APPENDIX
PUBLIC
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PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

Pulaski County - Plan for SMART GROWTH

Dear Neighbor:

As our communities continue to grow in the years ahead, the Commission's job is to protect and enhance the quality of life for people who live here. To do that, we have to establish priorities and develop a plan that allows us to achieve our goals – your goals – for future growth.

To make sure that our plans reflect what you want for your neighborhood, your family and all of Pulaski County, we are collecting information about the attitudes of the people who live here about issues that affect them.

The enclosed questionnaire explores some of the issues related to growth in Pulaski County and asks you to share your views on those issues. This information will be used as we set our goals and establish policies and regulations in the years ahead.

These questions will take about 15 minutes to complete, but they are an important investment in our future. All of the information you provide will remain strictly confidential, but our ability to plan for the future depends on help from people like you.

Won't you please take a few minutes right now to complete this questionnaire and return it to us in an envelope by May 16, 2008 addressed to Rhein-Bach, Inc., 1657 Commerce Dr. Suite 15B, South Bend, IN 46628 or to one of the eight convenient drop off locations:

Thank you in advance for your help. It will help us plan for a strong and healthy future in Pulaski County. We will publish the results of this survey on the Pulaski County web site, and will have copies of these results available at the County Development Commission during regular business hours after June 6, 2008.

Sincerely,

Pulaski County Planning Commission

Community Survey – A Plan for Smart Growth

Pulaski County Comprehensive Planning Process

In the process of planning, the following steps are involved:

- Identify Community Issues
- Set Achievable Goals
- Formulate and Evaluate Solutions
- Develop a Plan of Action

Planning our Future – Plan for Smart Growth in Pulaski County

Please circle the number beside the word or phrase that best describes your answer. Do not skip any questions unless instructed to do so. Remember that your answers will remain confidential, but this information is necessary to plan for growth and change in our community.

SECTION I: ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

1. Listed below are several aspects of life in our communities. For each one, please tell us whether you think aspect of life here in Pulaski County needs a lot of improvement, a little improvement or no improvement at all.

Needs a lot of improvement	Needs a little improvement	Needs no improvement	No Opinion
1	2	3	4

a. Providing enough homes that people can afford to buy……1 2 3 4

b. Having convenient public transportation……..……1 2 3 4

c. Having enough parks and green space……..……...1 2 3 4

d. Providing roads necessary to current and planned development……1 2 3 4

e. Having high quality drinking water……..……1 2 3 4

f. Providing enough affordable rental housing……..1 2 3 4

g. Having a reliable source of electric power……..……1 2 3 4

h. Providing high-quality police service……..1 2 3 4

i. Providing high-quality fire protection service……..1 2 3 4

j. Providing high-quality schools……..1 2 3 4

k. Providing recreational facilities for children……...1 2 3 4

l. Providing recreational facilities for adults and the elderly……1 2 3 4

m. Health care clinics…….....1 2 3 4

n. Day care services……..……...1 2 3 4

o. Library services……..1 2 3 4

p. Ambulance and paramedic services…….……1 2 3 4

q. Recreation center…….....1 2 3 4

r. Senior center……...1 2 3 4

s. Youth center……...1 2 3 4

SECTION II: PLANNING FOR GROWTH

1. How much have you heard or read about issues related to our community's growth over the past year?

1 - Heard or read a great deal 2 - Heard or read a fair amount

3 - Heard or read a little 4 - Heard or read nothing

2. Listed below are several types of growth that might occur in our area. Please tell us how strongly you generally support or oppose each type of growth for Pulaski County.

Strongly Support 1	Support Somewhat 2	Oppose Somewhat 3	Strongly Oppose 4

a. New residential development that includes apartments as well as homes……..1 2 3 4

b. New residential development that includes homes but not apartments……..1 2 3 4

c. Improved housing options for seniors…….……1 2 3 4

d. More housing for people with disabilities……...1 2 3 4

e. Encouraging new businesses to locate in Pulaski County…….....1 2 3 4

f. Expanding public transportation routes……...1 2 3 4

g. New roadways to meet future transportation needs…….1 2 3 4

h. Expanding existing roadways……...1 2 3 4

i. Creating new public transportation services……..…….....1 2 3 4

j. More housing options for lower and moderate income families……..……...1 2 3 4

3. Which of these statements best describes your point of view?

1. We must preserve the qualities that make our community special by severely limiting growth.

2. Growth is necessary for the economy, and current regulations are satisfactory.

3. I have no opinion one way or the other.

4. Listed below are several ways that growth might affect a community. For each one, please tell us if, in your opinion, our community has experienced that effect or not.

Has Experienced	Has not Experienced	Not Sure
1	2	3

a. More job opportunities……..…1 2 3

b. New retail stores opening in this area……1 2 3

c. Building new roads or widening existing ones……..1 2 3

d. More parks and green spaces……..1 2 3

e. More housing options for people who are looking for homes to buy……...….1 2 3

f. Improvements in many neighborhoods…….……..1 2 3

g. Overcrowding in public schools…….…….1 2 3

h. Increased traffic congestion…….……...1 2 3

i. More wear and tear on our roads……1 2 3

j. Less open space……1 2 3

k. More competition for available jobs……...1 2 3

<u>SECTION III: TRANSPORTATION</u>

1. How would you rate the pedestrian walkways in the towns of Monterey and Medaryville?

1. Adequate 2. Inadequate 3. No Opinion

2. Would you say that excessive speed on local roads is a serious problem, a moderate problem or not much of a problem at all in Pulaski County?

1. A serious problem 2. A moderate problem 3. Not much of a problem 4. Not sure

3. During the next five years, which of the following transportation investments do you think would benefit Pulaski County the most? (PLEASE ANSWER BELOW – CIRCLE NO MORE THAN TWO ANSWERS), and which of these investments do you think would benefit Pulaski County the least? (PLEASE ANSWER BELOW – CIRCLE NO MORE THAN TWO ANSWERS)

	Benefit Most	Benefit Least
Improved pedestrian walkways……	1	1
More public transportation…….	2	2
New streets and highways……	3	3
Improved streets and highways……	4	4
New hiking or biking trails……..	5	5
More parking……	6	6
More rail roads…….	7	7
More airports ……..…….	8	8
None……..	9	9

<u>SECTION IV: AGRICULTURE, NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES</u>

1. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the air and river environment in Pulaski County?

1. Excellent 2. Good 3. Fair 4. Poor

2. Would you say that this area has problems with groundwater quality, or do you think that we have no real problems with groundwater quality?

1. We have problems with groundwater quality.
2. We don't have problems with groundwater quality
3. Not sure

3. What do you think is the most appropriate use for farmland in Pulaski County?

1. Keep as farmland
2. Housing
3. Commercial uses such as retail shopping

4. Industrial uses

5. Parks and trails or open spaces

6. Wildlife area

7. Not sure

4. In planning for the future, please rate the following initiatives that you think would be the most important steps we should take in Pulaski County to improve the quality of our natural environment. (PLEASE USE NUMBER ONE AS THE MOST IMPORTANT AND GIVE EACH SELECTION A UNIQUE NUMBER)

__ Investing more in **maintaining** our existing parks and open spaces

__ Improving local services such as trash collection and snow plowing

__ Stricter water quality regulations

__ Investing more in **creating** new parks and open spaces

__ More regulations that protect agricultural land

__ More neighborhood beautification projects

__ Preserving existing woodlands

__ Preserving wetlands

__ Preserving river corridors

__ Better enforcement of existing laws and regulations

__ None, our environment is fine the way it is

__ Other (please specify)_____

5. If these steps to improve our county required increases in your taxes, would you support or oppose increases for the following?

	Support	**Oppose**	**Not sure**
	1	**2**	**3**

a. Investing in maintaining our existing parks and open spaces…….. …..1 2 3

b. Improving local services such as trash collection and snow plowing…….1 2 3

c. Stricter water quality regulations…….....1 2 3

d. Investing more in creating new parks and open spaces……...1 2 3

e. More regulations that protect agricultural land……1 2 3

f. More neighborhood beautification projects……1 2 3

g. Preserving existing woodlands and wetlands……1 2 3

h. Better enforcement of existing laws and regulations……1 2 3

i. Preserving/restoring historic buildings……...1 2 3

j. Burying overhead utilities……1 2 3

SECTION V: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. Businesses that are planning to expand or build new operations look at many communities where they might locate. They also look at a number of services or qualities that a community has to offer. For each of the services or qualities listed below, tell us how you think Pulaski County rates in these areas.

