

On Local Government

Workshop Title: *The 2009 Legislative Session: What Should We Expect?*

Instructor: Professor Larry DeBoer, Purdue University, Agricultural Economics

When: Thursday, December 18, 2008 from 1:00 to 3:30 CST

Where: This program will be delivered via 2-way video and can be viewed from multiple locations across the state. The location closest to you is the **Purdue Extension LaPorte County Office at 2358 N. U.S. 35, LaPorte**. It can also be viewed live online via video streaming at <mms://video.dis.purdue.edu/agcomm> using Windows Media Player.

Who Should Attend: All individuals involved in county and local government budgeting (county councils and commissioners, mayors and city councils, town boards, school boards, library boards, townships, etc.)

Cost and Registration: The workshop is free. To register, contact LaPorte County Extension Office by phone at 219-324-9407 or email kulman@purdue.edu. Please say you are registering for the "Local Government Finance" program. **Please register by noon, Tuesday, December 16, 2008.**

Why: Property taxes, the state budget, school funding, the effects of recession. There's a lot on the General Assembly's plate for 2009. Professor Larry DeBoer will discuss these issues in this installment of *On Local Government*. He'll look at the results of the property tax reforms for taxpayers in 2008, and look ahead at the effects on taxpayers and local governments in 2009. He'll review the state of the state budget, and look at the possible effects of recession on revenues and spending. And he'll ask, now that the state has taken over the whole school general fund, what will the school funding formula look like?