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County Communication Center Upgrade Funding Approved



Cautious optimism filled the air on Tuesday August 12, as people representing a broad spectrum of interests filed in and took their seats at the Hendricks County Board of Commissioners and Council Joint Meeting. Everyone present shared a common goal, provide the necessary funding to upgrade the Hendrick County Communication Center in a timely, cost effective manner. Jay Puckett president of the County Council noted they had a quorum with six of seven members present. Phyllis A. Palmer president of the commissioners then spoke saying they

had a quorum as well, all three members present. A refreshing change from other governmental meetings I've attended, Jay opened the floor and encouraged members of the gallery to go around the room, introduce themselves, provide the organization they worked for, and position they held. Without hesitation everyone took advantage of Jay's offer to become familiar with one another. This simple gesture established a professional yet relaxed, collaborative atmosphere, one where everyone would be given a chance to participate in the process. After approval of the prior meeting minutes held on February 28th 2012, Jay moved on to discussion of general obligation bonds. The discussion began with an informal presentation from financial consultant for Hendricks County Greg Guerretaz, principal from Financial Solutions Group located in Plainfield IN. Greg has a long history with the communication center, his files contained notes going back as far as 2008.

Greg began by describing the reason that everyone was in attendance that day which was to figure out how to fund Phase 1 and 2 of the communications upgrade being mandated by the State Agency in charge of the 911 system. Greg refreshed everyone's memory by stating that Phase 1 is to add a Brownsburg Communications Tower and replace the PSAT consoles at the Plainfield Communications Center. Phase 1 of the project has to be completed by April 2015 and will cost approximately 2 million dollars. Phase 2 is to add a Belleville Communications Tower, microwave connectivity and hardware and software. This phase will cost approximately 1.5 million dollars to fund. Greg also pointed out that these phases only covered

infrastructure and that all entities would need to cover the cost of upgrading their radios to match the new system.

Greg presented three options to the joint meeting, they were 1) Split the cost between all of the affected entities--everyone agreed that this did not seem doable or fair, 2) Use two general obligations bonds to fund the two phases --this was ultimately chosen by the Joint Meeting as the direction to move in--I will give details below and 3) Fund the phases with some other debt which would hamper other projects that the County has projected over the next few years. Greg went on to explain that the Administrative Building Lease Rental agreement expires in 2015. If the County used two General obligation bonds of 2 million dollars, one that started in 2015(1) and one that started in 2016(2), the county could fund these phases without increasing the debt load on the county taxpayers. This plan even allowed for a 6 million dollar bond issuance to start in 2017(3) to fund a new communications center which is

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August BCSC School Board Report -By Anne Sering



Having missed many months of meetings of the Brownsburg Community School Corporation (BCSC) Board of School Trustees, this writer found little had changed. The meeting place had changed as the August 11, 2014 meeting was held in the newly located Administration Building. Same old second Monday of the month,

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LETTERS TO AND FROM THE EDITOR

They who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety - Benjamin Franklin

Letter From The Editor :

Our fledging publication continues to grow. We are extremely pleased to announce the addition of Mrs. Anne Sering as a contributing reporter. For many years Mrs. Sering covered the Brownsburg Community School Corporation via School Board and like meetings for a previous publication. Her experience, combined with many friendships forged during this time, provide her unique insights, allowing her to place current events into historical context.

As she becomes comfortable in her role, she may report on the Parks and Recreation Department via Park Board and related meetings. This is familiar territory for her as well. The same assets noted above will serve her as she reports on the departments day to day operations, monitor the department's progress towards their goals recently outlined in the "Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan April 2014". There is little dispute a modern and vibrant parks system is a valuable asset for any community. Their ambitious plans for growth comes at a time where a number of entities are competing for the same limited tax dollars- the fire territory, police department, school system, maintenance and growth of the town's

existing infrastructure, and the town's own plans for economic and community development. The town recently unveiled plans for a new "city center", as well as maturing plans for Ronald Reagan expansion, and other projects that will help ensure Brownsburg to become the premier location to establish a business, or raise a family, well into the twenty first century.

