

TAX MATTERS

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PROPOSED VIGO COUNTY TAX RATES (attached as separate insert)

- 1. SOUTH VIGO WINS THE FLYING EAGLE FOR 2009**
- 2. WHY CAPITALISM? – A LECTURE BY ALLAN H. MELTZER**
- 3. MAKING THE WORST OF A BAD SITUATION – NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND**
- 4. PUBLIC MEETINGS**

REVIEW OF PAST TAX MATTERS

APRIL 16, 2009 (#09-15)

- **THOMPSON DITCH CITY STUDY**
 - A second flood study was done for the city by BANNING Engineering. The report gives twelve recommendations to reduce property damage during flooding conditions of southern Vigo County.
- **BOARD OF HEALTH INFO**
 - Links to the annual report and vital statistics

APRIL 9, 2009 (#09-14)

- **WHERE'S MY TAX STATEMENT?**
 - Where does Vigo County stand in the property tax timeline? To view an Indiana township map, color-coded to support the timeline, visit http://www.in.gov/dlgf/files/2009_Cert_Status.pdf
- **DO THE MATH**
 - An alternative idea to the bailout and that idea's mathematical flaws

APRIL 2, 2009 (#09-13)

- **A MAJOR CONCERN**
 - It appears that we have serious problems with state-level offices.
- **SPECIAL VOLUNTEERS WANTED**
 - The Taxpayers web site is very close to going public. Prior to doing so, we would like a few people to test the site and let us know what does and does not work.

The Taxpayers Association is a not-for-profit organization supported by membership dues. Any citizen or group of citizens in Vigo County may be a member.

1. SOUTH VIGO WINS THE FLYING EAGLE FOR 2009



The winning school for the 2009 Taxation and Government Competition for 2009 is South Vigo High School. The top individual scoring student was Thomas Nicholas. He was rewarded \$250. Erin Balderson placed second in the individual competition and won \$125. Paul DeGrothy placed third and won \$75. The South team was coached by Mr. Jim Mann and received \$100 for use in his classroom.

2. WHY CAPITALISM? – A LECTURE BY ALLAN H. MELTZER

In a time when the concept of Socialism is being brought forward by news agencies across the nation regarding health care and stimulus packages, Allan H. Meltzer delivered the lecture “Why Capitalism?”, the eighth lecture in the 2008-2009 Bradley Lecture Series. Meltzer provides support to the premise that “There is no better alternative than capitalism as a social system for providing growth and personal freedom.” We are including the text of the lecture presented through the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research web site.

http://www.aei.org/publications/filter.all.pubID.29525/pub_detail.asp

3. MAKING THE WORST OF A BAD SITUATION – NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

According to a recent article in the New York Times, provisions for education in the stimulus bill may indicate the Obama Administration’s position on the overhaul of NCLB. To receive federal education aid, the bill dictates that governors must raise statewide standards to a new tougher benchmark. Governors must ensure that the most effective teachers will be assigned equitably to all students in their states, and they must commit to building statewide data systems to link teachers with student test scores.

There are currently 6000 of the nation’s 95,000 schools designated as needing restructuring or corrective action under the present terms. How many will there be when the standards are raised?

For a more detailed account access:

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/04/15/education/15educ.html?_r=1&ref=education

4. PUBLIC MEETINGS

The purpose of this calendar is to encourage taxpayers to attend public meetings. Taxpaying persons working at your business or living in your neighborhood should be encouraged to attend a meeting of their choice at least once per year. The date and time for the meetings listed below are always subject to change. Organizations that are underlined have a web page that can be accessed by clicking on their respective hyperlinks. The contact person is also listed. You should call the appropriate office and confirm the date and time if you plan to attend.