Strong	Need to improve	Weak	No opinion
1	2	3	4

a. Having workers with the skills to fit the jobs……...1 2 3 4

b. Having enough workers to fill the jobs…….....1 2 3 4

c. Providing tax incentives to businesses to locate and grow here…….1 2 3 4

d. Having a good public school system……1 2 3 4

e. Having safe neighborhoods for families……..1 2 3 4

f. Having a good transportation system for goods that are produced……1 2 3 4

g. Offering an adequate supply of housing that workers can afford……1 2 3 4

2. Pulaski County has several potential business locations that are vacant. Do you agree that the county should invest tax dollars in an effort to attract new business?

1. Agree 2. Disagree 3. No opinion

3. If we were to try to attract new business to Pulaski County, what kind of businesses would best fit our county? (LIST UP TO Three)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

SECTION VI: LAND USE AND IMPLEMENTATION

1. Please tell us how strongly you would agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

Agree Strongly	Agree somewhat	Disagree somewhat	Disagree strongly
1	2	3	4

a. It is very important to attract new businesses and new jobs to this area to make our economy stronger…….1 2 3 4

b. We need to plan to make sure that new housing developments in our area include parks and green space even if it means that houses will cost more to buy…….1 2 3 4

c. We need to widen some of our streets and roads to ease traffic congestion……..1 2 3 4

d. We need to limit new home construction and business development in order to preserve farmland surrounding our community……...1 2 3 4

e. We should encourage new businesses to locate in our community by offering tax incentives……..1 2 3 4

f. Our roadways are the backbone of our economy……..1 2 3 4

g. We need to protect the unique qualities of our community more than we need to add more jobs……...1 2 3 4

h. We should invest in public transportation rather the new or improved streets……..1 2 3 4

i. We need a lot more parking……1 2 3 4

2. Which of the following two statements comes closest to your opinion?

Would you say that:

a. We need to do a lot more to protect our local environment even if it means an increase in our taxes.

or would you say that:

b. The quality of our local environment is good, and we don't need to spend more on the environment.

3. And, which of these two statements comes closest to your opinion?

Would you say that:

a. I would like to see our local government encourage more housing and business development in the downtown areas rather than outside the city.

Or would you say that:

b. New businesses and housing are best located on the outskirts of the cities rather than in the center of towns.

SECTION VII: TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF - The following information is intended for statistical purposes only. All of the information you provide will remain strictly confidential.

1. What is the best way to communicate planning information and meeting notices to you? (PLEASE RATE AS MANY AS APPLY AS 1 BEING THE BEST WAY AND HIGHER NUMBER BEING LESS DESIRABLE)

___ Postings at the County Court House, the banks, Post Office

___ The county web site – www.pulaskionline.org

___ The *Pulaski County Independent or Journal*, published weekly

___ The *Market*, published weekly

___ *ExPRESS News*

___ *Francesville Tribune*

___ E-mail

___ Other (Please specify)_____

2. What is your age (circle one)?

1. 18-24 2. 25-34 3. 35-44 4. 45-54 5. 55-64 6. 65 or older

3. How many people live in your household?

_____ under 18 years

_____ 18 years or older

4. Which of the following categories best describes your current housing situation?

1. Homeowner 2. Renter 3. Farmland owner 4. Non-resident landowner

5. How long have you lived in Pulaski County?

1. Less than 5 years
2. 5 to 10 years
3. 11 to 20 years
4. More than 20 years
5. Not a resident

6. How many children under 18 years of age live in your household?

____ preschool ____ elementary ____ middle ____ high school

7. If you could control the future, how would you describe Pulaski County in 10-15 years?

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8. If you have any comments about any of the questions asked, about the county in general, about your city / county government, or ideas about ways to increase public involvement in government, please offer them here.

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Thank you very much for your help. Please return your completed survey in an envelope by May 16, 2008 addressed to Rhein-Bach, Inc., 1657 Commerce Dr. Suite 15B, South Bend, IN 46628 or to one of the following convenient drop off locations:

Peoples State Bank of Francesville
101 West Montgomery Street
Francesville, IN 47946

Pulaski County Clerk
Pulaski County Court House / Clerk's Office
112 East Main Street
Winamac, IN 46996

Good Oil Company
1201 North U.S. 35
Winamac, IN 46996

Francesville Salem Township Public
201 West Montgomery Street
Francesville, IN 47946

Good Oil Company
403 North Highway 421
Medaryville, IN 47957

Medaryville Public Library
510 East Main Street
Medaryville, IN 47957-819

Pulaski County Library
121 South Riverside Drive
Winamac, IN 46996

Monterey Tippecanoe Twp. Library
6260 East Main Street
Monterey, IN 46960

Please check either the Pulaski County web site or the County Development Commission after June 6, 2008 for copies of the results of this survey.

PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY RESULTS

SECTION I: ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

1. Listed below are several aspects of life in our communities. For each one, please tell us whether you think aspect of life here in Pulaski County needs a lot of improvement, a little improvement or no improvement at all.

Needs a lot of improvement	Needs a little improvement	Needs no improvement	No Opinion
1	2	3	4

a. Providing enough homes that people can afford to buy……....1 2 3 4
1 31.72% 2 36.55% 3 25.52% 4 6.21%

b. Having convenient public transportation……....1 2 3 4
1 33.78% 2 30.41% 3 28.38% 4 7.43%

c. Having enough parks and green space……...1 2 3 4
1 5.98% 2 17.39% 3 54.89% 4 2.17%

d. Providing roads necessary to current and planned development……1 2 3 4
1 13.70% 2 39.04% 3 35.62% 4 11.64%

e. Having high quality drinking water……1 2 3 4
1 20.95% 2 36.49% 3 35.81% 4 6.76%

f. Providing enough affordable rental housing……....1 2 3 4
1 32.65% 2 28.57% 3 29.25% 4 9.52%

g. Having a reliable source of electric power……...1 2 3 4
1 9.46% 2 28.38% 3 57.43% 4 4.73%

h. Providing high-quality police service……....1 2 3 4
1 14.86% 2 38.51% 3 42.57% 4 4.05%

i. Providing high-quality fire protection service……1 2 3 4
1 13.51% 2 29.73% 3 52.70% 4 4.05%

j. Providing high-quality schools……..1 2 3 4
1 23.65% 2 33.11% 3 39.19% 4 4.05%

k. Providing recreational facilities for children……...1 2 3 4
1 33.78% 2 30.41% 3 31.76% 4 4.05%

l. Providing recreational facilities for adults and the elderly……1 2 3 4
1 31.97% 2 31.97% 3 29.93% 4 6.12%

m. Health care clinics……1 2 3 4
1 32.64% 2 29.86% 3 35.42% 4 2.08%

n. Day care services……...1 2 3 4
1 24.48% 2 28.67% 3 37.06% 4 9.79%

o. Library services…….....1 2 3 4
1 7.69% 2 19.58% 3 67.13% 4 5.59%

p. Ambulance and paramedic services…….....1 2 3 4
1 16.20% 2 23.24% 3 52.11% 4 8.45%

q. Recreation center…….....1 2 3 4
1 29.58% 2 31.69% 3 30.99% 4 7.75%

r. Senior center……1 2 3 4
1 22.54% 2 27.46% 3 38.73% 4 11.27%

s. Youth center……...1 2 3 4
1 42.25% 2 26.76% 3 21.13% 4 9.86%

SECTION II: PLANNING FOR GROWTH

1. How much have you heard or read about issues related to our community's growth over the past year?
1 - Heard or read a great deal, 2 - Heard or read a fair amount, 3 - Heard or read a little, 4 - heard or read nothing
1 21.32% 2 35.29% 3 30.15% 4 13.24%

2. Listed below are several types of growth that might occur in our area. Please tell us how strongly you generally support or oppose each type of growth for Pulaski County.

Strongly Support	Support Somewhat	Oppose Somewhat	Strongly Oppose
1	2	3	4

a. New residential development that includes apartments as well as homes……...1 2 3 4
1 34.48% 2 38.62% 3 20.00% 4 6.90%

b. New residential development that includes homes but not apartments……....1 2 3 4
1 18.31% 2 45.77% 3 21.83% 4 14.08%

c. Improved housing options for seniors……..1 2 3 4
1 53.90% 2 33.33% 3 9.93% 4 2.84%

d. More housing for people with disabilities……....1 2 3 4
1 36.81% 2 45.83% 3 10.42% 4 6.94%

e. Encouraging new businesses to locate in Pulaski County…….....1 2 3 4
1 84.83% 2 8.28% 3 3.45% 4 3.45%

f. Expanding public transportation routes……....1 2 3 4
1 40.69% 2 32.41% 3 17.93% 4 8.97%

g. New roadways to meet future transportation needs……..1 2 3 4
1 28.28% 2 39.31% 3 22.76% 4 9.66%

h. Expanding existing roadways……....1 2 3 4
1 32.64% 2 36.81% 3 22.22% 4 8.33%

i. Creating new public transportation services…….....1 2 3 4
1 28.77% 2 35.62% 3 17.81% 4 17.81%

j. More housing options for lower and moderate income families……....1 2 3 4
1 43.84% 2 30.82% 3 15.07% 4 10.27%

3. Which of these statements best describes your point of view?
1. We must preserve the qualities that make our community special by severely limiting growth.
2. Growth is necessary for the economy, and current regulations are satisfactory.
3. I have no opinion one way or the other.

