

HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-23

ORDINANCE RESOLVING TO INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY LOCAL OPTION INCOME TAX FOR THE HENDRICKS COUNTY CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

WHEREAS, the elected officials within Hendricks County value public safety and have approved a total consolidation of public safety telecommunication centers within the county resulting in the Hendricks County Consolidated Communications Center ("HCCC"), a single Public Safety Answering Point ("PSAP") that is part of the statewide 911 system; and

WHEREAS, Hendricks County Communication Center consolidated in 2006 through interlocal agreement with 24 participating jurisdictions, each of which is a signatory to the interlocal agreement; and

WHEREAS, the interlocal agreement provides that the Center would be funded through E911 fees and other contributions of the participating jurisdictions until such time as a new method of funding the Center were approved legislatively; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana General Assembly has adopted and the Governor has signed House Enrolled Act 1475 (P.L. 157-2015) ("HEA 1475"); and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of HEA 1475 adds IC 6-3.5-1.1-25(n) to the Indiana Code, permitting a county council to approve an increase to the County Adjusted Gross Income Tax ("CAGIT") rate and permitting a county council to dedicate 100% of that increase to funding a PSAP; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of HCCC did, at its June 24th meeting, adopt a resolution recommending that the Hendricks County Council ("Council") adopt an increase to the CAGIT to be dedicated to funding HCCC pursuant to HEA 1475; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined, in consultation with its financial advisors, that an increase of one tenth of a percent (.10%) would provide adequate funding for HCCC; and

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2015, the Council held a public hearing during which time members of the public were given an opportunity to be heard regarding the proposed CAGIT increase; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to increase the CAGIT as recommended by the HCCC Governing Board and to dedicate 100% of the increase to funding HCCC.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Hendricks County Council hereby increases the county adjusted gross income tax rate imposed upon the resident county taxpayers of the county from one and fifteen hundredths percent (1.15%) to one and twenty-five hundredths percent (1.25%).


2. The increase shall take effect as of October 1, 2015, pursuant to IC 6-3.5-1.1-1.5(b).
3. The Hendricks County Council hereby declares and resolves that 100% of the increase in CAGIT from the rate of one and fifteen hundredths percent (1.15%) in effect on July 1, 2015, to one and twenty-five hundredths percent (1.25%) effective October 1, 2015, shall be dedicated to funding the Hendricks County Consolidated Communications Center, a Public Safety Answering Point, as provided in IC 6-3.5-1.1-25(n).
4. The Hendricks County Auditor is directed to take all steps necessary to implement the resolutions as provided in this Ordinance, including, but not limited to, making a record of the vote taken on this Ordinance and, not more than ten (10) days after the vote, sending a certified copy of said vote record to the commissioner of the Indiana Department of Revenue, the director of the Indiana State Budget Agency and the commissioner of the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance using the Indiana Gateway for Government Units pathway.
5. This Ordinance is effective as of the date of its adoption.

Resolved and Adopted on this 13th day of August, 2015; by the Hendricks County Council


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 Jay R. Puckett



 Caleb M. Brown



 Larry R. Hesson



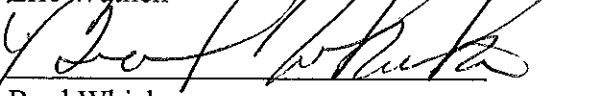
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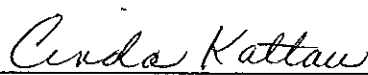
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ATTEST: 

 Cinda Kattau, Auditor



Board of Commissioners
HENDRICKS COUNTY

Bob Gentry
Phyllis A. Palmer
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August 7, 2015

Hendricks County Government Center
355 South Washington St. #204
Danville, Indiana 46122-1759

Mr. Jay Puckett, President
Hendricks County Council
355 S Washington Street #202
Danville, IN 46122

Re: Public Safety LOIT

Dear Council Members:

On behalf of the Hendricks County Commissioners, I extend to you their support for the proposed public safety local option income tax (LOIT) to be the primary funding of the Hendricks County Communications Center (Center). Since the formation of the Center in 2006, there has been a struggle to find a dedicated funding source. LOIT was not our first choice of funding, it is the only practical choice given to us by the Indiana General Assembly.

The 911 system is an indispensable part of public safety. The leadership of Hendricks County collectively recognized the importance of a professional and efficient 911 service in 2006 when the County led the State of Indiana in having a truly county-wide consolidated 911 service. We recognize the leadership of the Hendricks County Council in continuing the commitment of providing improved public safety by considering the establishment of a tax to support the 911 function. It takes a great deal of courage to consider this action because everyone knows how unpopular it is to establish a new tax. You demonstrate your commitment to the long term safety of the citizens of Hendricks County.

The Hendricks County Commissioners thank you for your consideration of establishing a 911 public safety LOIT and they fully support the adoption.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Graham
Administrator to County Commissioners

Cc: Hendricks County Commissioners
Cinda Kattau, Auditor
Tami Mitchell, Financial Administrator
Judy Wyeth, Office Manager



Brownsburg Fire Territory

Vigilantly Serving Our Community

July 14, 2015

To: Members of Hendricks County Council

From: Executive Board
Brownsburg Fire Territory

As you are aware, the Hendricks County 911 Communications Center has operated successfully for several years . That is operationally, but not financially. An opportunity to properly fund the Center is now available, and we encourage your positive action to adopt a Public Safety Local Option Income Tax (LOIT).

For several Indiana General Assembly sessions in the past, many interested parties have requested legislation to permit adequate funding of the Center. This has involved members of the Hendricks County Commissioners, Township Trustees in the county, local police and fire administration and concerned citizens.

In the 2015 General Assembly session, the members passed, and the Governor signed, House Bill 1475, which authorizes the County Council to adopt a LOIT to provide funding for the Center. Adopting the LOIT would more equitably spread the cost of operating the Center among all residents of the County. This would enable the Center to continue to provide life and property saving services throughout the County, while also helping stabilize the local budgets of police and fire agencies.

We would urge you to adopt a Hendricks County Public Safety LOIT within the time frame specified by the law, so it can take effect as early as possible.

Donovan Peoples
Lincoln Township Trustee

Glenn Nulty
Brownsburg Town Council Member

Tom Kmetz
Brown Township Trustee

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO INCREASE COUNTY
ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME TAX**

The Hendricks County Council ("Council") will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 13th, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. (local time) in the Hendricks County Government Center, 355 S. Washington Street, Danville, Indiana - Room #202, concerning the adoption of an ordinance concerning an increase to the county adjusted gross income tax to fund public safety communications. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend the hearing for the purpose of expressing their views. A copy of the proposed ordinance will be available for viewing and inspection in the office of the Hendricks County Commissioners, 255 S. Washington Street, Danville, Indiana - Room #204, starting July 23, 2015. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Dated this 23rd day of July, 2015.

HENDRICKS COUNTY AUDITOR
Cinda Kattau

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