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three (3) installments of \$272,878.47 due the
1st of November for 2016, 2017 & 2018..

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 15, 2016

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on November 15, 2016 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Ron Truex - President
Robert Conley
Brad Jackson

Chad Miner – County Attorney
Michelle Puckett – Auditor
Ron Robinson – County Administrator
Marsha McSherry – Asst. County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF EXTENSION CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT:

Kelly Heckaman, Extension Director, came before the Council and presented the Extension Contractual Services Agreement that is between Purdue University and the Kosciusko County. The agreement is from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. County Attorney, Chad Miner, reviewed agreement and found no issues or concerns.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve the Extension Contractual

SECOND: Brad Jackson

Services Agreement for the period of January

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

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IN THE MATTER OF SECURITY COMMITTEE:

Sheriff Rovenstine came before the Commissioners and stated the Courthouse Security Committee has been discussing ways to upgrade security in the old and new courthouse. Rovenstine stated the committee is meeting immediately after the Commissioners meeting to discuss the following recommendations for the security issues:

- Upgrade the current security cameras
- Place new security cameras in each of the courts within the individual offices
- Placing alarm systems on various doors throughout the courthouse

Rovenstine is asking the Commissioners to consider the resources for those improvements.

President, Ron Truex, stated the Security Committee was asked by the Department Heads to review the security system within the courthouses. Truex and Marsha McSherry, Assistant County Administrator, both serve on the Security Committee with Rovenstine and they are asking the Commissioners to consider giving their approval to move forward with the recommendations that Rovenstine listed. Truex stated since the Security Committee is meeting after the Commissioners meeting they are asking that the Commissioners to approve the spending for these security upgrades. Brad Jackson, Commissioner, questioned Truex on the cost of these recommended upgrades. Truex stated they do not have an exact figure to date, but said the expenses would be minimal expense. Truex stated he would like a motion from the Commissioners to approve the recommendations listed in advance of the Security Committee meeting, which would allow the Committee to get started immediately on the security upgrades. Truex stated these upgrades in the security are needed to ensure the county employees are as safe as we can make them and the expense will be small in comparison to their safety. Truex stated the funds to pay for this expense will come from the Commissioners budget.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the request for the Security

SECOND: Robert Conley

Committee to move forward with the

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

recommendations for upgrading the security in
the old and new courthouse.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PURCHASING OF COUTNY CORONER’S NEW VEHICLE:

Tony Ciriello, County Coroner, came before the Commissioners to request the new bid’s for the Coroner’s vehicle be opened. Ciriello stated there was an issue with the previously submitted bids, therefore, a new bid request was issued. Chad Miner, County Attorney, read the bids and they were as follows:

- Kerlin Ford \$34,992.38
- Rice Ford \$34,742.00

Ciriello’s recommendation to the Commissioners was to accept the lowest bid from Rice Ford at \$34,742.00. Miner and Ciriello reviewed both quotes to assure the bids submitted were for the same specifications.

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

TO: Approve to accept the bid from Rice Ford in the amount of \$34,742.00 for the Coroner’s vehicle.

IN THE MATTER OF 2017 COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPPLIES BIDS:

Scott Tilden, Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners and joined County Attorney, Chad Miner, in the opening of the 2017 County Highway Annual Supplies Bids. The following is a breakdown of the vendors and product of services that were received:

<i>Vendors</i>	<i>Product or Services</i>
Great Lakes Chloride, Warsaw IN	Calcium Chloride
Bailey Aggregate, LLC, Yoder IN	Limestone Aggregate
Columbia City Mill Service, Columbia City, IN	Slag Aggregate Materials
Elkhart County Gravel, New Paris IN	Gravel & Limestone Aggregate Materials
G & G Hauling & Excavating, Warsaw IN	Gravel & Limestone Aggregate Materials
Hanson Aggregates Midwest LLC, Ft Wayne IN	Limestone Aggregate Materials
IMI Irving Materials, Huntington IN	Lime Aggregate Materials
Kline Trucking & Excavating, Warsaw IN	Limestone Aggregate Materials
RJ Keirn Trucking LLC, Claypool IN	Limestone & Slag Aggregate Materials
LDP Excavating, Warsaw IN	Limestone Aggregate Materials
Robert McCullough, Ft Wayne IN	Gravel Aggregate
Phend & Brown Inc., Milford IN	Gravel & Limestone Materials
Speedway Sand & Gravel, Ft Wayne IN	Gravel Aggregate Materials
West Plains Mining LLC, Wabash IN	Limestone Aggregate Materials
Gary Newcomer, Milford IN	Washed Sand Aggregate
Daltons, Warsaw IN	Weed Spray Materials & Application
Asphalt Materials Inc, Warsaw IN	Liquid Bituminous Material
Pierceton Trucking Co In, Warsaw IN	Liquid Bituminous Material
Phend & Brown, Inc., Milford IN	Plant Rental for Mixing Asphalt
Central Paving, Inc, Logansport, IN	Winter/Summer cold mix patch
Niblock Excavating, Inc., Bristol IN	Bituminous Hot Mix Asphalt Loaded in County Trucks
Phend & Brown, Inc., Milford IN	Bituminous Hot Mix Asphalt Loaded in County Trucks
Brooks Construction Co., Ft Wayne IN	Bituminous Hot Mix Asphalt Material
Niblock Excavating Inc., Bristol IN	Bituminous Hot Mix Asphalt Laid in Place by Contractor
Phend & Brown, Inc., Milford IN	Bituminous Hot Mix Asphalt Laid in Place by Contractor
Bellman Oil Company, Bremen IN	On and Off Road Diesel Fuel
Lemier Oil, Inc., Bourbon IN	On and Off Road Diesel Fuel
North Central Coop, Wabash IN	On and Off Road Diesel Fuel
Petroleum Trader Corporation, Ft Wayne IN	On and Off Road Diesel Fuel
American Timber Bridge, Portage MI	Timber Bridge Packages

Civil Con, Jeffersonville IN	Culver & Structural Plate Pipe
Metal Culverts, Inc., Jefferson City, Mo	Corrugated Metal Pipe
Stregis Culvert Inc., Indianapolis IN	Corrugated Metal Pipe
Debco Metal Culverts, Francesville IN	Structural Plate Pipe, Pipe Arches, Corrugated Metal Pipe
Stregis Culvert, Indianapolis IN	Structural Plate Pipe, Pipe Arches
Primco Inc., Ft Wayne IN	Cast In Plate Bridges
Lightle Enterprises of Ohio, Frankfort OH	Appendix F Road Signs & Post
Osburn Associates, Logan OH	Appendix F Road Signs & Post

NOTE: The bid from Lykins Energy for Diesel Fuel arrived at 9:51 am November 15, 2016 past the due time of 9:00 am and was not opened as it was rejected.

Tilden stated all bids will be available for review in the back office of the courtroom if anyone would like to see them.

Tilden requested that all bids be taken under advisement for review and a recommendation be brought before the Commissioners at their November 29, 2016 meeting for the awarded bids.

The Commissioners agreed for Tilden to come to the November 29, 2016 meeting to present his recommendations on the 2017 Annual Supply Bids.

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

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 13, 2016

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on December 13, 2016 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Ron Truex - President
Brad Jackson – Vice-President - Absent
Robert Conley

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF DECEMBER VETERAN OF THE MONTH – JAMES SMITH :
Rich Maron, Veteran Affairs Officer, came before the Commissioners to introduce the December Veteran of the month, James Smith. Maron stated Smith was a 2000 graduate of Warsaw High School. Smith has been married for 8 ½ years and has two children. Smith enlisted in the US Army Reserves as a senior in High School, in 2000.

He decided to enlist in the military instead of going to college right after school, since he had already decided he wanted to become a police officer. Smith left for basic training in Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri and immediately following basic he took his AIT (advanced individual training) to be trained on driving the 88M trucks. Once trained he was assigned to the 542nd Transportation Unit in Kingsbury, Indiana, where he fulfilled one weekend a month and two weeks a year obligation.

