

**TOWNSHIP REPORT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DECENNIAL COMMITTEES ON  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT  
(For Townships and Road District JOINT REPORT Only)**

I. Unit of government submitting this report:

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NAME OF TOWNSHIP: Banner

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II. Information about our Township

- A. We are located in Effingham County. There are 15 townships in our county.
- B. The population of our Township is 464, as of the 2020 census.
- C. We have 0 employees of the Township (not including elected officials).
- D. We have 0 employees in our Road District (not including elected officials).
- E. Our annual budget for 2023 is: \$22,490.00
- F. Our Township's equalized assessed valuation for 2023 is  
\$ 9,632,788

III. Information about Our Committee

A. Committee Members:

Township Supervisor: Dean Wetherell

Township Highway Commissioner: Jacob Herrmann

Township Trustee: Stanley Kirchhofer

Township Trustee: Mary Ann Hoeffliger

Township Trustee : Darren Klepzig

Township Trustee: Ronald Kelly

Township Resident (Supervisor Appointment): Douglas Kelly

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(must occur prior to June 10, 2023): May 8, 2023

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Third Meeting: July 10, 2023

Additional Meetings (List All): \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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A. Our Township offers the following services and programs: (List programs like general assistance, youth programs, senior programs, community programs, LIHEAP, etc.) (If not applicable, remove this).

General Assistance is available but recipients are referred to Caseworkers at Effingham County

B. Other services/programs we could possibly provide:  
None

V. Social Service Agreements

A. We partner with the following not for profits to offer social services (list all):

**Entity:**

**Services Provided:**

1. None
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

B. Our residents have benefitted from these agreements in the following ways:

C. We have considered possibly offering the following social services or the following additional potential partnerships:

VI. Awards and Recognitions

Our Township has received the following awards, distinctions, and recognitions:  
(List all).  
None

VII. Intergovernmental Agreements

A. We partner with, or have Intergovernmental Agreements, with the following other Governments (List all):

Entity:  
Effingham County

Services Offered:  
Road Oiling and Bridge replacement

- B. Our Township's efficiency has increased through intergovernmental cooperation in the following way (list cost savings, avoiding duplicated services, etc.):
1. Able to use better equipment that the county owns
  2. Able to use the County's engineering resources
  3. Not required to have duplication of equipment

VIII. Review of Laws, Township Policies, Township Rules and Procedures, Township Training Materials, and other Documents

We have reviewed the following, non-exhaustive list of laws, policies, training materials, and other documents applicable to the Township to evaluate our compliance and to determine if any of the foregoing should be amended.

- State laws applicable to Townships, including, but not limited to the Township Code (60 ILCS)
- Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120)
- Policy on public comment
- Designation of OMA officer (5 ILCS 120/1.05(a))
- All of Elected Officials have completed OMA Training (5 ILCS 120/1.05(b))
- Schedule of All Township Regular Meetings for Calendar or Fiscal Year (5 ILCS 120/2.03)
- Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)
- Designation of FOIA officer (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))
- FOIA Officer Training (5 ILCS 140/3.5(b))
- Computation and Retention of FOIA Requests (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))
- Posting Other Required FOIA Information (5 ILCS 140/4(a); 5 ILCS 140/4(b))
- List of Types or Categories of FOIA Records under Township's Control (5 ILCS 140/5)
- Periodic Meetings to Review Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2.06(d))
- IMRF Total Compensation Postings (5 ILCS 120/7.3)
- Designation of Whistleblower Auditing Official (50 ILCS 105/4.1)

All of our Elected Officials have filed statement of economic interests (5 ILCS 420/4A-101; 5 ILCS 420/4A-101.5)

Sexual harassment prevention training (775 ILCS 5/2-109(c))

Our Intergovernmental Agreements

Our Social Service Agreements or Contracts

Our budget and financial documents

State Ethics Laws, including, but not limited to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/1-1)

\_\_\_\_ Reports on government efficiency, including “Local Government Efficiency and Size in Illinois: Counting Tax Revenues, Not Governments” by Wendell Cox (2016); “Local Democracy and Townships in the Chicagoland Area,” by Wendell Cox, (January 2012).

\_\_\_\_ Others (List Below or Attach):

IX. What Have We Done Well? (List any budget/levy freezes or reductions in the past decade; list new programs or services offered to residents over the past decade; list any ethics ordinances adopted; timely FOIA compliance; responsiveness to public; list any new intergovernmental agreements or social services offered; list any increase in number of township residents served, etc.)

1. Township has not gone over its budget
2. Done a good job maintaining roads at minimal cost
3. Good attendance at all meetings
4. Good participation by Board members
5. Members receive minimal pay for attending meetings

X. What Inefficiencies Did We Identify/What Are our Next Steps?

1. None

XI. What Can We Do Better or More Efficiently?

1. Did not identify any

XII. Studies on Governmental Efficiencies

In preparing this report, we reviewed several studies on local government efficiency. These studies show that:

- The average local government in Illinois serves 1800 residents compared to the national median of 2850 individuals



- Most townships in Illinois have no bonded indebtedness. Together with road districts they are an integral element of local democracy. Township expenditures have grown at a lower rate than those of any other level of government since 1992.
- Townships have lower labor costs and employ mostly part time employees.

XIII. Our committee's recommendations regarding Increased Accountability and Efficiency:

1. Did not identify any at this time

Note: This Report must be filed with your County no later than 18 months after your first committee meeting.

Submitted by: Dean S. Wetherell  
Chairman, Decennial Efficiency Committee of Banner Township

Date: Sept 11, 2023