

**2012 Survey of Local Elected Officials**  
**Questions/Issues Identified**

**Responses from:** IACIR members, AIC, IACC, IACT, ITA, Indiana Humanities Council, SPEA faculty and staff.

**Road funding (3)**

- How many fewer road miles are you paving or planning to pave in 2012-13, than in the prior year(s)?
- If paving fewer road miles, what are the negatives of paving fewer road miles?
- How many miles of paved roads is your county returning to gravel roads?

**Strategies to address reduced revenues (2)**

- 2010 question
- Would you support enabling legislation to allow the following? Would consider adoption for your community? Municipal Adoption of LOIT, ability to adopt food and beverage taxes without specific legislation, uncoupling the public safety LOIT from the property tax relief components

**E911 / PSAP funding (2)**

- Characterize relationships among local governments
- Level of preparedness for 2014 (deadline to consolidate to 2 PSAPs)
- Level of funding support provided by cities and towns to counties
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- for PSAPs
- Likely success of the new funding arrangement

**Payment/service in lieu of taxes (2):**

- Who is doing payment/services in lieu of taxes
- From what kind of entities? Public utilities, Universities, Hospitals, 501(c)3 Groups, Other
- How is the amount of payment determined?

**Conflicts of interest/nepotism (2)**

- Incidents related to conflicts of interest
- Officials prevented from running for office
- Parity between treatment of state and local officials

**Citizen perceptions (2)**

- What is the biggest misconception their citizens have about what it takes to operate a local government?
- Do your constituents know enough about the government?
- Do they think schools are teaching enough civics?



**Abandoned properties/tax sale surplus**

- Problem?
- Level of code enforcement

**Inmate health care costs****Rural broadband****Accounting for revenues collected by state and distributed to local governments****Water rights**

- How critical is managing water resources to economic development?
- Other concerns changes to water rights and management?

**Using volunteers for local government services/projects**

- Who?
- How often?
- For what kinds of projects / services?

**Relationships with non-profits**

- Elected official affiliations with non-profits
- Trust of non-profits

**Economic development**

- When developing economic development strategies, what factors are most important?  
Quality of life, jobs, expanding the tax base, infrastructure needs, roads, other

**Moving utility lines**

- Has your communities experience delays in moving utilities that delay public works projects?
- What were the consequences? Added project costs, added project length, harm to local businesses due to restricted access

**Training for officeholders**

- Have you received enough preparation/training to be an office-holder?

**211 service**

- 2010 questions