

TAX MATTERS

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REVIEW OF PAST TAX MATTERS

SEPTEMBER 3, 2009 (#09-34)

- **I-FILE SURVEY**
 - Survey results of the I-File electronic tax filing system
- **FREE TAX TOPICS ADS**
 - If you want to promote your business in this month's TAX TOPICS, please send a business card (or landscape-format ad) to us before September 14, 2009
- **TAX NOTES**
 - Excerpts from the Indiana Chamber of Commerce's periodic email

AUGUST 27, 2009 (#09-34)

- **BUDGETS PROPOSAL**
 - Recently the City Council, County Council and Vigo County School Corporation have released proposed budgets for the year 2010. We have all these budgets available at the TA office if you are interested in looking at them.
- **CITY HISTORIC PRESERVATION**
 - The complete 15-page possible ordinance establishing a city historic preservation commission is available at <http://www.taxtopics.org/go-10-09historicpreservationord.pdf>. The proposal will be discussed at the Area Planning Commission meeting next month.

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. Current members are encouraged to promote membership in the organization by giving the attached application to a potential member. [See the TA application and dues structure.](#)
This is NOT an invoice for your dues.

1. WASHINGTON RENOVATION

The Vigo County School Corporation engaged an architectural firm, MMS-A/E, to study the cost of renovating the Booker T. Washington High School building to meet safety and ADA codes. The estimated costs associated with each item are based upon recent historical data from a remodel project of similar size, age and scope. The numbers have been adjusted for inflation at a rate of 4% over four years:

Extend fire alarm devices into restrooms and other occupied spaces, include new panel	\$54,300.00
Install fire suppression (sprinkler) includes underground service, design and installation	105,234.00
Building rewire, demolition and installation	426,175.00
New plumbing and ADA toilet rooms	289,000.00
New steam lines	195,000.00
Air conditioning with ductwork	678,000.00
Smoke compartments	180,000.00
Rated doors	72,000.00
Lower level exits	411,000.00
New ceilings, required for new HVAC efficiency and lighting	135,000.00
Elevator and area of refuge	247,000.00
Paint	47,000.00
Tuck point to reduce interior mold and water damage	75,000.00
New gymnasium	<u>1,500,000.00</u>
Sub-total	<u>4,414,709.00</u>
General conditions and mark-up	440,000.00
A/E fees	<u>220,735.00</u>
Grand total	<u>\$5,075,444.00</u>

The above total does not include money for unforeseen conditions that may come with renovating an older building.

New building for nursery – delete lower level exits - \$441,000.00)

Add \$1,925,000.00 for new 11,000 square feet building = \$6,559,444.00

It should be noted that the existing building is some 47,000 square feet, a new building would be greatly reduced in size due to design efficiencies. To build a building with comparable square footage would cost **\$8,225,000.00**. It should be further noted that most of the square footage difference is in circulation and "wasted space." Further there are currently 36-40 infants being served and more on the way.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Arnold, AIA
MMS-A/E

Note: The estimated cost to move the program to the Terre Haute South Vigo campus is approximately \$2.4 million.

2. TA BOARD MEETING THIS TUESDAY

The next Taxpayers Association board meeting will be held this Tuesday, September 15, 12:00 noon at the Terre Haute Savings Bank at 533 Ohio Street. Lunch will be provided by THSB. RSVP by Monday, September 14. All members are welcome to attend.

3. WANTED: IN GOOD CONDITION

Due to the economy and a few non-renewals of TA members for 2009, we are now in a begging mode. The Taxpayers Association office is in serious need of the following items:

1. 24-inch paper cutter
2. Laptop (notebook) computer with PowerPoint and wireless capabilities
3. Black & white copier – must have 11x17 two-sided capability and computer control. We will maintain a service contract with the above.

If you can help or offer an idea on any of the above, please respond to this note. Thank you.

4. BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

There are many boards in our city and county government that meet on a regular basis and make important decisions for our community. One is the city's Board of Public Works and Safety. The BPWS meets twice a month. The following is the agenda for the next meeting scheduled for the Board of Public Works.

Board of Public Works and Safety
September 14, 2009

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve Minutes from Board of Public Works and Safety Meeting on August 24, 2009
2. Wastewater Utility Chlorine Contact Tank Epoxy Coating
3. Wastewater Utility Clarifier Effluent Launder Epoxy Coating
4. Open Bids – New Fare Boxes – Transit Utility
5. Open Bids – Asphalt Heating Unit
6. Open Bids – New Maintenance Building Terre Haute Street Department
7. Open Bids - Building Remodel & New Bus Shelters – Transit Utility
8. Open Proposals – Roof Repair – Terre Haute Fire Department Station #5