1	**23.88%**	**2**	**72.39%**	**3**	**3.73%**

4. Listed below are several ways that growth might affect a community. For each one, please tell us if, in your opinion, our community has experienced that effect or not.

Has Experienced	**Has not Experienced**	**Not Sure**
1	**2**	**3**

a. More job opportunities……...1 2 3

1	**17.02%**	**2**	**71.63%**	**3**	**11.35%**

b. New retail stores opening in this area……1 2 3

1	**27.66%**	**2**	**65.25%**	**3**	**7.09%**

c. Building new roads or widening existing ones……...1 2 3

1	**15.71%**	**2**	**75.00%**	**3**	**9.29%**

d. More parks and green spaces……...1 2 3

1	**22.86%**	**2**	**65.71%**	**3**	**15.00%**

e. More housing options for people who are looking for homes to buy…….1 2 3

1	**21.01%**	**2**	**57.25%**	**3**	**21.74%**

f. Improvements in many neighborhoods……1 2 3

1	**23.74%**	**2**	**63.31%**	**3**	**12.95%**

g. Overcrowding in public schools……1 2 3

1	**7.91%**	**2**	**72.66%**	**3**	**19.42%**

h. Increased traffic congestion……...1 2 3

1	**33.33%**	**2**	**59.57%**	**3**	**7.09%**

i. More wear and tear on our roads……1 2 3

1	**61.97%**	**2**	**32.39%**	**3**	**5.63%**

j. Less open space……1 2 3

1	**24.82%**	**2**	**58.87%**	**3**	**16.31%**

k. More competition for available jobs……...1 2 3

1	**43.88%**	**2**	**42.45%**	**3**	**13.67%**

SECTION III: TRANSPORTATION

1. How would you rate the pedestrian walkways in the towns of Monterey and Medaryville?

1. Adequate	2. Inadequate	3. No Opinion
1 7.75%	**2 35.21%**	**3 57.04%**

2. Would you say that excessive speed on local roads is a serious problem, a moderate problem or not much of a problem at all in Pulaski County?

1. A serious problem	2. A moderate problem	3. Not much of a problem	4. Not sure
1 21.38%	**2 37.93%**	**3 37.24%**	**4 3.45%**

3. During the next five years, which of the following transportation investments do you think would benefit Pulaski County the most? (PLEASE ANSWER BELOW – CIRCLE NO MORE THAN TWO ANSWERS), and which of these investments do you think would benefit Pulaski County the least? (PLEASE ANSWER BELOW – CIRCLE NO MORE THAN TWO ANSWERS)

	Benefit Most	**Benefit Least**
1 Improved pedestrian walkways	**48.28%**	**51.72%**
2 More public transportation	**64.41%**	**35.59%**
3 New streets and highways	**52.27%**	**47.73%**
4 Improved streets and highways	**92.68%**	**7.32%**
5 New hiking or biking trails	**35.62%**	**64.38%**
6 More parking	**44.23%**	**55.77%**
7 More rail roads	**49.44%**	**50.56%**
8 More airports	**9.76%**	**90.24%**
9 None	**44.44%**	**55.56%**

	Benefit Most	**Benefit Least**
1 Improved pedestrian walkways	**5.03%**	**5.39%**
2 More public transportation	**6.82%**	**3.77%**
3 New streets and highways	**4.13%**	**3.77%**
4 Improved streets and highways	**13.64%**	**1.08%**
5 New hiking or biking trails	**4.67%**	**8.44%**
6 More parking	**4.13%**	**5.21%**
7 More rail roads	**7.90%**	**8.08%**
8 More airports	**1.44%**	**13.29%**
9 None	**1.44%**	**1.80%**

SECTION IV: AGRICULTURE, NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

1. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the air and river environment in Pulaski County?

1. Excellent	2. Good	3. Fair	4. Poor
1 18.49%	**2 60.96%**	**3 15.75%**	**4 4.79%**

2. Would you say that this area has problems with groundwater quality, or do you think that we have no real problems with groundwater quality?
1. We have problems with groundwater quality, 2. We don't have problems with groundwater quality
3. Not sure

1 34.03%	**2 33.33%**	**3 32.64%**

3. What do you think is the most appropriate use for farmland in Pulaski County?

1. Keep as farmland	**85.52%**
2. Housing	**1.38%**
3. Commercial uses such as retail shopping	**6.21%**
4. Industrial uses	**2.76%**
5. Parks and trails or open spaces	**0.69%**
6. Wildlife area	**2.07%**
7. Not sure	**1.38%**

4. In planning for the future, please rate the following initiatives that you think would be the most important steps we should take in Pulaski County to improve the quality of our natural environment.
(PLEASE USE NUMBER ONE AS THE MOST IMPORTANT AND GIVE EACH SELECTION A UNIQUE NUMBER)

5 __ Investing more in **maintaining** our existing parks and open spaces
2 __ Improving local services such as trash collection and snow plowing
8 __ Stricter water quality regulations
1 __ Investing more in **creating** new parks and open spaces
10 __ More regulations that protect agricultural land
4 __ More neighborhood beautification projects
9 __ Preserving existing woodlands
3 __ Preserving wetlands
7 __ Preserving river corridors
6 __ Better enforcement of existing laws and regulations
11 __ None, our environment is fine the way it is
12 __ Other (please specify)_____

5. If these steps to improve our county required increases in your taxes, would you support or oppose increases for the following?

Support -1	Oppose-2	Not sure-3

a. Investing in maintaining our existing parks and open spaces…….....1 2 3

1	**51.41%**	**2**	**38.73%**	**3**	**9.86%**

b. Improving local services such as trash collection and snow plowing…….1 2 3

1	**35.71%**	**2**	**45.00%**	**3**	**19.29%**

c. Stricter water quality regulations…….....1 2 3

1	**40.43%**	**2**	**41.13%**	**3**	**18.44%**

d. Investing more in creating new parks and open spaces….....1 2 3

1	**17.02%**	**2**	**69.50%**	**3**	**13.48%**

e. More regulations that protect agricultural land……1 2 3

1	**40.43%**	**2**	**43.97%**	**3**	**15.60%**

f. More neighborhood beautification projects……..1 2 3

1	**31.43%**	**2**	**50.71%**	**3**	**17.86%**

g. Preserving existing woodlands and wetlands……..1 2 3

1	**35.71%**	**2**	**50.71%**	**3**	**13.57%**

h. Better enforcement of existing laws and regulations……..1 2 3

1	**54.23%**	**2**	**35.21%**	**3**	**10.56%**

i. Preserving/restoring historic buildings$.....1 2 3

1	**22.70%**	**2**	**58.16%**	**3**	**19.15%**

j. Burying overhead utilities……..1 2 3

1	**38.03%**	**2**	**42.96%**	**3**	**19.01%**

SECTION V: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. Businesses that are planning to expand or build new operations look at many communities where they might locate. They also look at a number of services or qualities that a community has to offer. For each of the services or qualities listed below, tell us how you think Pulaski County rates in these areas.

Strong -1 Need to improve - 2 Weak -3 No opinion-4

a. Having workers with the skills to fit the jobs…….....1 2 3 4

1	**23.24%**	**2**	**47.89%**	**3**	**19.72%**	**4**	**9.15%**

b. Having enough workers to fill the jobs…….....1 2 3 4

1	**40.85%**	**2**	**29.58%**	**3**	**19.72%**	**4**	**9.86%**

c. Providing tax incentives to businesses to locate and grow here……..1 2 3 4

1	**22.70%**	**2**	**31.21%**	**3**	**24.82%**	**4**	**21.28%**

d. Having a good public school system……1 2 3 4

1	**54.86%**	**2**	**26.39%**	**3**	**13.19%**	**4**	**5.56%**

e. Having safe neighborhoods for families……....1 2 3 4

1	**69.23%**	**2**	**23.78%**	**3**	**2.10%**	**4**	**4.90%**

f. Having a good transportation system for goods that are produced……..1 2 3 4

1	**30.50%**	**2**	**39.01%**	**3**	**21.28%**	**4**	**9.22%**

g. Offering an adequate supply of housing that workers can afford……1 2 3 4

1	**29.79%**	**2**	**33.33%**	**3**	**24.82%**	**4**	**12.06%**

2. Pulaski County has several potential business locations that are vacant. Do you agree that the county should invest tax dollars in an effort to attract new business?

