

Indiana Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations

Wednesday, January 11, 2007

2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

*Indiana State Teachers Association
Conference Center*

*150 W. Market St., Second Floor
Indianapolis, Indiana*

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Tom Saunders called the meeting to order at approximately 2:45 P.M. He welcomed the group (see Attachment A).

MEETING AGENDA

- Call to Order Chair Tom Saunders

- Approval of Minutes Chair Tom Saunders
 - June 20, 2006
 - October 12, 2006
 - December 20, 2006

- Approval of Focus Group Notes Chair Tom Saunders
 - September 26, 2006
 - October 26, 2006
 - November 14, 2006

- Discussion and Ratification of Interlocal Agreement Jamie L. Palmer
Project Recommendations Neil Pickett
Chris Ruhl

- Adjournment Chair Tom Saunders

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2006, OCTOBER 12, 2006, AND DECEMBER 20, 2006

The three sets of minutes were approved by consent.

APPROVAL OF FOCUS GROUP NOTES

The focus group notes associated with the Interlocal Agreement Project were approved by consent.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS

Jamie Palmer presented research observations from the Interlocal Agreement Project as well as proposed recommendations developed in response to research and input. (Attachment B). She indicated that the two highlighted recommendations had been made in response to the previous commission discussion regarding the recommendations.

Linda Williams expressed concern that education regarding interlocal agreements be provided by qualified individuals.

Sue Paris indicated that the guidebook would be the most important recommendation and suggested that the creation be codified in statute.

Chair Saunders indicated that it would be important to clean up the statute to further encourage communities to use this important tool.

Chris Ruhl suggested that the implementation of a uniform tax rate for interlocal agreements could be complex and that the Department of Local Government Finance should sign off to ensure that the process was followed correctly.

Neil Pickett asked that the recommendations include support for building a better data system to track local government activities and progress.

Sue Paris suggested that Association of Indiana Counties provides annual awards for interlocal cooperation and that additional awards and promotion of those awards would be a low cost incentive to encourage communities to collaborate.

Another commission member suggested that encouraging activities such as these would be an appropriate use for the gaming tax revenues previously used for Build Indiana.

Sue Paris moved approval of the recommendations with the clarification regarding approval by DLGF of a joint levy, an additional recommendations regarding an ongoing data system, and with two additional potential incentives.

Joyce Poling seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Saunders closed the meeting at approximately 3:30 P.M.

APPROVAL

These minutes were approved by the commission on January 28,2008.