

**2009-2010 New Program:  
TOWNSHIP GOVERNANCE IN KNOX COUNTY**

**Scope:**

*Study township governance in Knox County to inform members and citizens about the services, duties and costs of this form of government as well as explore county alternatives to township delivery of services*

**Outlook for Work:**

Research township governance in Knox County by using and analyzing the following:

- Published financial reports of the most recent calendar year as the basis for financial information and analysis.
- Interview the 10 township trustees in Knox County using a common interview form designed to gather specific information, elicit open-ended responses and allow for contrast and comparison between the offices.
- Study the report of the Indiana Commission on Local Government Reform to understand recommendations
- Review the State Board of Accounts audit for each of the trustees for the most recent two-year period.
- Interview local, state and national experts concerning fire and medical emergency services, library services, and cemetery care.
- Review policies, procedures and services provided for temporary assistance in each township.

Analyze findings and report to the community the impact of trustee governance on Knox County citizens and how Commission recommendation will impact Knox County if implemented. Based on findings, make recommendations for best practices in providing addressed county services.

**Timeline:**

Form committee to research and interview trustees and experts throughout summer and early fall.

- Begin analyzing findings by end of October.
- Put together a report of findings by end of November
- Report to local League members and township trustees by end of December
- Report to the community January/February 2010