

Council Meeting – Binding  
Taxing Unit Budget Review  
September 21, 2010 – 4:48 pm

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

The State Budget Agency calculated the assessed valuation growth quotient for 2011 to be 2.9%. The council is required to review the budget increase or decrease for each of the taxing units in the county, except the schools. 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.

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>Libraries</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Levy</b>
Lincoln Heritage	2.9% increase	3.21% increase
Spencer County	2.41% increase	3.13% increase

<b>Townships</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Levy</b>
Carter	6.24% decrease	4.24% increase
Clay	1.70% increase	4.44% increase
Grass	<b>11.2% increase</b>	21.9% increase
Hammond	0% increase	23.56% increase
Harrison	7.82% decrease	6.79% increase
Huff	<i>2010 data not available</i>	8.61% increase
Jackson	0.84% increase	6.59% increase
Luce	0% increase	33.19% increase
Ohio	<b>20.64% increase</b>	50.84% increase

  

<b>City / Towns</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Levy</b>
Dale	2.71% decrease	4.83% increase
Santa Claus	<b>27.35% increase</b>	3.89% increase
Chrisney	2.9% increase	4.5% increase
Grandview	<i>2010 data not available</i>	3.1% increase
Gentryville	<b>29.17% increase</b>	8.64% increase
Rockport	2.16% increase	1.91% decrease
Richland	0% increase	3.35% increase

Discussion was had on how to respond to the state and the taxing units. Discussion was had on the wording of the letters, including a strong recommendation to reduce the budgets that exceed 2.9%. Wetherill and Shelton will work on drafts of letters to each taxing unit.

Ebert made a motion to adjourn. Waninger seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 pm.

County Council,

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President

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Cindy Shelton, Auditor

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