In January 2003 he received deployment orders for active duty for 365 days and was assigned to the 685th Transportation Company in Hobart, Indiana. Smith’s unit was called up and he left for Iraq/Kuwait in 2003 for a nine month deployment. Smith drove semi-trucks that were used to transport supplies to the infantrymen. His unit also provided perimeter security at an ammunition point in Kuwait. Smith was promoted to the rank of Specialist while on deployment.

Once returning to the states, he returned to his Kingsbury unit, but was later transferred to the 1/330th unit in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Smith stayed in the Army Reserves until August, 2012, which gave him a total of twelve years of service.

Smith is currently a night shift Deputy with the Kosciusko County Sheriff's Department, and has been with them since January 2011. Smith began his law enforcement career with the Syracuse Police Department in December 2005.

Maron and the Commissioners presented Smith with a plaque and thanked him for his dedication and service to his Country and Community.

IN THE MATTER OF 911 DISPATCH CALL CENTER:

Sheriff Rovenstine, came before the Commissioners with a request to have an automated call service implemented to answer after hour calls that are currently transferred to the 911 Dispatch center. Rovenstine stated currently after hour calls from the other county offices are automatically redirected to the 911 Dispatch center. The Dispatch center is extremely busy with true emergency calls, that the overflow of the transferred calls is making it even busier. Rovenstine would ask that an automated system be put in place to take some of the burden off the 911 Dispatch center.

President Truex stated he feels the automated call service is well overdue and requested that County Administrator, Marsha McSherry, research and present a plan of action and a cost analysis at the December 20, 2016 Commissioners meeting. Robert Conley, Commissioner, agreed with Truex that the automated call service is overdue.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request for County Administrator, Marsha McSherry, to research and present a plan of action to the Commissioners at the December 20, 2016 Commissioners meeting for an automated service call for the overflow calls that are routed to the 911 Dispatch call center.

IN THE MATTER OF GIFTS FROM JUDGE JARRETT:

Judge Jarrett came before the Commissioners to offer framed pictures of past and present Judges to place on display somewhere they find appropriate within the county building. Jarrett stated he feels the history of the courts should be preserved and would like to see the tradition of framing and displaying honorable Judges that serve our county. Truex and Conley both agreed to accept the framed pictures and to ensure this tradition would continue and be displayed proudly in the county building. Truex stated they would discuss the best and most appropriate place to display these pictures and get them hung. Jarrett stated the prints are with the County Administrator, Marsha McSherry.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the acceptance of the framed pictures of the past and present Judges to be displayed in the county building and to make this a tradition that will continue on over the years.

IN THE MATTER OF LPA-CONSULTANT CONTRACT SUPPLIMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 2 - HIGHWAY:

Scott Tilden, County Highway Superintendent, came before the Commissioners with a request to sign an amended LPA agreement. Tilden stated the LPA-Consultant contract supplemental agreement Amendment No. 2 is for the engineering services for the bridge on Husky Trail that will be replacing the three culverts and going with a three sided structure to be built in 2018. Tilden explained that Supplemental Agreement No.1 lowered the contract to \$13,335.00 and Supplemental Agreement No. 2 is going to increase it back up the original agreement that was signed back on April 8, 2014 with the Troyer Group. The increase is due to three additional scopes that are required. The Supplemental Agreement No. 2 is for a total of \$162,908.00.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the LPA-Consultant Contract Supplemental Agreement No. 2

IN THE MATTER OF 2017 BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Ron Truex, President, presented the 2017 Board Appointments for approval.