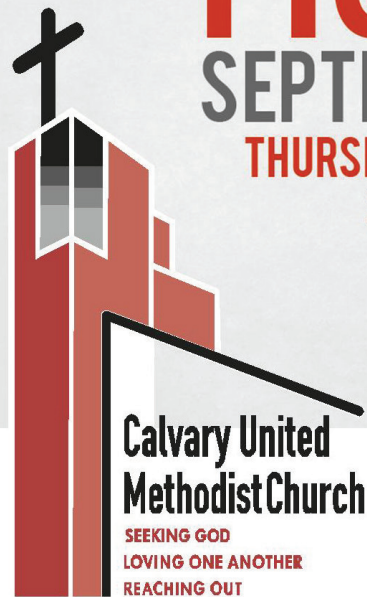
Change is inevitable, however we have an opportunity to learn from the mistakes made by other municipalities in the state of Indiana, and our surrounding regional area. Effectively planned, incremental, managed, and measured growth, tied to *realistic* forecasts of revenue and expenses, allows the town of Brownsburg to achieve it's full potential while working and living within its means. This model for "smart growth" requires teamwork to work through competing priorities, open dialog, transparent government, public and private partnerships, to be fully realized. It is this publication's goal to expand beyond Town Council into other boards and entities to provide you the reader a comprehensive picture of how all the pieces fit together. -The Editor.

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badly needed. The following estimates were given for the county tax rate assuming that no change to county assessment rates and no change in any other tax rates. (See Table Below)

Unlike other government bodies in Hendricks County, the effort to gather funding for the upgrade of the new 911 system was the classic definition of "working together to a common goal". The County Council, the County Commissioners, and the HCCC Governing Board was able to work together to find a solution that funded both phases of the project and allowed for another bond in 2017 to upgrade the communication centers facility all while keeping the tax burden even for the citizens of the county. This reporter would say that this is a "win-win" situation for all of us.

(Front Page picture L to R: L. Hesson, N. Johnson, C. Brown, P. Palmer, J. Puckett, R. Thompson, M. Anderson, M. Whetstone, B. Gentry) Not Pictured B. Myers

Entity - Taxing District Total Tax Rate	Actual 2014 Tax Rate	Estimated 2015 Tax Rate (1)	Estimated 2016 Tax Rate (2)	Estimated 2017 Tax Rate (3)
Avon	\$3.2445	\$3.2398	\$3.2365	\$3.2500
Brownsburg	\$2.9910	\$2.9863	\$2.9830	\$2.9965
Danville	\$2.5862	\$2.5815	\$2.5782	\$2.5917
Plainfield	\$2.3987	\$2.3940	\$2.3907	\$2.4042

Note: Assumes \$2,000,000 seven year General Obligation bond issues in 2014(1) and 2015 (2) and a \$6,000,000 General Obligation Bond Issues in 2016 (3).

Assumes no change in County assessed value and no changes to any other tax rates.

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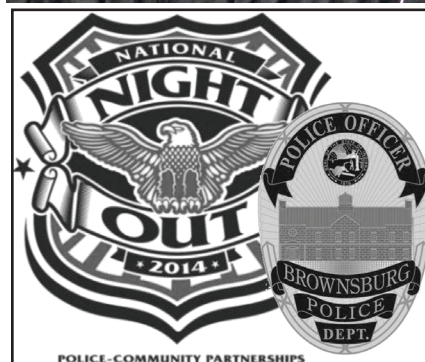
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August BCSC School Board Report – By Anne Sering, *Continued from page 1*

and 6:30 p.m. time. Aside from a few new faces on the podium all seemed very familiar. David Ayres and Kim Lucas have been replaced by Phil Utterback and Adam Bower. Mike Runyon is now in the President's seat which was more often than not occupied by Kim Armstrong. (It must be noted that Mrs. Armstrong is well versed in the rules of procedure as she had to remind Mr. Runyon that he had not taken a first and second on a recommendation before discussion and voting on it. Mike took the correction with his usual good nature.) The Executive Secretary to the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, Tracy Damone, spent pre-meeting time scurrying from lap top to lap top perhaps helping the Board find the board packets. The Board Packets contain all the details one momentarily wonders about before the Board moves on to something else. As I was once admonished *"These meetings are for the Board members not the public!"*