1. Agree	2. Disagree	3. No opinion
1 69.63%	**2 21.48%**	**3 8.89%**

SECTION VI: LAND USE AND IMPLEMENTATION

1. Please tell us how strongly you would agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

Agree Strongly 1 Agree 2 Disagree strongly 3 4

a. It is very important to attract new businesses and new jobs to this area to make our economy stronger

1 76.55% 2 14.48% 3 5.52% 4 3.45%

b. We need to plan to make sure that new housing developments in our area include parks and green space even if it means that houses will cost more to buy……..…...1 2 3 4

1 18.06% 2 31.94% 3 28.47% 4 21.53%

c. We need to widen some of our streets and roads to ease traffic congestion…..1 2 3 4

1 18.49% 2 34.93% 3 31.51% 4 15.07%

d. We need to limit new home construction and business development in order to preserve farmland surrounding our community…….....1 2 3 4

1 18.06% 2 34.03% 3 27.08% 4 20.83%

e. We should encourage new bus. to locate in our community by offering tax incentives..1 2 3 4

1 49.65% 2 33.57% 3 9.79% 4 6.99%

f. Our roadways are the backbone of our economy……..1 2 3 4

1 33.33% 2 42.55% 3 19.15% 4 4.96%

g. We need to protect the unique qualities of our community more than we need to add more jobs…….....1 2 3 4

1 12.50% 2 18.06% 3 35.42% 4 34.03%

h. We should invest in public transportation rather the new or improved streets…1 2 3 4

1 12.41% 2 18.62% 3 43.45% 4 25.52%

i. We need a lot more parking……1 2 3 4

1 8.28% 2 19.31% 3 35.86% 4 36.55%

2. Which of the following two statements comes closest to your opinion?

a. We need to do a lot more to protect our local environment even if it means an increase in our taxes.

28.99%

b. The quality of our local environment is good, and we don't need to spend more on the environment.

71.01%

3. And, which of these two statements comes closest to your opinion?

a. I would like to see our local government encourage more housing and business development in the downtown areas rather than outside the city.

62.14%

b. New businesses and housing are best located - the outskirts of the cities rather than in the center of town

37.86%

<u>SECTION VII: TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF</u> - The following information is intended for statistical purposes only.

1. What is the best way to communicate planning information and meeting notices to you? (PLEASE RATE AS MANY AS APPLY AS 1 BEING THE BEST WAY AND HIGHER NUMBER BEING LESS DESIRABLE)

4 ___ Postings at the County Court House, the banks, Post Office
2 ___ The county web site - www.pulaskionline.org
7 ___ The *Pulaski County Independent or Journal* , published weekly
5 ___ The *Market* , published weekly
6 ___ *ExPRESS News*
1 ___ *Francesville Tribune*
3 ___ E-mail

2. What is your age (circle one)?

1. 18-24	**6.29%**
2. 25-34	**2.80%**
3. 35-44	**12.59%**
4. 45-54	**24.48%**
5. 55-64	**27.27%**
6. 65 or older	**26.57%**

3. How many people live in your household?

_____ under 18 years	**19.89%**
_____ 18 years or older	**80.11%**

4. Which of the following categories best describes your current housing situation?

1. Homeowner	**72.78%**
2. Renter	**6.96%**
3. Farmland owner	**20.25%**
4. Non-resident landowner	**0.00%**

5. How long have you lived in Pulaski County?

1. Less than 5 years	**4.17%**
2. 5 to 10 years	**6.94%**
3. 11 to 20 years	**15.97%**
4. More than 20 years	**72.92%**
5. Not a resident	**0.00%**

6. How many children under 18 years of age live in your household?

____ preschool	**13.89%**
____ elementary	**22.22%**
____ middle	**23.61%**
____ high school	**40.28%**

Survey Continued: section VII-7.
If you could control the future, how would you describe Pulaski County in 10-15 years?

- Small population growth and still remaining primarily a rural agricultural area
- small population growth in this time frame. Still primarily an agricultural area
- better housing options along with new businesses to support county growth moderate growth in the economy producing opportunities for our college grads to return to Pulaski County. Downtown revitalization has increased tourism to our county
- drug free-offenders sentences carried out, not suspended-community support of police agencies, children taught to respect others property (in schools if no parental guidance)-
- more jobs, businesses and recreational facilities to entice respectable people to want to live here safe.
- town where people want to raise families 4 retire
- A bustling "green" community with a large alternative energy complex employing many workers.
- Don't know
- High quality farmland and high quality small cities and towns.
- hopefully not much will change. This is a great community
- About the same small town in fly over country.
- Going downhill. Too many high paid political jobs that do nothing. We don't need a CDC Director with a $150,000 budget who does nothing for the county.
- would hope to see more name companies here. Think walmart/martins/etc. a very nice place to live, but need more main companies here and more jobs available for teens.
- We have more businesses going out then coming in our town. We need to keep the county home open. We need a new CDC director that wants to bring in new jobs.
- Pulaski county would have a safe efficient dependable rail transportation system throughout the county In and of itself this would attract desirable industry and enrich the county.
- keeping us as a small community with the industry that we have
- if we do not grow and follow Mr. Dolezal's ideas of "retirement" on "bedroom community" we are going to be dead-simply put!!! We need to get a handle on this and soon.
- I would love to see more focus put on the small towns of Pulaski County rather than Winamoc. Why can't we get Monterey cleaned up. It's a great town with a bad rep.
- retirement community
- need to improve infrastructure
- a larger town with more job opportunities for younger people
- More small industry. Bring back the railroad.
- Remain rural with farming and wildlife coexisting together. We came from a so called "developed" industrial area and have seen how things are abused in the name of development.
- Clean, safe living. A nice place for a family with children.
- better roads, speed limit 60 mph, more parking, a little more financial aid
- Similar to today with more ways (railroad) to deliver our agricultural goods and finished products (factory products).
- An agricultural community and housing for northern industrial area.
- Controlled growth, better traffic plan on North 35. Zoned land use. Bike trails and walkways easily accessible.
- best county in the world
- Would be nice if downtown was a tourist center and we had a nice railroad (where we lost our ability to ship out our farm products= corn etc.) Perhaps 3 or 4 new businesses and new apartments downtown with a bus taking people about.
- Revived. Offering a wide variety of jobs to our new graduates. Better sidewalks and bike trails extending to outskirts, giving people a healthier choice of commute.

- No one can control the future, but I feel Pulaski County will not be very much more expanded in most areas in 10-15 years.
- A great place to raise a family=quiet, friendly, Mayberry"ish"! A great place to retire because everything is w/in walking distance or bicycle distance.
- it will become a ghost town if Braan leaves
- It wouldn't be so boring! Kid's would have something to do. We wouldn't have to go out of town to get cheaper groceries, to get quality pictures, cheaper or better clothes or shoes, or just to have options of what to do. Winamac now is for retired people not for the youg or middle aged.
- As far as business and curb appeal, it will go steadily downhill. Farming will be bigger and more productive. Quality of life will be poorer for the laboring class and people who have retired.
- I feel that Pulaski County. Desperately needs new businesses-and needs to promote it. Our population is declining-our schools (EPCSC) have less students every year. We need new business!
- A ghost town if something isn't done soon.
- The same! It hasn't changed much in the last 100 years. If I wanted to live in a big city, I would move.
- Hopefully will have more places to shop. Better housing to rent for seniors. Better public transportation.
- a growing county with good paying jobs and many activities and opportunities available to all age groups. This growth should not eliminate farming occupations
- A safe family place where we get what we need
- A community that is providing excellent education and training to meet needs of area workforce. Rural characteristics good health care. Rail and motor vehicle transportation.
- A nice family community that people can live comfortably, have business, recreation, health care, and other items to live on. Retail shopping and proud heritage.
- Winamac is a nice size town with many communities. I would hope that there will be a good balance of jobs and business to sustain the economy of the county while still preserving the agricultural community and small town living.
- A small city with small town values such as Valparaiso
- we would receive national recognition for having the lowest taxes with the highest level of services. We would only have one school district, with many small schools K-8, and only one high school. No new school buildings.
- It would continue to be a peaceful rural community. Don't curtail agriculture. Farmers feed the world and are still essential to Pulaski County.
- A nice quiet community, safe to walk in with places for all ages to gather in various areas of town in walking distance of many. Nice affordable housing for elderly, disabled people with medical persons available around the clock.
- It would not be the click of Winamac, that we have had for the last 100 plus years.
- Agriculture oriented with jobs in manufacturing and service industries.
- Crime free. Everyone who could work would have work. Balance between agriculture and other industry. Preservation of "small town" values combined with economic growth and stability.
- Protect the farm land
- Use land use planning to try and in an effort to try to revitalize the downtowns county wide
- Implement the Sheppard-Kernan-Daniles plan to consolidate county government and make if more efficient
- a thriving community where families can work and play. Families can earn an income of fair wages and be able to support their family in the housing market without being taxed to death. If taxes continue to rise in a weakened economy it could be a ghost town
- "Green"- residential, business, factory.