Date	Time	Public Meeting	Location	Contact Info
Mon. Apr. 27	2:00 pm	<u>Board of Public Works and Safety</u>	City Hall – 1 st Floor	Robin 232-4767
Mon. Apr. 27	4:00 pm	<u>County Park Board</u>	County Annex	Julia 462-3391
Mon. Apr. 27	5:30 pm	Terre Haute Housing Authority	2001 N. 19 th Street	Jeff 232-1381
Mon. Apr. 27	7:00 pm	<u>Vigo County School Board</u>	VCSC Board Room	Judy 462-4216
Tue. Apr. 28	9:00 am	<u>County Commissioners</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Tue. Apr. 28	4:30 pm	<u>County Council</u>	County Annex	Auditor 462-3361
Mon. May 4	6:30 pm	<u>Local Emergency Planning Committee</u>	Library – Main Branch	Jon 232-5411
Mon. May 4	6:30 pm	Riley Town Board	Riley Town Hall	Wanda 894-2410
Tue. May 5	9:00 am	<u>County Commissioners</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Tue. May 5	10:00 am	<u>City Board of Sanitary Commissioners</u>	City Hall – 3 rd Floor	Sally 235-5458
Tue. May 5	4:30 pm	Honey Creek Conservancy District	3241 S. 3 rd Place	Craig 232-4311
Wed. May 6	9:00 am	<u>City Board of Zoning Appeals</u>	City Hall – 1 st Floor Conf. Room	Judy 462-3367
Wed. May 6	7:00 pm	<u>County Area Planning Commission</u>	County Annex	Vickie 462-3354
Thur. May 7	7:00 pm	<u>City Council – Sunshine Meeting</u>	City Hall – Courtroom	Michelle 232-3375
Mon. May 11	2:00 pm	<u>Board of Public Works and Safety</u>	City Hall – 1 st Floor	Robin 232-4767
Mon. May 11	6:00 pm	West Terre Haute Town Board	500 W. Nat'l, WTH	Melody 533-2034
Mon. May 11	7:00 pm	<u>Vigo County School Board</u>	VCSC Board Room	Judy 462-4216
Tue. May 12	9:00 am	<u>County Commissioners</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Tue. May 12	4:15 pm	<u>Vigo County Redevelopment Commission</u>	County Annex	Amanda 234-2524
Tue. May 12	7:00 pm	Seelyville Town Board	Seelyville Water Office	Tamara 877-2665
Wed. May 13	10:00 am	<u>County Board of Zoning Appeals</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Wed. May 13	4:00 pm	<u>Air Pollution Control Department</u>	103 S. 3 rd St.	George 462-3433
Wed. May 13	4:30 pm	<u>City Park Board – General Meeting</u>	Deming Park	Eddie 232-2727
Wed. May 13	7:00 pm	<u>Airport Authority</u>	Airport	Kara 877-2524
Thur. May 14	7:00 pm	<u>City Council – Regular Meeting</u>	City Hall – Courtroom	Michelle 232-3375

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The estimated tax assessment for 2008 PAY 2009 figures were published by the Tribune-Star today (Apr. 23). However, the print was impossible to read. Thus, the table below represents an improved version comparing PAY 08 and projected PAY 09 figures. History shows the certified rates are lower than estimated due to the DLGF not having accurate numbers at the time estimates are developed.