The agenda hadn't changed one iota. The first four items were sped through. Some information is provided at the door: summary claim information and the Superintendent's report which contains personnel changes and contract service changes. Of note was that the reroof project required an additional \$1,220.17 in labor and material costs to repair existing underlayment damages encountered. That this was the only change order on the project was worthy of mention. The personnel changes were 3 pages in length. Following the consent items are Communications, Comments from Patrons, Old and New Business, the Superintendent Comments and Board Member Comments. It is these, except for the Board Member comments, that contain the meat of the meal.

Briefly the Communication items consisted of Mr. Runyon presented commendations to the 4 member Indiana State Champion relay team (read below), Mr. Voigt's operation update which will be given in more detail below, Mr. Brower's mention of the Ford and Yankee Candle fund raisers for the Brownsburg Education Foundation, and two reports by Dr. Snapp which will be reported on in more detail below.

Brownsburg High School Track State Champions broke their own school record at state with a time of 3:18:51 for the 4 man 400 meter relay. The team consisted of Nassif Kouton, Tyler Kirtz, Brandon Britton and Hari Sathyamurthy. Hari was runner up in the 800 meter race at the state championship meet and broke his own school record with a time of 1:51:58. All four will be returning to defend their title in 2015.

Mr. Voigt discussed the following items: the repaving at Cardinal and Delaware which is essentially complete. Surprisingly, two high school bus routes are full and some rearrangement of the routes will need to take place. All students are dropped off by a few minutes after 5:00 p.m. Two buses have air conditioning problems which will be fixed. The state police inspection also took place the first week of school and all problems detected were corrected. The St. Malachy shuttle is in place. By August 28 state law requires that all students' immunizations be up-to-date. As of this writing 590 students are not in compliance. In response to Mrs. Armstrong's question, Mr. Voigt said the nurses had been working on issues since March and Walgreens had provided a clinic at registration time. The addition of the garden bar to the school menu has been highly successful although, according to Mr. Runyon, there is some question as to what is a vegetable and what is a fruit. The technology department was busy during the summer replacing desk top computers. The department completes between 150 to 300 service requests in a day.

**BHS
Track State
Champions
broke their own
school record
at state in the
4 man 400 meter
relay.**

**Enrollment for fall of 2014 is 7,736 Students
2nd Highest increase in 14 yrs.**

**High School 2,321
Middle Schools 1,961
Elementary Schools 3,454**

By far the most interesting information of the meeting was enrollment and staffing data presented by Dr. Snapp. The enrollment for this term is 7,736 students. This term's enrollment increase of 239 students was the second highest increase in the past 14 years. Last year's increase enrollment was 86 students so this year's big jump must have been a surprise especially taking into consideration, according to Dr. Snapp, the number of housing starts were down. This reporter has noticed the number of vacant houses in the older sections of Brownsburg and wondered what it would do to school enrollment if all were occupied by families. Enrollment in the 6 elementary schools ranges from 586 students at White Lick to 655 at Brown. The two middle schools show enrollments of 922 and 1039 and the high school has 2321 students. The only grade level losing students from the previous year is the senior class which lost 9 students from the number that were juniors but still has an increase of 49 students over last year's senior class. If the present numbers stay static, when this year's 5th graders are freshmen the high school enrollment will be over 2,600. The average class size for k-2 is less than previous years but for 3-5 the average class size is slightly higher than last year. It should be mentioned that all average class sizes are lower than they were in the two year period of 2011-2013. Brownsburg Middle School average class size are somewhat better than last year with exception of the 7th grade class at West Middle School. The average, however, is affected greatly by the large number of students in fine arts classes such as band. Having once taught a junior high math class of 36, an increase in 5 or 6 students does make a difference. High School classes range in size from 18 (language classes) to over 30 in fine arts and health/PE with most classes having around 25 students on average. For 2014-2015 BSCS reduced 2 middle school PE teachers and added 10 elementary teachers, 4 middle school teachers, 2 high school teachers. In a 4 year period BCSC has added 30 ... *continued on page 6*

Mr. Kendall - Investigations Continue

Mr. Kendall still refuses to provide the data to back up the "FACTS" he quoted in his speech at Town Council June 26th.