- I would have all downtown stores filled and operating profitably-many new businesses in the county and plenty of workers available for jobs. Everyone thriving and able to take care of themselves
- no regulations on your homes and what you want to do with it, if it makes it better and need no permits to do it
- as a prosperous county with housing & industry growing without affecting the agriculture in my county
- as is! What a shame! You can't motivate unmotivated residents
- a place for people to get away from the rat race of the cities-a place for learning & creativity
- if we don't get a new drug store, our business will go. That's why we need a kroger or walmart store. If we don't, people are leaving our town to go shopping
- a rural wildlife tourist attraction area with many areas abundant with birds, wildlife, vibrant river, clean, very "green" environmentally friendly community that attracts families with high quality schools & possible college
- clean, prosperous, progressive, safe
- exactly as it is now-good school, good community, good life
- moderate growth but not to the detriment to quality of life issues
- increased job growth, improved walkways, large retail store, neighborhoods safe and well patrolled, established downtown businesses, teen center/wellness, entertainment, learning center, stronger ties with adjacent counties
- thriving, safe, good education, good hospital, low unemployment
- maintain its rural setting
- hopefully if we keep improving we will be a booming town
- if we don't add another grocery or drug store-financially winamac will die as I know several of my friends do their shopping out of town. Even with the high gas prices we don't shop here in winamac-no competition
- crime free-safe(day and night) with two day & two night time police officers. A county where speeders, drunk drivers, druggies and trouble makers avoid like the plague income made from light industry, businesses, and service industry. a county where children are raised properly, safely and defensively.
- small town- great place to raise a family
- preservation of farmland, with better roads, streets & services. Land use enforced with "teeth", but with appeal process. Cottage & light industry thriving lots of various, high paying jobs in a safe and beautiful community. An education system that fits and works for all children; not a "one size fits all".
- My children moved away after graduation. They had more opportunities for jobs, better money and are successful.
- Anything, yet quiet, safe and comfortable community with good jobs, good community resources, and nice parks.
- more businesses-large or med-which bring more money into the community
- recycle, recycle, recycle. Make our county a premiere recycling community
- 15% more growth than today
- 1. More industry paying $10/hr or more starting.
- 2. More shops + businesses downtown- not just any business, but businesses that provide good services or unique
- 3. No more attorneys or used car lots or smoke shops at the edge of town near the school
- 4. YMCA open 24hrs 7days/week
- 5. Bowling/skating/fun park for kids + adults
- 6. More brick homes built downtown or close to town. No more mobile homes at all around town area
- 7. Another grocery store

- 8. What happened to bike trails?
- be pretty good. We will have many more people in Pulaski County with the big population we are getting in the USA
- a growing community with lots of job opportunity for our educated young people. College grads have no future here in Pulaski Co.
- I would describe Pulaski County in the future under my control as an agriculturally and manufacturing area solidly based on quality production of food and products. It would have families who have grown up with a work ethic and everyone here as a resident would have something to contribute to the whole.
- planned community & slow growth
- quiet, clean, drug-free county. Cheaper housing
- Dismal. I've seen businesses leave Pulaski County.
- Would be best 4 corners of Indiana. Widen 35 north and south. Widen 14 both directions east and west. Build large factories needed. Build assisted living homes. All other housing for both young and old. Build homes to buy on small down payments. Need different grocery stores and lots of drug stores. All other kinds of businesses to supply needs for easier & better living.
- The population the same as today. A higher focus on education. A focus only on quality jobs, not quantity $6.00. See the public beyond Pulaski County on our natural qualities.
- not much different, but a couple of more factories + stores
- Dead
- A booming economy with great job opportunities, and a growing community and not the status quo like it is now. I appreciate concern for community, but without an economy to support a community that community will die. I do not want that to be Winamac's future.
- A booming city with lots of interesting things to do.
- Need more business to create more jobs.
- More and more influenced by the economies of "the region" and Chicago. In the path of the out-migration of population from these areas. Only through thorough planning and thoughtful zoning can we manage these inevitable outside influences.
- I see an older population with more service businesses catering to them
- A peaceful, safe community with strong schools, educated workforce, access to good jobs nearby. Perhaps a commuter type community people choose to live in while working further away. Strong piece of the agricultural economy in Indiana.
- Much the same as it is today
- Very much like it looks today. If Pulaski County residents wanted to live in a fast-paced metropolitan area, they'd already have moved to one.
- A place our family is proud to call home. We have retail, medical, and education services. Business that supports our employment needs. Rural character where farmers are still vital part of our community.
- A place that is growing to meet future needs,
- A county with a strong heritage that is providing good jobs, service, and employment for the area residents.
- A strong community ready to meet and serve resident's needs. Good education, formal and informal, recreation. Healthcare and business.
- A safe place to live with good jobs and business to meet our needs,
- bus service restored for travelers thru Medaryville-Francesville and Winamac-Star City/ revitalized small towns with businesses and/or industry/more recreation for youth and adults (bowling, theater & theater groups, roller rink, maybe skate board and/or go-cart track). Volunteer clinic for uninsured or low income citizens so won't need PMH for their doctor/ more citizens as volunteers and a high % of citizens + businesses recycling.
- Hopefully more stores and transportation

- a forward thinking community providing for the needs of its seniors and school children. A community preserving its rural/ ag landscape, yet maximizing its natural resources (parks, river, woods, quiet areas, etc.) + quality of life strengths.
- Quaint, rural, rustic, a refuge from urban hell
- The counties real attitude towards job growth would change and new employers would be brought into the county. Economic development would actually do something to justify
- the tax money spent in this county instead of just keep an office open.
- more business/better engineering of street in towns
- More well paying jobs, some type of public transportation to meet the needs of the entire county. Greater improvement in the enforcements of laws and regulations we have.
- More public transportation, stores and jobs.
- New commerce and industries in outlying areas to increase income and tax base without raising residential taxes. Restore downtown areas historically and create arts and crafts areas, antique and dining facilities, possibly a "water park" in the Broken Arrow- state park area.
- I see this community becoming a retirement community.
- If we don't get more industry, so many folks do not have to drive so far, it would help tremendously and better and avoidable grocery and drug store shopping, and clothing.
- More things for kids to do
- I'd stop a few people operating deceptively (I.e. sneak in library construction before people could vote on it)!
- Spending less time on old crumbling buildings, and creating jobs for our youth. Giving them a reason to start their families and stay here. There is no reason to stay here now.
- I would like to live life free without government control the way it should be without zoning controlling my property use.
- A small town with a lot of shopping and businesses.
- County going down hill, nothing to keep children here after graduation or college!
- The same with a new grocery and drug store
- More good paying jobs for people, with benefits. A grocery store with reasonable prices. Lower gas prices.
- Stagnated
- Grow a little better with new jobs and housing but not to get too big, so the kids in town can get jobs and not run the streets all day and night.
- The taxes would be lower, jobs plentiful, and we'd still be a safe place to raise a family. The school system would be much better and the middle class would be served better.
- I do not look for a lot of changes in the next 10 years
- Same as now.
- Still a small community with some new businesses and some new homes because of population growth and a quiet farm community.
- It's a nice community, but keep on improving where necessary.
- The same because they don't want new factories to come in. hopefully that is not true. We need to keep our kids coming back to Pulaski Co.
- A busier county. Things for kids to do after school and on weekends. We need zoning very badly.
- Lacking in jobs, dealing with more drug issues, and an increase in domestic violence.
- The county seems to be several small towns that do not exist on their own. We do not go to Winamac on business more than 2-3times a year. With gas prices now as they are, we don’t go more than necessary.

sectionVII-8. If you have any comments about any of the questions asked, about the county in general, about your city / county government, or ideas about ways to increase public involvement in government, please offer them here

