

On Local Government

Workshop Title: Property Taxes and Local Government Reform

Instructor: Professor Larry DeBoer, Purdue University, Department of Agricultural Economics

When: Friday, February 1, 2008 from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. 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, 2358 N. U.S. 35, LaPorte, In.**

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 the LaPorte County Extension Office by phone at **219-324-9407** or email wsell@purdue.edu. Please say you are registering for the "Local Government Finance" program. **Please register by noon, Wednesday, January 30, 2008.**

Why: Has there ever been a time when there was more debate about Indiana local government? Maybe, but not in living memory. Big increases in 2007 tax bills in many counties have taxpayers upset. Several major reform packages will get serious consideration during this year's short session of the General Assembly. The Kernan-Shepard Commission has offered 27 proposals for radically changing the way local government services are delivered.

Professor Larry DeBoer of Purdue's Agricultural Economics Department will offer a video presentation about the many local government tax and organization issues currently under consideration. He'll talk about why property tax bills increased, and what the policy changes that are already on the books will mean for future property tax bills. He'll look at the details of the major property tax relief bills as they begin their journey through the legislature. And he'll discuss the Kernan-Shepard recommendations.