Alcohol Beverage Commission	Gordon Vanator	12/31/2017
Area Plan Board	Bob Conley	12/31/2017
Board of Health	Cindy Kaiser	12/31/2020
	Karen Scripture	12/31/2020
Board of Zoning Appeals	Walt Church	12/31/2020
	Charlie Haffner	12/31/2017
	Lee Harman	12/31/2017
Child Protection Team	Dave Bumbaugh	12/31/2017
KCCRVC	Wes Stouder	12/31/2018
	John Hall	12/31/2018
Drainage Board	Steve Metzger	12/31/2020
	Ron Truex	12/31/2017
Emergency Mngt Advisory	Ron Truex	12/31/2017
KEDCo	Ron Truex	12/31/2017
Ortho Worx	Brad Jackson	12/31/2017
PTABOA	Susie Stookey	12/31/2017
	David Knisely	12/31/2017
	Kristy Mayer	12/31/2017
Public Defenders	Steve Harris	12/31/2017
	John Hall	12/31/2017
	Alan Alderfer	12/31/2017
Redevelopment Commission	Bruce Woodward	12/31/2017
	Jim Newcombe	12/31/2017
	Henry DeJulia	12/31/2017
St Joe River Basin	John Roberts	12/31/2017
Wage Committee	Brad Jackson	12/31/2017
Weights & Measures	Larry Marner	12/31/2017
WCDC	Robert Conley	12/31/2017

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve the 2017 Board Appointments
as presented.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF 2017 DEPARTMENT HEAD APPOINTMENTS:

Ron Truex, President, presented the 2017 Department Head Appointments for approval.

Area Plan Director	Dan Richard	12/31/2017
County Administrator	Marsha McSherry	12/31/2017
County Attorney	Chad Miner	12/31/2017
GIS	Bill Holder	12/31/2017
County Highway Superintendent	Scott Tilden	12/31/2017
Homeland Security/LEPC	Ed Rock	12/31/2017
System Administrator	Bob Momeyer	12/31/2017
Veteran Officer	Rich Maron	12/31/2017

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve the 2017 Department Head
Appointments as presented.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF 2017 KCCRVC INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT:

Michelle Puckett, County Auditor, came before the Commissioners and presented for approval the 2017 Inter-Local Agreement Resolution for the KCCRVC. Puckett stated the Inter-Local Agreement will allow the Auditor's office to serve as the controller for the KCCRVC.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve the 2017 KCCRVC Inter-Local
Agreement Resolution.

SECOND: Ron Truex

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0

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IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATION FOR INDIANA STATEHOOD DAY AND BICENTENNIAL FOR KOSCIUSKO:

Robert Conley, Commissioner, read the Indiana Statehood Day and Bicentennial Proclamation that was given to Kosciusko County. Conley and Truex presented the Bicentennial flag to the County Administrator, Marsha McSherry.

Truex stated the next Commissioners meeting has been moved up by one week to December 20, 2016, due to the holiday schedule.

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

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
December 20, 2016**

The Kosciusko County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on December 20, 2016 at 9:00a.m. in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Ron Truex - President

Brad Jackson – Vice-President

Robert Conley

Chad Miner – County Attorney

Michelle Puckett – Auditor

Marsha McSherry – County Administrator

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

IN THE MATTER OF OVERFLOW CALLS TO THE DISPATCH CENTER:

Sheriff Rovenstine came before the Commissioners to follow up on the discussion from the December 13, 2016 Commissioners meeting in regards to after hour calls for the county offices being directed to the Dispatch Call Center. Marsha Mcsherry, County Administrator, stated there is no new equipment required to have an automated message played for the after hour calls, but there will be a \$125-\$250 service call fee. Ron Truex, Commissioner President, stated he felt this automated calling service is long overdue and supports the decision to have this implemented.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the request to have an automated message play for the after hour calls to the county offices instead of the calls being directed to the Dispatch Call Center.