- accountability, fiscal responsibility
- at the rate our government is raising prices and taxes and giving away our retirement monies the honest, hard working citizen cannot take care of their families. Too many small businesses are going out of business as a result. Voters need to read, listen and think before they vote!
- there needs to be some type of checks and balances to oversee county operations. Elected officers have made many poor choices over the past 4 years ie. Shortcuts, power struggles.
- The wave of the future for our community (as well as our nation and world) has to be focused on developing many major alternative energy sources. As these complexes are established,
- employment opportunities will increase and they will simultaneously improve our environment and our quality of life! Go Green!
- I like our area.
- Questions are too skewed to South Bend type communities and seriously lack questions pertinent for farm communities. Very ineffective group of questions and topics.
- The citizens of Pulaski county voted down zoning years ago and now our good elected and appointed officials are pushing it down our throats under a different name (planning commission) without a popular vote.
- This is not a rich county. There are a few very comfortable individuals. There are a lot of lower middle class and working poor. There are land rich/cash poor farmers. We must better utilize the tax money collected. For example, no more money to the already bloated sheriff's dept.
- many will not complete this instrument
- -too long –confusing
- why didn't you ask if zoning was needed?
- it's really hard for younger people to get jobs. We need to create businesses for these young people
- How will Pulaski County pay for the officials required to enforce the zoning issues?
- County government is poorly paid and therefore inefficient.
- Lack of planned use will cause harm to our community and natural resources.
- we are already perfect
- SEE PREVIOUS COMMENTS
- Set aside a special meeting just for that purpose, advertise it, 1 week minimum, in advance in paper or on cable channel 15 also WKVI.
- Zoning-consistency BIG issue! County wide. Top priority-growth but preserve what makes our little town unique!
- make the school better. Better administration
- Our legal system shouldn't be about money. The punishment should fit the crime, not how much money you have!!
- Questions should be more specific about what could be done to improve Winamac as far as business, curb appeal, living conditions and law enforcement.
- people need incentives to come here- there are none. We need to have more attractions and need to promote new business.
- I think we need some people on councils or boards who make decisions for us, to be more for seeing & not so status quo! It is time for us to wake up and to move forward! Look at Knox on the move!
- Have more training or ways for people to get involved. Some counties have leader programs. More things for families like fair, movie theater.

- overall we are in pretty good shape if we stop spending money unwisely. The county highway dept should not maintain side ditches. The landowner should mow the roadsides and care for un-needed brush. No new school buildings. Period. bricks do not teach fundamentals!!! And for God's sake, stop spending money, and money, on the damned opera house!!!
- One of our most serious problems is higher and higher taxes. Most of this project's concerns involve "Expand", "Build new", "Invest tax dollars". Please realize that there is a limit and we taxpayers are nearly there. Grand plans and imaginative projects appeal, but we must restructure government. Insist on cutting costs, and not add to the current tax burden.
- About police enforcement: what happened to the law about mufflers on auto's cycles? This town is like a race track. Loud vehicles at 5-6am, sometimes 10-11pm. Some you can hear for a mile.
- Zoning!
- As backwards as it may sound, I would take higher taxes to support programs if Daylight Savings Time was removed and we did not have to change our clocks.
- the local gov. has too many lawyers and elected officers must have balanced budgets. Local gov. could link without other agencies to produce streamlined one stop shopping per say. Ex.
- Land recorders could link with the assessors office.
- compassion?? The money spent is well worth it. I wonder why the County Council is so against keeping the county home open. It is a beautiful place for people to live & not feel that they are in a nursing home. People who live in the county home are not ready for that. I feel that even people living out of the county should be allowed to live there also.
- lot less government need!
- change the current governors-those who "run" our government. Most elected officials are ignorant and lack common sense. They are reactive instead of proactive. Outsource gov. to professional managers!
- people who live out in the country need the rail roads
- questions should have had more answer choices. On all questions concerning encouraging business-it would depend on what kind of business. High paying manufacturing=yes, confined
- feeding operations=definitely not!
- work to encourage better qualified individuals with good business sense and experiences to work in the city and county gov. positions (councils, commissioners, town boards). the best way for our community to stay good is for people to care-the most important way of caring-pick up the trash-that's the best improvement
- bipartisan political solutions, invite open discussions, invite 17-18 yr olds in school to offer their opinions and listen to them before they all leave town! Have open forums for different age groups. Remember there are a lot of workers on afternoon shifts that would like to be involved but all meetings are either when they are working or so early they are still in bed!
- too many properties in town are not maintained well making the town unattractive. We need more community pride and care for home to make our town more appealing to newcomers
- 1. Involvement by townships
- 2. Security of landowners' rights
- 3. Protection for seniors- hospital, community, services
- it really doesn't matter, small communities or counties like ours are ran by a handful of individuals either in town government or county government with pre-conceived ideas about how things should happen. New people and different ideas are not always welcome or out-right scoffed at. Good luck.

- I don't want to see the businesses get a tax deduction because that is what helps bring in more tax dollars. If they get more of a tax cut then that puts more of the burden on the public
- we definitely need handicap facilities and sidewalks for people who are in wheelchairs
- this is a small rural county. We do not need subsidized industry or college trained individuals with wild ideas. We need the "brains"-politicians" to bring small contracts from the federal gov. to keep the current factories operating at peak levels. these factories must hire workers living in the county. Growth is crime, pollution and long term debt that will never be paid.
- Biggest problem- townpark & home ec building- flood damage
- all county officials must be open & honest when dealing with the public interest & issues. In some way, perhaps tie in tax incentives/benefits with participatory involvement in local government
- I love our town, however there just is not enough business (jobs) to offer our children after high school and college. If you were not born here the higher paying jobs are available to the locals, not one with no name in town.
- Where does the $ for chamber's secretary come from? Tax payers? Cut that position. Honestly, is it worth it? We need tax cut/break. No more taxes increased. Property taxes do not make sense to me. We need to find a different, more sensible way to pay for things. Make some cuts like us regular people must do!
- well for starters we could have saved the money we paid to have your company do this survey and had the person we already pay $50,000 a year to improve growth in our area!!!
- the fact is that we do not have the population to support wal marts, clothing stores, etc. why not help keep our unique environment, celebrate it, & improve upon it. Bigger is not always better. we also need county wide "sensible" zoning-soon! We know that the need is there-why has actions not been taken?!?
- more business means more crime!! And growth
- 1. Winamac presently has a beautiful park-we could improve that some more
- 2. Our police do a great job and our roads are fine now.
- 3. I think research needs to be done over the next several months, looking at many cities + towns in Indiana and other states to find out what makes them unique + what would work best here
- 4. We could also apply for a main street grant + work on making downtown prettier
- 5. To increase government involvement, communicate what is available- job descriptions, etc.
- Pulaski County is and always has done well for a small county. Good place to live in order for any of these improvements to take place, there must be public involvement and lots of hard work based on planning and fore thought. We do not know the future, but must plan generally in a positive way for the greater good.
- planning needs to be done
- lower property taxes, and gas prices. Keep non-USA citizens out of the USA
- I believe that law enforcement is all but missing in Winamac and Pulaski County. No one stops for stop signs any more, and there is a shortage of patrolling officers.
- Need more than one large grocery store and drug store. Need lots of competition between business keepers and owners. Brings down prices. Everybody needs a decent chance to live
- better and be happy.
- Don't let this be a boiler plot survey with pre-determined results.
- door to door by local people that are known to most people
- More quality job opportunities/more industry/more businesses.
- We need more jobs for teenagers.
- We need a county-wide leadership academy to prepare conscientious citizens for leadership roles in civic and government organizations.

- we need to provide more skilled jobs for our young people to return for after getting their education
- we need to start thinking in terms of "regions" encorporating many counties. Single counties can't compete on their own
- I am opposed to any form of land use county planning or zoning. We have excessive government regulations already.
- We need more "qualified Co.-government personnel" ("Commissioners") to be making important decisions!! They need to be much more positive on bringing new industry to our area, rather than vote against such possibilities and offers!! Would you want some of these county officials making decisions for you?
- We really need to protect our farmland. Houses should be built in existing towns. New businesses also can use existing facilities. We could sure use a "five minute oil change" business.
- We need to be very careful that we don't forget about current businesses and try to "grow for the sake of growing". An over supply of jobs is worse to local economy than an under supply, and is not sustainable.
- Program for youth. Recreation for all is needed. Training for officials and public to develop personal skills needed.
- Can we try to increase the communication towers? Can we try to get rail back to our community?
- We must start to work together. More training in public education. More public official training, use Purdue, extension, library, chamber to reach out and take advantage of what they can do.
- Leadership development. Communication skills. Better planning for all to meet needs is important.
- we believe county zoning should have been enacted over 35-40 years ago when first attempted-many problems could have been avoided-so please do so this time. We are proud of Pulaski County schools, libraries, fire departments, and law enforcement recycling so please raise county tax or income tax to make sure they get the funding they need-but monitor all funding to eliminate waste.
- Limit government to that which it is necessary! Where the statement used "to increase taxes" change to "re-allocate taxes". I oppose any tax increase. Just reapportion existing taxes.
- Pulaski county's economic development is a joke when you compare to programs like Starke county , very successful, in drawing new manufacturing jobs to the county. The questioner is a good start, but many answers are limited and true needs are somewhere in between.
- with a declining economy Pulaski County needs to make improvements. No new roads are needed, just maintain what is there. More business is needed to employee people living here.
- We would like to see 'water quality" testing at a local county level provided by the county or low cost to residents. Since Pulaski County is already the highest income tax county in Indiana, steps need to be taken to reduce it in order to attract new residents and businesses.
- Seems only a few people have the say, have problems listening to the small, hard working people. Need youth advocate, such as skating and bowling places for family togetherness.
- Land owners are paying inordinate excessive taxes on schools and other public construction!
- We have the highest local option tax of any county in the state and have had for many years! Use the money for necessary projects. Cut the pork in local government and spend wisely! The public should have a say in all major county improvements!
- When good paying jobs are sent out of the country (like Eaton controls) it hurts people tremendously.

