

January 17, 2002

The Hendricks County Board of Commissioners and Hendricks County Council met in a special called meeting to discuss transportation funding at 6:45 PM on Thursday, January 17, 2002, with a quorum of two (2) Commissioners and seven (7) Council members in Rooms 4-5 on the first floor of the Hendricks County Government Center with the following in attendance:

Steven L. Ostermeier)	
Linda Palmer)	Hendricks County Board of Commissioners
Gregory E. Steuerwald		Hendricks County Attorney
Paul T. Hardin)	
Jay Puckett)	
Hursel C. Disney)	
Phyllis Palmer)	Hendricks County Council
Larry Hesson)	
Kenny Givan)	
Wayne Johnson)	
Nancy L. Marsh		Hendricks County Auditor
John Ayers		Hendricks County Engineer
Terry Jones		Hendricks County Plan Commission Director
Judith Wyeth		Secretary to the Commissioners

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

John A. Habermann, Indiana Local Technical Assistance Program Department of Civil Engineering of Purdue University, presented an informational meeting for the Local Option Highway User Tax (LOHUT) relative to establishing a "wheel tax" for Hendricks County.

Mr. Habermann advised that if a public hearing was held and an ordinance approved prior to July 1 the wheel tax

would become effective the following January, however, if established after July 1 it would not become effective until

a year from the following January. Mr. Habermann stated that the wheel tax would be collected at the time a vehicle

is licensed by the license branch and the license branch would retain fifteen (15) cents for each transaction and then forward the balance directly to the County.

These funds could only be used for construction, reconstruction and repair or maintenance of County roads and bridged.

There was discussion of a possible state fuel tax increase.

Elected officials from the Towns of Plainfield, Danville, Brownsburg and Avon expressed both support and opposition for this tax.

Wayne Johnson requested a resolution from each town in favor of a wheel tax.

Paul Hardin requested that discussion of setting a date for a public hearing for the wheel tax be placed on the February Agenda for the Council.

The Commissioners and Council expressed thanks to Dennis Falkenberg, of Ice Miller and to Mr. Habermann for their presentation and input.

The meeting recessed at 8:20 PM.

Steven L. Ostermeier, President

Paul T. Hardin, President

Linda Palmer, Vice President

Jay Puckett, Vice President

John D. Clampitt, Member

Hursel C. Disney, Member

ATTEST: _____

Judith Wyeth, Deputy Auditor

Wayne Johnson, Member

Kenny Givan, Member

Phyllis Palmer, Member

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Nancy L. Marsh, Auditor

Larry Hesson, Member
