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Henry County motor vehicle excise, wheel taxes increasing Jan. 1, 2017

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The Henry County Council voted Monday during a special meeting to raise the local motor vehicle excise surtax and wheel tax in a bid to fix local roads with money from the Indiana Department of Transportation. The ordinances had to be adopted before Thursday in order for the new taxes to go into effect at the beginning of the year. Under the new fee schedule, passenger vehicles, motorcycles and all trucks that weigh 11,000 lbs. or less will be taxed at a rate of \$40. The 2016 rate for the annual excise surtax was \$25 for those vehicles. Larger, heavier vehicles that are registered in Henry County are taxed under the county wheel tax at a different rate due to the increased wear and tear that they put on the roads. Until now, all trucks under 30,000 lbs. were taxed at \$30 and everything heavier than that were \$40. The new ordinance will tax all trucks over 11,000 lbs. at an annual rate of \$80. http://www.suncommercial.com/news/article_7bfc3e94-3e2a-11e6-a426-832bf6af0cc2.html

County lays out plans for road improvements

Washington Times Herald
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The state of Indiana has a fresh pile of money to use for matching grants for cities and counties to improve their local roads and officials in Daviess County are hoping to jump to the front of the line and get some of that funding. Next month the Indiana Department of Transportation will begin looking at applications for 50-50 matching grants under a new program approved by the Indiana Legislature earlier this year called Community Crossings. Daviess County officials are finalizing plans to try and make the most of that opportunity. "We're pushing ahead," said President of the Daviess County Commissioners Michael Taylor. "We're trying to get a master plan for the county to figure out how to spend our money more wisely on our infrastructure." "Our plan is not 100 percent complete yet, but it's fairly close," added Daviess County Highway Supervisor Phil Cornelius. "We'll be presenting that to INDOT by the July 29 deadline." County Highway officials will be seeking at least \$2 million in improvements on a pair of specific projects this year. One project calls for the repaving of CR 650E from U.S. 50 as far north as the money will take it. http://www.washtimesherald.com/news/local_news/county-lays-out-plans-for-road-improvements/article_82b84910-fcb0-5080-8a54-68ece113ea0a.html

Local vehicle taxes going up for 2017

Brown County Democrat

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In order to raise money to fix roads, the Brown County Council voted to increase local vehicle taxes starting Jan. 1. But they won't be going up by as much as originally proposed. A rate evaluation committee was concerned that going to the maximum rates allowed by the Indiana General Assembly would place too much burden on the county's poorest residents, said county council member David Critser, a member of the committee. Under the rates the council approved June 20, the minimum to be paid on older vehicles will increase by \$7.50 per year. The tax on trailers under 9,000 pounds will go up by \$20 and on trailers over 9,000 pounds by \$30. A resident with an old pickup and small trailer who would have paid an additional \$107.50 under the original proposal will pay an additional \$27.50 instead. The approved rates are estimated to raise \$502,141.75 in new revenue in 2017, said County Auditor Beth Mulry, a member of the rate committee. http://www.bcdemocrat.com/2016/06/28/local_vehicle_taxes_going_up_for_2017/

Township boards decide: No mass transit referendum will be on November ballot

Current in Westfield
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After the Westfield Washington Township and the Carmel Clay Township board s met individually today, the decision was made to not add a mass transit referendum to the ballot in November. This referendum would have allowed voters to decide whether to support a tax increase for a mass transit system in central Indiana. The Westfield Washington Township board voted this morning to put the referendum on the November ballot, however this evening the Carmel Clay Township board decided to delay its vote on the referendum until next year. Money from the potential tax increase following a successful referendum would fund the Red Line, a rapid-transit bus route that would extend from Greenwood and Indianapolis through Carmel and all the way to Westfield. Indianapolis has already voted to include the referendum on its Nov. 8 ballot. The \$198 million Red Line project is part of a \$1.2 billion regional transit plan known as Indy Connect. This story will be updated. <http://currentinwestfield.com/2016/mass-transit-vote-delayed-until-2018/>

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