

**Crittenden Township and Road District Joint Report for
Compliance with Decennial Committees on
Local Government Efficiency Act**

I. Unit of government submitting this report:

NAME OF TOWNSHIP: **Crittenden Township**

Note: Any local government that levies a tax, other than a municipality or county must file this report. For Road Districts in counties with populations of less than 400,000 the highway commissioner may form a joint committee to prepare one combined report. See 50 ILCS 70/10(b-5).

II. Information about our Township

- A. We are located in **Champaign County**. There are **29** townships in our county.
- B. The population of our Township is **337 and 134 houses**, as of the 2020 census.
- C. We have **zero** employees of the Township (not including elected officials).
- D. We have **zero** employees in our Road District (not including elected officials).
- E. Our annual budget for 2023 is: **Town Fund \$80,871.00 and Road Fund \$269,515.00.**
- F. Our Township's equalized assessed valuation for 2023 is **\$25,690.680.00**

III. Information about Our Committee

A. Committee Members:

Township Supervisor **Jean Cain**

Township Highway Commissioner **Raymond Hettinger**

Township Clerk **Scott Wiesbrook**

Township Trustee **Stephen Reinhart**

Township Trustee **Gerald Christian**

Township Trustee **Thaddeus Bates**

Township Resident (Supervisor Appointment) **Matthew Moore**

Township Resident (Supervisor Appointment) **Cheryl Hettinger**

Township Resident (Highway Comm. Appointment) **Stephen Cain**

Note: Per 50 ILCS 70/10(b), the committee membership must include all the elected or appointed members of the township board (Supervisor and Trustees) and two residents appointed by the Supervisor. The residents can be the Assessor, Highway Commissioner, Clerk or Collector, if you have one, or other residents of the Township, but these officials are not required to be on this Committee. The Supervisor may appoint more than two residents if deemed appropriate.

B. Dates that our Committee Met (50 ILCS 70/20)

First (Organizational) Meeting
(must occur prior to June 10, 2023): __May _____, 2023

Second Meeting: __July 8 _____, 2024

Third Meeting: __August 12 _____, 2024

**EACH OF THESE SECTIONS ARE TO BE COMPLETED SEPARATELY BY
THE ROAD DISTRICT AND THE TOWNSHIP AND INCLUDED AS TWO
PARTS OF THE SUBMITTED REPORT**

IV. Programs Offered by our Township.

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

B. Other services/programs we could possibly provide:

V. Social Service Agreements

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

Entity:

Services Provided:

- 1.
- 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).

VII. Intergovernmental Agreements

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

Entity: **Multi-Township Assessing District** Services Offered: **Tax Assessment**

B. Our Township's efficiency has increased through intergovernmental cooperation in the following way (list cost savings, avoiding duplicated services, etc.):

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.)

Fiscally Responsible

July 9th 2024, set up Certificate of Deposits with 4.25% interest

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

We were earning low interest on funds so looking for higher interest rates.

- XI. What Can We Do Better or More Efficiently?

Invest in CD's to improve interest income.

- 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:

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Submitted by: 
Chairman, Decennial Efficiency Committee of Crittenden Township

Date: 8-12-24

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Entity:	Services Offered:
Tolono Township, Sadorus Township, Pesotum Township and Philo Township	

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Rebuilding and Maintenance of Roads and Sharing of Equipment

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Equipment ownership with other Townships

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