

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT, The Board of Commissioners of the County of St. Joseph met in a regular session in the County City Building on March 14, 2023 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. (EST) at which time in the following members were present: Carl Baxmeyer, Derek Dieter, and Dr. Deborah Fleming D.M.D. were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved.

OPENING AND READING OF BIDS ON:

None

REPORTS AND REQUESTS FROM:

COMMISSIONERS

A)

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DOCKETS**

Mr. Dieter moved to accept the Accounts Payable Docket as read and outlined.
Motion seconded by Dr. Fleming.
Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

B)

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
RESOLUTION R-7-C-2023-
COUNTY CITY BUILDING USE**

This is to inform the public about the public use of the County City Buildings, outside functions and the procedures. This will be posted on the website.

Dr. Fleming moved to accept the above request as read and outlined.
Motion seconded by Mr. Dieter.
Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

COUNTY ASSESSOR

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
A REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR
CAMA SYSTEM, ANNUAL REVIEW
OF COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL
PROPERTIES, AND MRA PROGRAM**

Mike Castellon, County Assessor, offices on the 3rd floor.
This is a request to advertise for the above systems on March 16 & 23, 2023 with a bid opening on April 4, 2023.

Mr. Dieter moved to accept the above request as read and outlined.
Motion seconded by Dr. Fleming.
Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING, AND GROWTH:

CONSENT AGENDA

Development / Subdivision Requests

Description

Special Events Requests

Description

a) Beacon Health System 2023 Sunburst Races

Traffic Regulatory Requests

Description

a) Request to Approve Indemity & Consent to encroachment within public Right-of-way at 19880 Yoder Street

Motion made by Mr. Dieter to accept the recommendation of the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Growth in reference to the above request as read and outlined.

Motion seconded by Dr. Fleming.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

A)

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL
OF ABATEMENT CONTRACT FOR
CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM
REAL GREEN LAWNCARE, LLC

Abby Wiles, APC Director, offices on the 11th floor.

This is a boilerplate contract with Real Green Lawncare for abatement services for the code enforcement program. This would bring our batch of contractors to four under contract with us. This gentleman just wants to do mowing. We have other contractors on board that only do clean-up, some that prefer small jobs, some that have larger equipment. We have been going to the different contractors for work orders, or code and then some can pass if they are busy with other work. Then we would go on to the next. It has been a benefit having multiple contractors under contract.

Motion made by Mr. Dieter to accept the recommendation of the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Growth in reference to the above request as read and outlined.

Motion seconded by Dr. Fleming.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

B)

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL
OF A PROJECT COMPLETION
AFFIDAVIT-R&S 92001-S
MISCELLANEOUS ROADS
RESURFACING/REHAB ON VARIOUS
ROADS

Sky Medors, County Engineer, offices on the 7th floor.

The final project cost is \$2,430,834.00.

Motion made by Mr. Dieter to accept the recommendation of the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Growth in reference to the above request as read and outlined.

Motion seconded by Dr. Fleming.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Dieter asks EMA to explain what is going on for them this week.

Mr. Kirsits. It is severe weather preparedness week. All of the sirens went off. This was done through a state signal that goes to the broadcast network so they can put the script on the bottom of the channel for information purposes.

If there is a siren that is down, we have a form on-line that can be filled out for documentation purposes.

Jenny Piontek, South Bend, IN.

I would hope that with this opportunity with the doctor that before you pass the resolution to close Portage Manor you will consider that \$3 million is a lot to spend that could be used for roads or elsewhere, instead of just tabling it and waiting until you hear what she says.

Mike Castellon, County Assessor, offices on the 3rd floor.

Thanks, the Commissioners and other elected officials for recognizing the assessment process has been a concern for all the taxpayers. The support that you're giving goes a long way to helping us ensure that the assessment process is fair, and we will continue to be fair to the taxpayers as we move forward.

Mark Catanzarite, District G.

Discusses how the Council worked before the turnover and how things were with both Much like what Ms. Piontek just mentioned, with the recovery I know you guys were part of a meeting with this physician about Portage Manor. I think given the short amount of time we have had as a council together we began to work on solutions which could address the fate of Portage Manor. I will also express the ability that you guys have to help influence our council to at least postpone or delay the vote for tonight so that we can have more time to explore more options. I think all nine of us including the Commissioners can put our heads together and come up with a viable solution where all the objections can be met.

Roy Signs, South Bend, IN.

Reiterates Mr. Catanzarite's comments and request for a reasonable delay.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Baxmeyer asked for a motion to recess, Mr. Dieter so moved, seconded by Dr. Fleming. Meeting recessed by a 3-0 vote.


ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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