IN THE MATTER OF SECURITY COMMITTEE:

Sheriff Rovenstine thanked McSherry and the Security Committee on all their hard work on getting the updated and new security camera's installed. McSherry stated all the camera have been installed and are operational in the old courthouse. The cameras are currently being monitored by security, but will later be monitored in the Dispatch Center. The cameras will be installed in the Annex once they are received.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SALE OF THE HILLSIDE DRIVE PROPERTY:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, came before the Commissioners with a resolution approving the disposition of the Hillside Drive Property. Miner stated the property is oddly shaped and recommended selling the property as two tracts to make the lots neater.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Resolution 2016-12-20-003 that would allow the Hillside Drive Property to be sold as two different tracts of land.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-12-20-003 (2016120771)

As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY 2017 CONTRACT:

Chad Miner, County Attorney, came before the Commissioners with the 2017 County Attorney's Contract. Miner stated the contract is effective from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Miner also stated the contract has a 2% increase from 2016, which is in line with the 2% increase in wages that was approved by the County Council during the 2017 budget process.

MOTION: Brad Jackson

TO: Approve the 2017 County Attorney contract.

SECOND: Robert Conley

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

IN THE MATTER OF CORNERSTONE ACRES, LLC REZONING:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners with a rezoning request from Real Estate to Commercial use. The property is located on a tract of land in the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 34 North, Range 4 East, Scott Township, in Kosciusko County. Richard stated Cornerstone supplied voluntary covenants in support of the rezoning. The voluntary covenant listed the following conditions:

- The Real Estate shall not be used for any commercial purpose other than for sales, installation and service of solar equipment, including a sales office, storage of inventory and equipment, interior parking of vehicles used in the business and such other activities solely related to the sales, installation and service of solar equipment.
- No exterior storage of any kind shall occur on the Real Estate.
- Ingress/egress shall only be from /to CR 1350 N
- Only one structure shall be placed on the Real Estate, not exceeding 16,000 square feet.
- No residential use shall occur on the Real Estate
- All exterior lighting shall be directed downward and shall not produce glare beyond the boundaries of the Real Estate.
- These covenants may only be amended with the consent of the Kosciusko County Area Plan Commission.

Richard stated it is unusual to have voluntary covenants, but the Area Plan Commission accepted them and gave a unanimous decision to approve the rezoning to Commercial use.

Steve Snyder, Petitioners Attorney, agreed with the comments from Richard.

No one came before the Commissioners to speak in favor of or opposition of the rezoning.

MOTION: Robert Conley

TO: Approve the Ordinance 2016-12-20-001
Zone to allow the rezoning to Commercial use
for Cornerstone Acres, LLC.

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-12-20-001 Zone (2016120769)
As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

IN THE MATTER OF YODER TRUST REZONING:

Dan Richard, Area Plan Director, came before the Commissioners with a rezoning request from Real Estate to Commercial use. The property is located on a tract of land in the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 34 North, Range 4 East, Scott Township, in Kosciusko County. Richard stated Yoder Trust supplied voluntary covenants in support of the rezoning. The voluntary covenant listed the following conditions:

- The Real Estate shall not be used for any commercial purpose other than for sales, installation and service of electrical equipment, including a sales office, storage of inventory and equipment, interior parking of vehicles used in the business and such other activities solely related to the sales, installation and service of electrical equipment.
- No exterior storage of any kind shall occur on the Real Estate.
- Ingress/egress shall only be from /to CR 1350 N
- Only one structure shall be placed on the Real Estate, not exceeding 16,000 square feet.
- No residential use shall occur on the Real Estate
- All exterior lighting shall be directed downward and shall not produce glare beyond the boundaries of the Real Estate.

- These covenants may only be amended with the consent of the Kosciusko County Area Plan Commission.

Richard stated it is unusual to have voluntary covenants, but the Area Plan Commission accepted them and gave a unanimous decision to approve the rezoning to Commercial use.

Steve Snyder, Petitioners Attorney, agreed with the comments from Richard.

No one came before the Commissioners to speak in favor of or opposition of the rezoning.

MOTION: Robert Conley

SECOND: Brad Jackson

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

UNANIMOUS

TO: Approve the Ordinance 2016-12-20-002
Zone to allow the rezoning to Commercial use
for Yoder Trust.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-12-20-002 Zone (2016120770)
As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder.

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