- This county does not want "outsiders" relocating into our county. So many people cannot afford to do business and/or shop here. It is a sad state of affairs!
- One of the main assets are the roads and highways. Two US highways, US 421 and US 35, State 14 and 39. County roads are better than most and very well maintained.
- We have a lot of farmers and rural community people. As prices go up it will be harder to afford traveling to get food and other needs. Bigger cities offer supplies cheaper. We need comparable businesses to compete, but not to where we become too crowded and commercial. We need a community that offers both rural farms and convenience of needs. Therefore keeping it alive and growing and not becoming a dead town.
- It is difficult to refer to the county as we live on the extreme west side and there are not enough reasons to go to Winamac. We have bank, grocery etc. here. County government is decided by a few and we live with that. Not complaining, that's the way it is done, with the exception of a vote or two each few years.

- We need a good hotel (downtown) or motel and Bed & Breakfast, where an old boarding house was. Where gas station used to be on 35 and Main St.- a good hotel or restaurant.

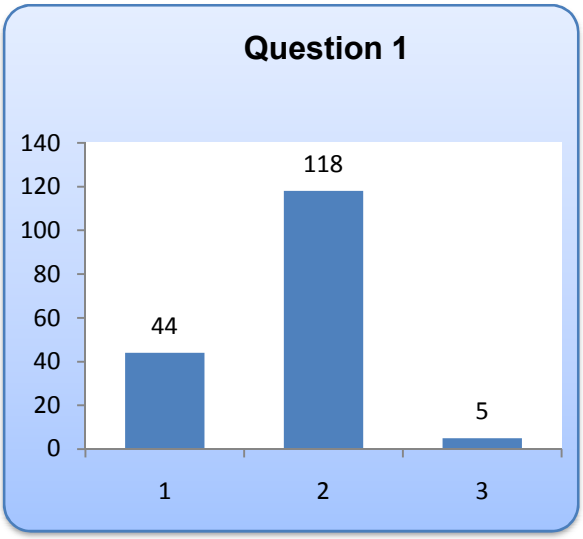
- I think the taxes we pay is enough and gov. must now figure out a way to spend money without their means. The people have to budget & live within their income

- Quit wanting the lower paid people to do the sacrificing to fix our economy and have the higher paid officials sacrifice!!

- I hope to do my part to the best of my ability.

Question 1: Which of these statements best describes your point of view?

1. We must preserve the qualities that make our community special by severely limiting growth.
2. Growth is necessary for the economy, and current regulations are satisfactory.
3. I have no opinion one way or the other.



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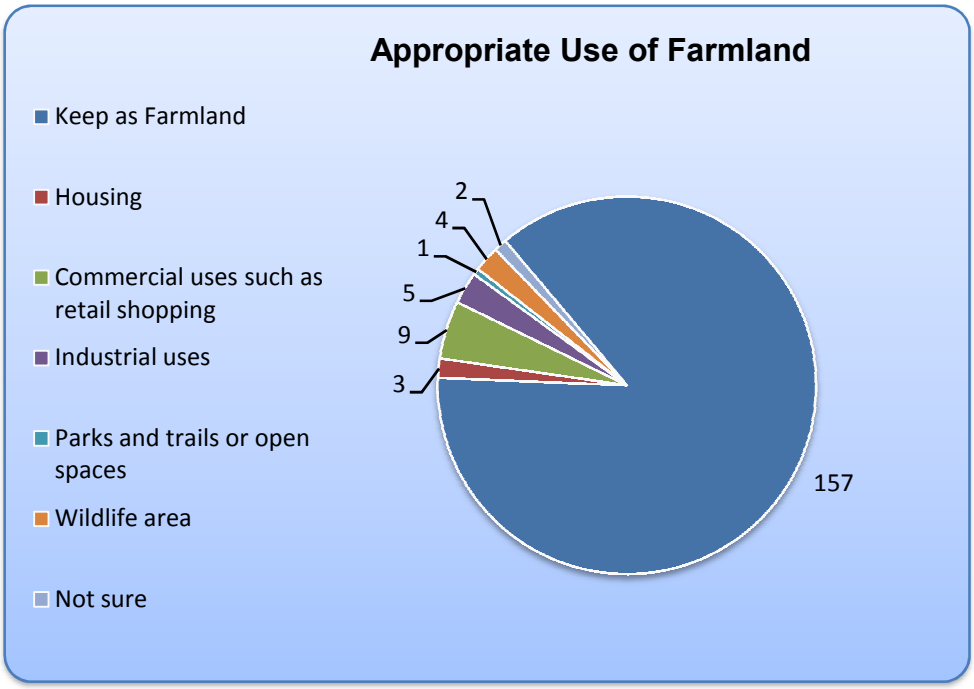
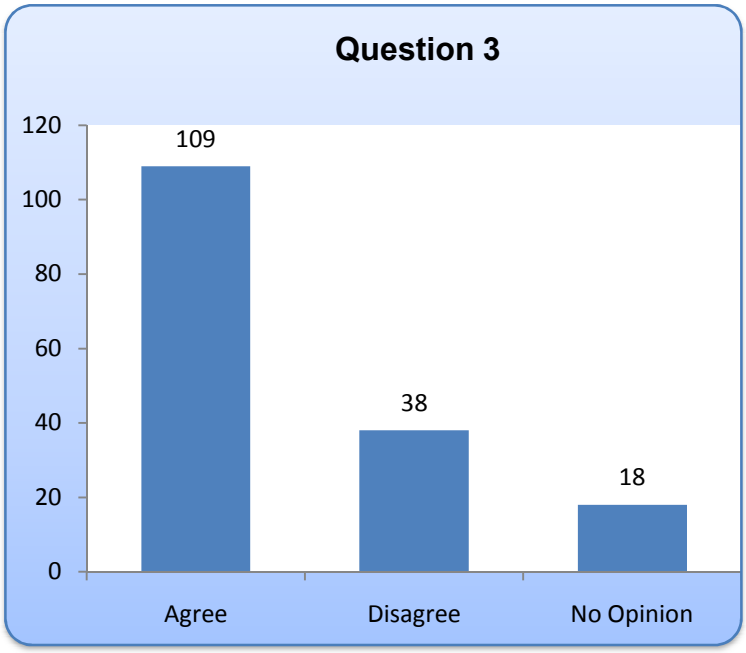
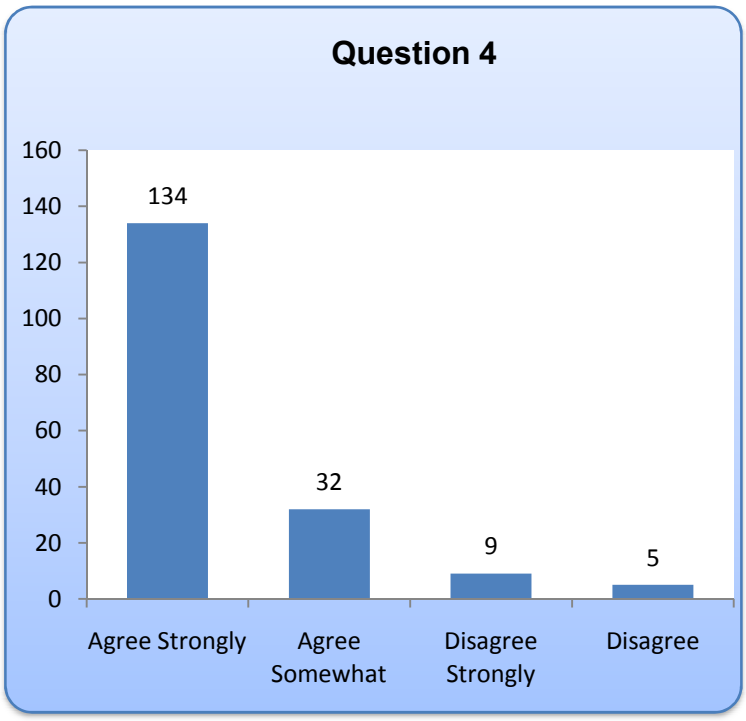


Question 3: Pulaski County has several potential business locations that are vacant. Do you agree that the county should invest tax dollars in an effort to attract new business?