Mr. Kendall still refuses to clarify his own actions and accusations from on or about June 26th. This publication received no response to multiple offers to print his positions on these two items.

Brownsburg Police Department has opened an investigation into Mr. Kendall's allegations of receiving "threats".



WRTV 6 Broadcast Reports August 22nd & August 25th

Hendricks County prosecutor Pat Baldwin, requested a special prosecutor look into the accusations. A judge appointed Boone County prosecutor Todd Meyer to look into the matter.

August 25th - Members of the Council voted to hire a consultant to help guide them through this process. Council members would not reveal the name of the consultant or how much the work will cost, but the tab will be picked up by taxpayers.

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elementary teachers. If this trend continues, finding 30 class rooms will mean again using the portable classrooms and using classrooms now being used for music, science labs and special education (cases where children are taken out of their normal classroom for specialized attention such as small group reading remediation). Another interesting development is that 36% of the newly hired teachers have no experience, 29% have between 1 and 4 years of experience, 21% have 5-9 years of experience and 14% have 10 or more years of experience. It was remarked that higher education is reporting that there is a 25% drop in students preparing for the teaching professions. You may remember a few years ago an effort was made to encourage the teachers with 25 to 30 years of experience to retire while seeking out teachers with no experience to staff the schools as a means of cutting costs.

Dr. Snapp also listed 2015 School Board goals. One goal is to have a 97% graduation rate. The second goal pertained to state assessment goals. In the past this goal has been numeric. But with the uncertainty due to testing and curriculum changes the goal is to be better than most schools. Another goal emphasizes supporting instructional programs over physical improvements. There is also the possibility of facilitating a referendum in May 2015. Note the word possibility. Keep in mind that 239 students are equivalent to 10 classrooms. Three patrons spoke. One (myself) on the appreciation of letting the public know which door to enter for events. One parent had special education concerns and concerns about the pictures in a 1984 Newberry Award Winner book. There is a BCSC policy for expressing concerns about instructional materials. I have since learned the parent had received a copy of the policy, has not filed a complaint, and had not signed in to speak. The special education issue was mainly a misunderstanding of a situation. Since the parent cornered the Flyer reporter on his way out, you may see something of this issue in that publication. It did get my curiosity in wanting to read the book to make my own opinion. The West Middle School Health Teacher, Cassie Brooks provided published information on the benefits of healthy eating and exercise and educational results to the Board for their information.

The only item of old business was pertaining to revisions to weapon

policies. (Unless stated otherwise all motions are assumed to pass without dissension unless noted otherwise in the reports written by this reporter). New business consisted of financial goals and tuition rates to be paid by students who live outside the district (a total of 30 students out of over 7000) was provided by Dr. Hendricks. The 2015 School Board meeting schedule was also presented for approval. It should be available on the web site. The remaining item of new business pertained to the approval of the 2014-2015 Food Service Budget. Some background information was provided which follows.

It was noted that the Food Service Fund operates without financial support from other funds within BCSC and has, in fact, supported other areas such as paying for one-time equipment expenses at the Early Childhood Center and Harris/ALPHA site. (Look for more information in the future from this reporter on ALPHA.) It was stated “2014-2015 meal prices were increased primarily to address free and reduced to paid meal price ratios required by the Federal government but also to offset continuing increases in expenses”. Also, “The Food Services Fund will continue to reimburse the General Fund for overhead expenses such as refuse, utilities, payroll and other support functions, to the extent possible while maintaining a positive cash balance”. “While 2013-14 revenues increased by 4.97%, expenses increased by 5.58% in the same period”.

