

TAX MATTERS

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REVIEW OF PAST TAX MATTERS

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- **2011 DUES INVOICES**
 - Dues renewal invoices were mailed on December 1, 2010 to all current members and members who recently could not renew due to the economy.
- **HOOSIER SURVEY 2010**
 - According to a Ball State University survey, job creation, upgrading K-12 education and improving government efficiency should be the state legislature's top issues:
<http://cms.bsu.edu/~media/DepartmentalContent/Bowen/HOOSIER%20SURVEY%202010.ashx>
- **ECONOMIC IMPACT OF HOME BUILDING IN THE STATE OF INDIANA**
 - Dr. Elliot Eisenberg, an economist with the National Association of Home Builders, made a presentation called "The Economic Impact of Home Building in Indiana" at a NAHB meeting in Indianapolis:
<http://www.taxtopics.org/IndianaREPORT.pdf>

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- **ANNUAL MEETING**
 - The Annual Meeting of the Taxpayers Association scheduled for April 20, 2011 will have as its speaker Larry DeBoer, Purdue University professor and extension specialist in Agricultural Economics.
- **2010 PROPERTY TAX REPORT**
 - The Indiana Legislative Services Agency released the 2010 Property Tax Report for Vigo County - <http://www.in.gov/legislative/pdf/VIGO10.PDF>
- **CAPS: WHERE DO WE GO NEXT? HOW DO WE ACHIEVE FAIRNESS?**
 - Now that the Indiana Tax Caps question has been answered, we must address the possibility of improving Indiana's system of taxation.
- **2011 EAGLE CONTEST**
 - The 2011 Taxation, Government and Citizenship Competition for the Eagle (and at least \$800 cash) will be held Saturday, February 19, 2011 at 10:00 AM at the Vigo County School Corporation administration building.

The Taxpayers Association is a not-for-profit 501(c)(4) 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. RATES 2010 PAY 2011

For several years, property tax rates have been certified for Vigo County by the State of Indiana later than expected. For taxes based on March 1, 2010 assessments and payable in 2011, rates are now known. The attached chart shows the rate for each district and a comparison to 2009 rates payable 2010. A percentage change column is shown and we see that the majority of rates are down with the town of Seelyville being the greatest with a 5.14% decrease. Only four of 25 districts increased with West Terre Haute having the greatest increase at 5.33%.

One of the positive outcomes of the Indiana tax CAPS is that you can estimate your annual property taxes and budget subsequent years accordingly. All the information you need is now available.

Follow these steps:

1. Go to Beacon at the [Vigo County web site](#). Find your March 1, 2010 assessed value. Be sure to separate your homestead properties and land from all other types.
2. Go to the [2011 Tax Bill Estimator](#). Follow all directions.
3. At this point, you might find it interesting to look up and compare other properties.

You now have a number that will be equal to or very close to your total Vigo County property taxes payable 2011.

2. VIGO COUNTY TAX RATE PAY 2011 CHART

TOWNSHIP	2010	2011	Change	% Change
1 FAYETTE	1.6844	1.6607	-0.0237	-1.41%
2 T H HARRISON	3.6216	3.5126	-0.1090	-3.01%
3 HONEY CREEK	1.8896	1.8894	-0.0002	-0.01%
4 HONEY CREEK SAN	2.2008	2.1109	-0.0899	-4.08%
5 T H HONEY CREEK	3.5773	3.4696	-0.1077	-3.01%
6 LINTON	1.7005	1.6922	-0.0083	-0.49%
7 LOST CREEK	1.7155	1.7121	-0.0034	-0.20%
8 LOST CREEK SAN	2.0267	1.9336	-0.0931	-4.59%
9 T H LOST CREEK	3.6027	3.4960	-0.1067	-2.96%
10 TOWN OF SEELYVILLE	2.3171	2.1981	-0.1190	-5.14%
11 NEVINS	1.7301	1.7185	-0.0116	-0.67%
12 OTTER CREEK	1.6993	1.6964	-0.0029	-0.17%

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	TOWNSHIP	2010	2011	Change	Change
13	OTTER CREEK SAN	2.0105	1.9179	-0.0926	-4.61%
14	T H OTTER CREEK	3.5868	3.4800	-0.1068	-2.98%
15	PIERSON	1.7008	1.7012	0.0004	0.02%
16	PRAIRIE CREEK	1.9176	1.9062	-0.0114	-0.59%
17	PRAIRIETON	1.9215	1.9095	-0.0120	-0.62%
18	RILEY	1.8981	1.9486	0.0505	2.66%
19	RILEY SAN	2.2093	2.1701	-0.0392	-1.77%
20	TOWN OF RILEY	2.2840	2.2696	-0.0144	-0.63%
21	SUGAR CREEK	1.9680	2.0105	0.0425	2.16%
22	WEST TERRE HAUTE	3.3535	3.5321	0.1786	5.33%
23	T H RILEY	3.5915	3.4835	-0.1080	-3.01%
24	LINTON SAN	2.2147	2.1239	-0.0908	-4.10%
25	NEW GOSHEN FIRE	1.7416	1.7340	-0.0076	-0.44%

3. IMPORTANT UPCOMING BOARD AND MEMBER MEETINGS

January 8, 2011 – Legislative Crackerbarrel, Vigo County Public Library, 10:00 am

January 18, 2011 – TA Board Meeting at Thompson’s Motorsports, 12:00 noon

March 15, 2011 – TA Board Meeting at Wilkinson, Goeller, Modesitt, Wilkinson & Drummy Law Office, 12:00 noon

April 20, 2011 – TA Annual Meeting at Idle Creek Banquet Center, 12:00 noon

May 17, 2011 – TA Board Meeting at Terre Haute Bowling Center, 12:00 noon

4. 2011 MEMBER DUES

As of today (December 30, 2010), dues received for calendar year 2011 are 25 percent short of 2009 and 2010 payments. If you (or your business) will not be renewing for 2011, please let me know and I will pass said information to the membership committee. Adjustments to the 2011 TA budget will necessarily be made. On this matter, what would you propose that we do less of and still provide value to the Vigo County taxpayers?