9. Other

NEW BUSINESS

1. Inspection Agreement for 24th Street Maple to Barbour
2. Inspection Agreement for 7th Avenue Phase II
3. LPA Consulting Contract – Brown Avenue Reconstruction into a Boulevard from Wabash Avenue to Locust Street
4. LPA Consulting Contract – Blakely Avenue Extension from Wabash Avenue South to Fruitridge Avenue
5. Change Order #8 – Memorial Stadium
6. Change Order #9 – Memorial Stadium
7. 2009 EPA Grant Application Proposal
8. Terre Haute Coke & Carbon Brownfield Site – North & South Parcel Phase I Environmental Site Assessment
9. Release of Retainage for Miscellaneous Concrete Repair Work Order #1
10. Walk of Fame
11. Request from Indiana State University to close Cherry Street from 8th to 9th on Friday, October 16, 2009
12. Request from the Terre Haute Police Department to host the 7th Annual Hot Pursuit on October 17, 2009
13. Request from Terre Haute North Vigo to have Homecoming Parade and Paint Logo on the Street
14. Request from Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church to close 7th Avenue from 24th to 25th on September 26, 2009
15. Payroll
16. P O Registers
17. Supplemental Agreement #3 – Margaret Avenue Phase III Project
18. Approve Specifications – Environmental Consultant Services for Environmental Site Assessment and Related Activities Brown Boulevard/Locust
19. Other

5. 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
Thur. Sep. 10	6:00 pm	<u>City Council – Special Call for 2010 Budget</u>	City Hall – Courtroom	Michelle 232-3375
Thur. Sep. 10	7:00 pm	<u>City Council – Regular Meeting</u>	City Hall – Courtroom	Michelle 232-3375
Mon. Sep. 14	2:00 pm	<u>Board of Public Works and Safety</u>	City Hall – 1 st Floor	Robin 232-4767
Mon. Sep. 14	6:00 pm	West Terre Haute Town Board	500 W. Nat'l, WTH	Melody 533-2034
Mon. Sep. 14	6:30 pm	Riley Town Board	Riley Town Hall	Wanda 894-2410
Mon. Sep. 14	7:00 pm	<u>Vigo County School Board</u>	VCSC Board Room	Judy 462-4216
Tue. Sep. 15	9:00 am	<u>County Commissioners</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Tue. Sep. 15	10:00 am	<u>City Board of Sanitary Commissioners</u>	City Hall – 3 rd Floor	Sally 235-5458
Tue. Sep. 15	12:00 noon	Taxpayers Association Board Meeting	Terre Haute Savings Bank (533 Ohio St.)	Bernard 235-1361
Wed. Sep. 16	9:30 am	Clay-Owen-Vigo Solid Waste District	109 E. Nat'l, Brazil IN	Janet 800-387-3380
Wed. Sep. 16	10:00 am	<u>County Board of Zoning Appeals</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Wed. Sep. 16	4:00 pm	<u>City Redevelopment Commission</u>	City Hall – 1 st Floor	Phenny 232-0018
Thur. Sep. 17	2:00 pm	Tree Advisory Board	City Hall Mayor's Conf. Room	Jennifer 232-4028
Mon. Sep. 21	5:30 pm	<u>Human Relations Commission</u>	Booker T. Washington Center	Jeff 232-0110
Mon. Sep. 21	7:00 pm	<u>Vigo County Public Library</u>	Vigo County Public Library	Nancy 232-1113
Tue. Sep. 22	9:00 am	<u>County Commissioners</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Tue. Sep. 22	5:00 pm	<u>County Council</u>	County Annex	Auditor 462-3361
Wed. Sep. 23	4:30 pm	<u>City Park Board – Business Meeting</u>	Deming Park	Eddie 232-2727
Wed. Sep. 23	5:30 pm	<u>Information Technology Advisory Board</u>	City Hall – 1 st Floor	Brad 244-2316
Wed. Sep. 23	7:00 pm	<u>Airport Authority</u>	Airport	Kara 877-2524
Mon. Sep. 28	2:00 pm	<u>Board of Public Works and Safety</u>	City Hall – Board of Public Works Room	Robin 232-4767
Mon. Sep. 28	4:00 pm	<u>County Park Board</u>	County Annex	Julia 462-3391
Mon. Sep. 28	5:30 pm	Terre Haute Housing Authority	2001 N. 19 th Street	Jeff 232-1381
Mon. Sep. 28	7:00 pm	<u>Vigo County School Board</u>	VCSC Board Room	Judy 462-4216
Tue. Sep. 29	9:00 am	<u>County Commissioners</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Thur. Oct. 1	9:00 am	<u>City Board of Zoning Appeals</u>	City Hall – 1 st Floor Conf. Room	Judy 462-3367
Thur. Oct. 1	7:00 pm	<u>City Council – Sunshine Meeting</u>	City Hall – Courtroom	Michelle 232-3375

6. TAX QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“Unquestionably, there is progress.
The average American now pays out twice as much in taxes
as he formerly got in wages.”
- H. L. Mencken*

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