

July 28, 2008

The commissioners met on this day for a Special Commissioners meeting with the following members present: John Richwine and Patricia Dillon. Also present were County Attorney Jim Wilson, Deputy Auditor Jane Lyons and Commissioners Office Manager Linda Smith. Commissioner Paul Wilson was out of town.

Commissioner Richwine turned the meeting over to County Attorney Jim Wilson:

**IN THE MATTER OF ELECTED TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR REFERENDUM**

Mr. Wilson stated that HEA 1001, Section 694 states that assessment duties of the elected township assessor are transferred to the county assessor only if a majority of the township voters who vote in the referendum (townships with 15,000 parcels or more as of January 1, 2008) approves the transfer of assessing duties to the county assessor. The Anderson Township Assessor has approximately 34,600 parcels. The question to be submitted to the voters in the referendum is:

“Should the assessing duties of the elected township assessor in the township be transferred to the county assessor?”

HEA 1001 Section 695 adds a new section stating that the county legislative body (i.e. Commissioners) is required to certify the referendum question to be voted on to the county election board. The county clerk must call a meeting of the county election board to make arrangements for the referendum to be held in the general election in November 2008.

Mr. Wilson asked County Assessor Cheryl Heath if her office could handle approximately 34,600 more parcels and she stated no.

Motion was made by John Richwine and seconded by Patricia Dillon to certify said referendum to the election board. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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