	STATE		COUNTY				TOWNSHIP				FIRE DIST.				SCHOOL				LIBRARY				AIRPORT				TOTAL CITY & TOWN				TOTAL PROP TAX			
	PAY 08	PAY 08	PAY 08	PAY 08	PAY 09	%	PAY 08	PAY 08	PAY 09	%	PAY 08	PAY 08	PAY 09	%	PAY 08	PAY 08	PAY 09	%	PAY 08	PAY 08	PAY 09	%	PAY 08	PAY 08	PAY 09	%	PAY 08	PAY 08	PAY 09	%	PAY 07	PAY 08	PAY 09	%
	EST	FINAL	EST	FINAL	EST	CHANGE	EST	FINAL	EST	CHANGE	EST	FINAL	EST	CHANGE	EST	FINAL	EST	CHANGE	EST	FINAL	EST	CHANGE	EST	FINAL	EST	CHANGE	EST	FINAL	EST	CHANGE	EST	FINAL	EST	CHANGE
FAYETTE	0.0024	0.0024	1.0286	0.6882	0.8070	17.26%	0.1019	0.0823	0.1159	40.83%	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		1.6772	1.3406	1.0801	-19.43%	0.1312	0.1153	0.1951	69.21%	0.0296	0.0285	0.0378	32.63%					2.9709	2.2573	2.2359	-0.95%
NEW GOSHEN	0.0024	0.0024	1.0286	0.6882	0.8070	17.26%	0.0295	0.0237	0.0319	34.60%	0.0829	0.0728	0.1023	40.52%	1.6772	1.3406	1.0801	-19.43%	0.1312	0.1153	0.1951	69.21%	0.0296	0.0285	0.0378	32.63%					2.9814	2.2715	2.2542	-0.76%
HONEY CREEK	0.0024	0.0024	1.0286	0.6882	0.8070	17.26%	0.0044	0.0036	0.0060	66.67%	0.2350	0.2070	0.3348	61.74%	1.6772	1.3406	1.0801	-19.43%	0.1312	0.1153	0.1951	69.21%	0.0296	0.0285	0.0378	32.63%					3.1084	2.3856	2.4608	3.15%
HONEY CREEK SAN	0.0024	0.0024	1.0286	0.6882	0.8070	17.26%	0.0044	0.0036	0.0060	66.67%	0.2350	0.2070	0.3348	61.74%	1.6772	1.3406	1.0801	-19.43%	0.1312	0.1153	0.1951	69.21%	0.0296	0.0285	0.0378	32.63%	0.3200	0.2907	0.3502	20.47%	3.4284	2.6763	2.8110	5.03%
LINTON	0.0024	0.0024	1.0286	0.6882	0.8070	17.26%	0.0760	0.0550	0.0859	56.18%	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		1.6772	1.3406	1.0801	-19.43%	0.1312	0.1153	0.1951	69.21%	0.0296	0.0285	0.0378	32.63%					2.9450	2.2300	2.2059	-1.08%
LINTON SAN	0.0024	0.0024	1.0286	0.6882	0.8070	17.26%	0.0195	0.0124	0.0254	104.84%	0.2350	0.2070	0.3348	61.74%	1.6772	1.3406	1.0801	-19.43%	0.1312	0.1153	0.1951	69.21%	0.0296	0.0285	0.0378	32.63%	0.3200	0.2907	0.3502	20.47%	3.4435	2.6851	2.8304	5.41%
LOST CREEK	0.0024	0.0024	1.0286	0.6882	0.8070	17.26%	0.0267	0.0222	0.0362	63.06%	0.0531	0.0454	0.0608	33.92%	1.6772	1.3406	1.0801	-19.43%	0.1312	0.1153	0.1951	69.21%	0.0296	0.0285	0.0378	32.63%					2.9488	2.2426	2.2170	-1.14%
LOST CREEK SAN	0.0024	0.0024	1.0286	0.6882	0.8070	17.26%	0.0267	0.0222	0.0362	63.06%	0.0531	0.0454	0.0608	33.92%	1.6772	1.3406	1.0801	-19.43%	0.1312	0.1153	0.1951	69.21%	0.0296	0.0285	0.0378	32.63%	0.3200	0.2907	0.3502	20.47%	3.2688	2.5333	2.5672	1.34%
NEVINS	0.0024	0.0024	1.0286	0.6882	0.8070	17.26%	0.0941	0.0814	0.1206	48.16%	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		1.6772	1.3406	1.0801	-19.43%	0.1312	0.1153	0.1951	69.21%	0.0296	0.0285	0.0378	32.63%					2.9631	2.2564	2.2406	-0.70%
OTTER CREEK	0.0024	0.0024	1.0286	0.6882	0.8070	17.26%	0.0700	0.0619	0.0822	32.79%	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		1.6772	1.3406	1.0801	-19.43%	0.1312	0.1153	0.1951	69.21%	0.0296	0.0285	0.0378	32.63%					2.9390	2.2369	2.2022	-1.55%
OTTER CREEK SAN	0.0024	0.0024	1.0286	0.6882	0.8070	17.26%	0.0700	0.0619	0.0822	32.79%	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		1.6772	1.3406	1.0801	-19.43%	0.1312	0.1153	0.1951	69.21%	0.0296	0.0285	0.0378	32.63%	0.3200	0.2907	0.3502	20.47%	3.2590	2.5276	2.5524	0.98%
PIERSON	0.0024	0.0024	1.0286	0.6882	0.8070	17.26%	0.1348	0.1036	0.1565	51.06%	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		1.6772	1.3406	1.0801	-19.43%	0.1312	0.1153	0.1951	69.21%	0.0296	0.0285	0.0378	32.63%					3.0038	2.2786	2.2765	-0.09%