The last items of business were comments by Dr. Snapp and Board Members. Either I was getting tired and/or they were speaking quicker and more quietly. The result being I can only report that Brenda is retiring (I have since found out that it is the school registrar Brenda McCoy who is retiring after many years of service at BCSC), some conference is occurring and Mr. Utterback and Mr. Runyon had good things to say. Vicky Murphy did produce a video entitled “Fast Track 2014” which pertained to this year’s registration and community involvement. It went by all too quickly also. Here is a link to well-prepared video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A7uWKTgQMW8> It boggles one’s mind at the amount of information at our fingertips. The only drawback is our limited time. I end every day with things I could have done and wanted to do but couldn’t because of other things. The older I become the more I want to do! *-Anne Sering*

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Brownsburg Chamber of Commerce New Director - New Direction



Mr. Mike Arnould

In late 2013, Brian Rose resigned as Executive Director of the Brownsburg Chamber of Commerce amid declining membership, declining revenues and increasing expenses the Chamber Board of Directors voted to eliminate the Executive Director position in November 2013. After taking the time to discuss strategy and direction, the Chamber Board of Directors hired Mr. Mike Arnould a Brownsburg resident since

1998 to take over the Executive Director position with the mission to revitalize the struggling organization. Mike assumed the role in late February 2014 and brought to the Chamber the energy and commitment that it had been lacking over the last few years.

In 6 months, Mike has been able to prove to the Town's businesses

that the Chamber is here to help them and Brownsburg prosper. At the most recent Town Council meeting, Mike gave his 6 month review of how the Chamber of Commerce is doing in 2014. The statistics that he announced are just short of

miraculous. *Under his guidance membership has increased 80% over last year. Revenues have increased 44% over last year while expenses have decreased 21% over the same time period. The combination of increased revenues and decreased expenses has given the Chamber an after expenses revenue increase of 554% increase over 2013.*

So Far in 2014, the Brownsburg Chamber of Commerce has hosted or been a part of several events. On Saturday May 3rd, it held its Celebration of Champions event. This event was held at Bill Estes Ford and featured a silent auction, Pinewood Derby Race and a performance by the band, Whitney Erin & Buffalo Creek. A returning favorite to the Celebration was the Pinewood Derby Race which has area businesses race cars against one another. The businesses are given a Pinewood Derby car kit with the rules to compete in the race. The winners of this year's race were: 1st Place, Rockstar Pizza; 2nd Place, The Danville Chamber of Commerce; 3rd Place, The Hendricks County Flyer. Each winner was awarded a trophy designed by Cold Hard Art. The event was a huge success and would not have been possible without the help of Bill Estes Ford and Don Schumacher Racing.



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In July, the Chamber of Commerce hosted the 37th annual Festival of the Arts at Arbuckle Park. This year's festival hosted 160 vendors, crafters and artists. Over 2500 people attended the show with a good portion of them being from outside of the Town of Brownsburg giving the Town a chance to show our community spirit. During the first half of 2014, the Chamber of Commerce has held 3 ribbon cutting ceremonies to include: Brownsburg Meadows Assisted Living, Garden homes and Memory Care Living, Scotty's Brewhouse and the Productivity Zone. The Chamber has also become more active in the community, county and state attending several forums, conferences and outings to include the Night Out Against Crime, Excelerate Hendricks County, Round Table CEO and The Big Go! Block Party.

When looking at the Chamber of Commerce website (www.Brownsburg.com), the following statement appears on the Executive Director page:

"The Brownsburg Chamber of Commerce understands that in order to have a strong economic environment, you must have a strong community that supports and encourages growth and innovative thinking. We are truly blessed in Brownsburg to have business owners, educators, and a wealth of private citizens who recognize that we all share in the responsibility of creating economic success and stability as well as a healthy community environment for our children and grandchildren. As a community, we share the vision. We work, we volunteer; we support and serve as we build on the successes of those who came before us and develop new and innovative strategies that will make Brownsburg even better."

Mike Arnould has taken this statement to heart and is revitalizing the Brownsburg Chamber of Commerce to truly become the organization to help support the Brownsburg community. With such a great start to his tenure as Executive Director, this reporter cannot wait to see what Mike Arnould can do with the next six months!

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