Question 4: It is very important to attract new businesses and new jobs to this area to make our economy stronger.



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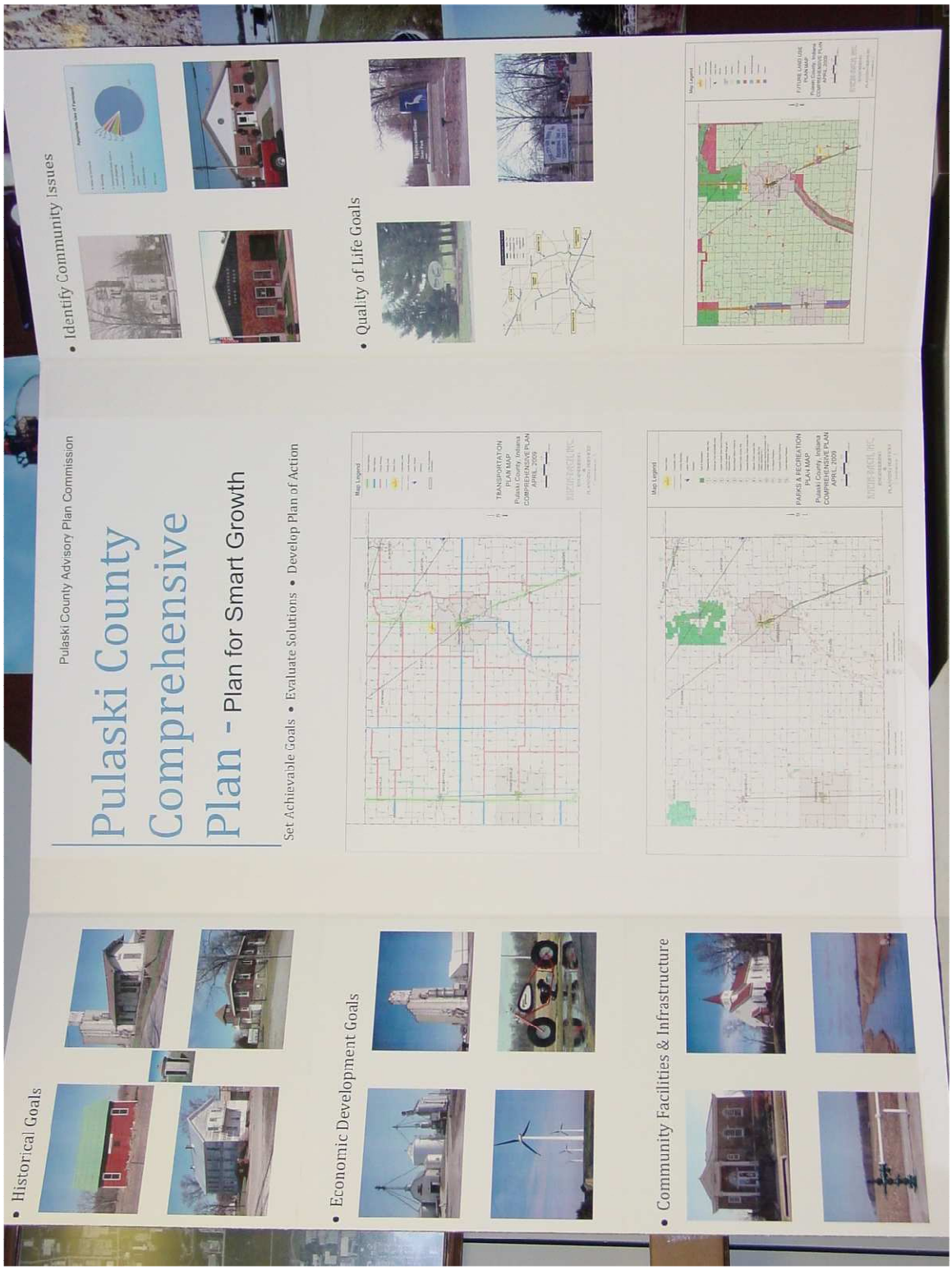

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The Pulaski County Advisory Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on April 20, 2009 beginning at 7:30 p.m. E.S.T. at the Pulaski County Highway Garage, 1131 North State Road 35, Winamac, Indiana to provide interested citizens an opportunity to express their views on the recently completed 2009 Pulaski County Comprehensive Plan. The Pulaski County Comprehensive Plan was paid for using Federal Community Development Block Grant Funds from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

Representatives from the planning and engineering firm, Rhein Bach, Inc. will present their findings and recommendations at the hearing.

Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact the Kankakee-Iroquois Regional Planning Commission (KIRPC) at (219) 253-6658 no later than April 17, 2009. Every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons.

Copies of the report are available for review at the County Auditor's Office, Pulaski County Public Library - Medaryville, and the Monterey-Tippecanoe Township Public Library, as well as on line at www.rheinbachusa.com/Pulaski-Plan. For additional information concerning the public hearing on the 2009 Pulaski County Comprehensive Plan, please contact KIRPC at the phone number listed above.

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Pulaski County Plan
Public Hearing Minutes
April 20, 2009 @ 7:30 PM

At 7:31pm the Pulaski County Planning Commission officially opened the meeting. Official Planning Commission business was first on the agenda. Roll call was taken and special guests, Roland Klockow & David Melander of Rhein – Bach and Kimberly Baker of Kankakee – Iroquois Regional Planning Commission were introduced. Meeting minutes from the March 30th meeting had been presented and approved. Old business was not discussed and new business, the Pulaski County Plan public hearing was opened.

Roland Klockow from Rhein-Bach facilitated the public hearing. Mr. Klockow started the hearing by thanking all the citizens of Pulaski County for participating in the plan. Mr. Kockow then stated how prudent a County plan is for addressing current situations and preparation for the future.

Mr. Klockow then went on to explain how the public opinion data was collected, four community meetings and public opinion survey. Mr. Klockow stated that plans were available on-line, at the county libraries and at the county building.

The planning process was explained:

- Identify the Community Issues
- Set Achievable Goals
- Identify Objectives to Support Goals
- Formulate and Evaluate Solutions
- Develop a Plan of Action & Implementation

Mr. Klockow then opened the floor to questions and comments.

1. Howard Conner: Stated there were no news articles announcing this meeting, only legal notices. Very few individuals in the county knew the meeting was being held. Even though the plan is online, there was not enough time to read it. -- There were other notifications put in the paper besides the legal notices and the survey was also in the paper.
2. Dan Dolezal: He was not able to print the document past page 46 and 47.
3. Howard Conner: When opening the document, it would go blank, then, if patient enough to wait some minutes, the document would come up.
4. Floyd Podell: Echoed comments from Howard and Dan. Was unable to see the proposed plan and is concerned that it takes into consideration the rural nature of the community. What advantages will the farmers have? -- As a result from the survey, agriculture and farmland was a top priority and that was worked in to the plan. Outcomes of the plan were solely based on the top priorities of the community.
5. Dr. Klitzman: How many people were included in the community survey, and was that a statistically accurate sample? Note on the proposed plan: it is a large document and people are very busy. It would

have been nice to have an executive summary of the document. -- Steve Seifert responded; Goals and recommendations toward the back of the document were in effect the executive summary. There were 180 responses; statistically, 1 – 2% should relate to an accurate survey. (This was within that range.)

6. Dan Dolezal responded in agreement with Steve Seifert; yes, 1 – 2% is statistically accurate; there have been occasions that 15 – 20% of the county residents have responded.
7. Don Good responded; The Commission spent a lot of time on "right to farm" issues and has had as priorities issues that were important to farmers.
8. Steve Seifert responded; we can plan without zoning, but we cannot zone without planning. The next steps are to present the zoning ordinance, subdivision ordinance and zoning map system to the county Commissioners. We are within a couple of months of having much of that submitted.
9. Dan Dolezal: Requested a hard copy for another meeting (one was made available). Asked about economic development plans. -- Business retention and growth, development along corridors that can sustain the infrastructure needs (gas, electricity, DSL, T-1, roads), so most potentially along highways. Discussion has taken place regarding alternative energy and a technology park that can sustain agricultural industries.

After no further questions or comments, Steve Seifert closed the public hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,

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