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.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Public Meeting</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Contact Info</i>
Mon. Jan. 3	4:00 pm	<u>City Redevelopment Commission - Annual Organizational Meeting</u>	City Hall – 1 st Floor	Phenny 232-0018
Mon. Jan. 3	6:30 pm	Riley Town Board	Riley Town Hall	Wanda 894-2410
Tue. Jan. 4	9:00 am	<u>County Commissioners</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Tue. Jan. 4	10:00 am	<u>City Board of Sanitary Commissioners</u>	City Hall – 3 rd Floor	Sally 235-5458
Wed. Jan. 5	9:00 am	<u>City Board of Zoning Appeals</u>	City Hall – 1 st Floor Conf. Room	Judy 462-3367
Wed. Jan. 5	7:00 pm	<u>County Area Planning Commission</u>	County Annex	Vickie 462-3354
Thur. Jan. 6	7:00 pm	<u>City Council – Sunshine Meeting</u>	City Hall – Courtroom	Michelle 232-3375
Sat. Jan. 8	10:00 am	LEGISLATIVE CRACKERBARREL	Vigo County Public Library	Nancy 232-1113
Mon. Jan. 10	2:00 pm	<u>Board of Public Works and Safety</u>	City Hall – Board of Public Works Room	Robin 232-4767
Mon. Jan. 10	5:30 pm	<u>Human Relations Commission</u>	Booker T. Washington Center	Jeff 232-0110
Mon. Jan. 10	6:00 pm	West Terre Haute Town Board	500 W. Nat'l, WTH	Melody 533-2034
Mon. Jan. 10	7:00 pm	<u>Vigo County School Board</u>	VCSC Board Room	Judy 462-4216
Tue. Jan. 11	9:00 am	<u>County Commissioners</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Tue. Jan. 11	4:15 pm	<u>Vigo County Redevelopment Commission</u>	County Annex	Amanda 234-2524
Tue. Jan. 11	7:00 pm	Seelyville Town Board	Seelyville Water Office	Tamara 877-2665
Wed. Jan. 12	10:00 am	<u>County Board of Zoning Appeals</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Wed. Jan. 12	2:00 pm	<u>E-911 Advisory Board</u>	County Jail – Sheriff's Training Room	Greg 462-3226 ext. 320
Wed. Jan. 12	7:00 pm	<u>Airport Authority</u>	Airport	Kara 877-2524
Thur. Jan. 13	6:30 pm	<u>City Council – Regular Meeting</u>	City Hall – Courtroom	Michelle 232-3375
Tue. Jan. 18	9:00 am	<u>County Commissioners</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Tue. Jan. 18	10:00 am	<u>City Board of Sanitary Commissioners</u>	City Hall – 3 rd Floor	Sally 235-5458
Tue. Jan. 18	12:00 noon	<u>Taxpayers Association Board Meeting</u>	Thompson's Motorsports	Bernard 235-1361
Tue. Jan. 18	7:00 pm	<u>Vigo County Public Library</u>	Vigo County Public Library	Nancy 232-1113
Wed. Jan. 19	9:30 am	Clay-Owen-Vigo Solid Waste District	109 E. Nat'l, Brazil IN	Janet 800-387-3380
Wed. Jan. 19	4:00 pm	<u>City Redevelopment Commission</u>	City Hall – 1 st Floor	Phenny 232-0018
Wed. Jan. 19	4:30 pm	<u>City Park Board</u>	Deming Park	Eddie 232-2727
Thur. Jan. 20	2:00 pm	Tree Advisory Board	City Hall Mayor's Conf. Room	Jennifer 232-4028
Fri. Jan. 21	1:30 pm	Honey Creek Conservancy District – Annual Meeting	3241 S. 3 rd Place	Craig 232-4311
Mon. Jan. 24	2:00 pm	<u>Board of Public Works and Safety</u>	City Hall – Board of Public Works Room	Robin 232-4767

Date	Time	Public Meeting	Location	Contact Info
Mon. Jan. 24	4:00 pm	<u>County Park Board</u>	County Annex	Julia 462-3391
Mon. Jan. 24	5:30 pm	Terre Haute Housing Authority	2001 N. 19 th Street	Jeff 232-1381
Mon. Jan. 24	7:00 pm	<u>Vigo County School Board</u>	VCSC Board Room	Judy 462-4216
Tue. Jan. 25	9:00 am	<u>County Commissioners</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Tue. Jan. 25	5:00 pm	<u>County Council</u>	County Annex	Auditor 462-3361
Wed. Jan. 26	5:30 pm	<u>Information Technology Advisory Board</u>	City Hall – 1 st Floor	Brad 244-2316
Wed. Jan. 26	7:00 pm	<u>Airport Authority</u>	Airport	Kara 877-2524

**HAVE A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS
2011!!!**

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