PRAIRIE CREEK	0.0024	0.0024	1.0286	0.6882	0.8070	17.26%	0.1136	0.0873	0.1371	57.04%	0.0000	0.0000	0.3316		1.6772	1.3406	1.0801	-19.43%	0.1312	0.1153	0.1951	69.21%	0.0296	0.0285	0.0378	32.63%					2.9826	2.2623	2.5887	14.43%
PRAIRIETON	0.0024	0.0024	1.0286	0.6882	0.8070	17.26%	0.0434	0.0354	0.0487	37.57%	0.1936	0.1590	0.3316	108.55%	1.6772	1.3406	1.0801	-19.43%	0.1312	0.1153	0.1951	69.21%	0.0296	0.0285	0.0378	32.63%					3.1060	2.3694	2.5003	5.52%
RILEY	0.0024	0.0024	1.0286	0.6882	0.8070	17.26%	0.0175	0.0140	0.0211	50.71%	0.2883	0.1738	0.3651	110.07%	1.6772	1.3406	1.0801	-19.43%	0.1312	0.1153	0.1951	69.21%	0.0296	0.0285	0.0378	32.63%					3.1748	2.3628	2.5062	6.07%
RILEY SAN	0.0024	0.0024	1.0286	0.6882	0.8070	17.26%	0.0175	0.0140	0.0211	50.71%	0.2883	0.1738	0.3651	110.07%	1.6772	1.3406	1.0801	-19.43%	0.1312	0.1153	0.1951	69.21%	0.0296	0.0285	0.0378	32.63%	0.3200	0.2907	0.3502	20.47%	3.4948	2.6535	2.8564	7.65%
SUGAR CREEK	0.0024	0.0024	1.0286	0.6882	0.8070	17.26%	0.1058	0.0923	0.1355	46.80%	0.3064	0.2289	0.5858	155.92%	1.6772	1.3406	1.0801	-19.43%	0.1312	0.1153	0.1951	69.21%	0.0296	0.0285	0.0378	32.63%					3.2812	2.4962	2.8413	13.83%
TOWN OF RILEY	0.0024	0.0024	1.0286	0.6882	0.8070	17.26%	0.0175	0.0140	0.0211	50.71%	0.2883	0.1738	0.3651	110.07%	1.6772	1.3406	1.0801	-19.43%	0.1312	0.1153	0.1951	69.21%	0.0296	0.0285	0.0378	32.63%	0.3149	0.2737	0.4187	52.98%	3.4897	2.6365	2.9249	10.94%
TOWN OF SEELYVILLE	0.0024	0.0024	1.0286	0.6882	0.8070	17.26%	0.0267	0.0222	0.0362	63.06%	0.0531	0.0454	0.0608	33.92%	1.6772	1.3406	1.0801	-19.43%	0.1312	0.1153	0.1951	69.21%	0.0296	0.0285	0.0378	32.63%	0.5629	0.5148	0.6483	25.93%	3.5117	2.7574	2.8653	3.91%
WEST TERRE HAUTE	0.0024	0.0024	1.0286	0.6882	0.8070	17.26%	0.1058	0.0923	0.1355	46.80%	0.3064	0.2289	0.5858	155.92%	1.6772	1.3406	1.0801	-19.43%	0.1312	0.1153	0.1951	69.21%	0.0296	0.0285	0.0378	32.63%	1.2500	1.2011	1.8000	49.86%	4.5312	3.6973	4.6413	25.53%
T.H. HARRISON	0.0024	0.0024	1.0286	0.6882	0.8070	17.26%	0.0471	0.0404	0.0536	32.67%	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		1.6772	1.3406	1.0801	-19.43%	0.1312	0.1153	0.1951	69.21%	0.0296	0.0285	0.0378	32.63%	2.5011	1.7811	3.6182	103.14%	5.4172	3.9665	5.7918	44.92%
T.H. HONEY CREEK	0.0024	0.0024	1.0286	0.6882	0.8070	17.26%	0.0044	0.0036	0.0060	66.67%	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		1.6772	1.3406	1.0801	-19.43%	0.1312	0.1153	0.1951	69.21%	0.0296	0.0285	0.0378	32.63%	2.5011	1.7811	3.6182	103.14%	5.3745	3.9597	5.7442	45.07%
T.H. LOST CREEK	0.0024	0.0024	1.0286	0.6882	0.8070	17.26%	0.0267	0.0222	0.0362	63.06%	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		1.6772	1.3406	1.0801	-19.43%	0.1312	0.1153	0.1951	69.21%	0.0296	0.0285	0.0378	32.63%	2.5011	1.7811	3.6182	103.14%	5.3968	3.9783	5.7744	45.15%
T.H. OTTER CREEK	0.0024	0.0024	1.0286	0.6882	0.8070	17.26%	0.0136	0.0107	0.0150	40.19%	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		1.6772	1.3406	1.0801	-19.43%	0.1312	0.1153	0.1951	69.21%	0.0296	0.0285	0.0378	32.63%	2.5011	1.7811	3.6182	103.14%	5.3837	3.9668	5.7532	45.03%
T.H. RILEY	0.0024	0.0024	1.0286	0.6882	0.8070	17.26%	0.0175	0.0140	0.0211	50.71%	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		1.6772	1.3406	1.0801	-19.43%	0.1312	0.1153	0.1951	69.21%	0.0296	0.0285	0.0378	32.63%	2.5011	1.7811	3.6182	103.14%	5.3876	3.9701	5.7593	45.07%