

Council Meeting  
Taxing Unit Budget Review  
September 17, 2009 – 7:30 am

The meeting was called to order by President Spaetti. Councilmen Spaetti, Winsett, Kress, Kroeger, Bunner, and Attorney Wetherill were present.

The State Budget Agency calculated the assessed valuation growth quotient 2010 to 3.80%. The council is required to review the budget increase or decrease for each of the taxing units in the county. For the taxing units with elected boards, the review is non-binding. For appointed boards the review is binding, if the budget is increased higher than the growth quotient calculated by the State Budget Agency.

The Budget Review Forms showed the following comparison of the 2009 budget and levy to the 2010 budget and levy for each taxing unit.

<b>Township</b>	<b>Budget</b>		<b>Levy</b>	
Carter	<b>7.39%</b>	<b>increase</b>	7.15%	increase
Clay	2.75%	decrease	8.99%	increase
Grass	<b>25.64%</b>	<b>increase</b>	11.86%	increase
Hammond	<b>4.92%</b>	<b>increase</b>	20.23%	increase
Harrison	0.00%	same	8.75%	increase
Huff	<b>5.93%</b>	<b>increase</b>	14.45%	increase
Jackson	n/a	n/a	32.48%	increase
Luce	1.27%	increase	12.44%	decrease
Ohio	<b>24.13%</b>	<b>increase</b>	86.00%	increase

<b>City/Towns</b>	<b>Budget</b>		<b>Levy</b>	
Chrisney	<b>4.00%</b>	<b>increase</b>	4.72%	increase
Dale	<b>5.83%</b>	<b>increase</b>	8.16%	increase
Gentryville	<b>15.93%</b>	<b>increase</b>	42.59%	decrease
Grandview	<b>4.09%</b>	<b>increase</b>	5.60%	increase
Rockport	5.33%	decrease	12.21%	decrease
Santa Claus	1.05%	increase	7.78%	increase

<b>Appointed Boards</b>	<b>Budget</b>		<b>Levy</b>	
Carter Fire	11.09%	decrease	7.30%	increase
Lincoln Heritage Lib	3.80%	increase	4.84%	increase
SC Public Lib	3.71%	increase	13.48%	increase
Solid Waste	3.72%	increase	10.54%	increase

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Discussion was had on how to respond to the state and the taxing units. The council agreed that townships should be told that with the loss of the assessment responsibilities, the general budget of the township should have decreased significantly. Further discussion was had on the wording of the letters, including a strong recommendation to reduce the budgets that exceed 3.8%. Wetherill and Shelton will work on drafts of letters to each taxing unit.

Shelton stated that the Solid Waste District budget and the Carter Fire budget require a vote to accept and approve. Bunner made a motion to accept and approve both the Solid Waste District budget and the Carter Fire budget. Winsett seconded. All in favor.

Bunner made a motion to adjourn. Kress seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 am.

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President

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Cindy Shelton, Auditor

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