

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 May 3, 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

OPENING AND READING OF BIDS ON: None

REPORTS AND REQUESTS FROM:

COMMISSIONERS

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

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

**B)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
A RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE
KANKAKEE RIVER BASIN &
YELLOW RIVER BASIN
COMMISSION-JOHN MCNAMARA**

Mr. Dieter nominates John McNamara.
Motion seconded by Dr. Fleming.
Seeing no other nominations, nominations are closed.
Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

**C)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
AN APPOINTMENT TO THE
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Dr. Fleming nominates Joe Layne.
Motion seconded by Mr. Dieter.
Seeing no other nominations, nominations are closed.
Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

**IT
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH
NETWORK SOLUTIONS**

This is a request for contract approval. It is needed to purchase network equipment for out surveillance cameras. They are currently failing and in need of upgrading.

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

**CLERK:
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
A CONTRACT WITH FIFTH THIRD
BANK**

This contract would provide secured collection services for cash and checks received in the clerk's office through Smart Safe. This would be a three-year agreement. The funds would be paid out of the Clerks perpetuation fund, 1119.

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

ARCHIVES
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
A CONTRACT WITH E-IMAGEDATA-
NEW MICRO-FILM READER-SCANNER

Katerina Carter, Archives, South Bend, IN.
This is for a, my film reader scanner, it will convert images to a PDF file and then it can be printed off our regular printer. This purchase will be a joint effort. The Auditor's Office will pay up to \$3500 directly to the vendor and the Clerk's Office will pay \$4000 from the Perpetuation fund.

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
TO APPLY FOR THE NALOXONE
KIT GRANT OPPORTUNITY
THRU THE IDOH

Dr. Cerbin, Health Officer, offices on the 8th floor.

This is to receive and distribute Narcan to community partner organizations etc., to prevent overdose deaths. Last year we distributed 3000 doses in the community.

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
TO APPLY FOR GRANT FROM
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
FOR LEAD SCREENING, LEAD
TESTING, AND LEAD REMEDIATION

Mr. Dieter moved to table 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
Discover New Carlisle Memorial Day 5K American Legion Riders Family Day

Traffic Regulatory Requests
Description
Approval of traffic regulatory ordinances-Holy Family School
Approval of traffic regulatory ordinances-Stop sign on Byrd Ave

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

Sky Medors, County Engineer, offices on the 7th floor.
It is requested that the following items A-G be authorized for advertising on May 5th and 12th with a bid opening on May 23, 2023.

A)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
A BID REQUEST FOR SJC HIGHWAY
PROJECT BID-STREET LIGHT REPAIRS
AND REPLACEMENT 2023

B)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
BID REQUEST FOR 2023 ST JOSEPH
COUNTY HIGHWAY ANNUAL BID
FOR BITUMINOUS PATCHING
MATERIALS

C)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
BID REQUEST FOR 2023 ST JOSEPH
COUNTY HIGHWAY ANNUAL BID
FOR MISCELLANEOUS AGGREGATES

D)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
BID REQUEST FOR 2023 ST JOSEPH
COUNTY HIGHWAY ANNUAL BID
FOR TRAFFIC PAINT AND SIGNAGE

E)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
BID REQUEST FOR 2023 ST JOSEPH
COUNTY HIGHWAY ANNUAL BID
GUARDRAIL MATERIALS

F)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
BID REQUEST FOR 2023 ST JOSEPH
COUNTY HIGHWAY ANNUAL BID
FOR FUELS, OILS, LUBRICANTS AND
MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS

G)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
BID REQUEST FOR 2023 ST JOSEPH
COUNTY HIGHWAY ANNUAL BID
FOR LIQUID BITUMINOUS MATERIALS

Motion made by Dr. Fleming 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 Mr. Dieter.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

A)

Reminder-We will be accepting proposals on Tuesday May 16th at 6pm regarding Portage Manor. Please submit your proposals in digital format so that distribution is streamlined. Voting for proposals is scheduled for Tuesday June 13th at 6pm.

Mark Catanzarite-Portage Manor update.

The Operations Committee is meeting this Friday at 4:00 PM at real services at 1151 S Michigan Street. The task force is also meeting this coming Sunday at 2:00 PM at the Portage Township Police Office. The overall task force. The goal of the Sunday meeting was to put together a draft proposal that we can hopefully get in your hands by as early as Tuesday, May the 9th. We're trying to get to you guys ahead of the May 16th deadline, so you guys will have some time to actually digest the ideas or suggestions from the task force. I did get your e-mail, Commissioner Dieter. With several questions, hopefully those questions will all be answered with this document we create and bring to you on or about May 9th. That's our goal by next Tuesday. All options are on the table in terms of what we've talked about in the past, doctor Atala is still working on her plan. I spoke to her yesterday. I think she wants to get together with the Commissioners ahead of the May 16th deadline. From what she indicated to me to discuss her proposal with you that would be something she would be engaging with you guys with. But hopefully we'll have some options available to the Commissioners and the Council from the task force as early as this coming Tuesday, that's our goal. I can take any questions, any questions for me?

Mr. Baxmeyer. We did hear from Dr. Atala. Her Performa is with her attorney.

Mr. Catanzarite. That's what she told me, too. She's got her Performa in the hands of her attorney working out the final numbers on that. And she's hoping to get that from her attorney, and I think she wants to submit it to the operations group this Friday. She's having scheduling problems with the spring weather here. Sporting events for children, a lot of things have been rescheduled. I've noticed that too, been experiencing that with my own children and that's made the Friday date and time does not work for her to be there this coming Friday in person. But I think it's her intention to get her documents to the group to look at on this Friday.

Mr. Dieter. We're hoping she gets that information to us because we will make a decision. We don't want to prolong this. It's not fair to the residents. It's not fair for the employees. Everybody out there is extremely stressed, so Mark I appreciate your and Jason's work. Hopefully she comes in with something tangible that we can look at, but we will be making a decision. We're not going to keep stringing this out.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jenny Piontech, South Bend, IN.

Gives thanks for everything the Commissioners have done in reference to grants in the Health Department. I don't believe that is why everyone is up in arms. I believe it is because a certain person is questioning everything and having issues with everything Health Department related.

Lawrence Greenspon, South Bend, IN.

The animal control board has repeatedly failed to meet due to lack of quorum. I wanted to highlight all of the harm this causes. All the functions of the board are not able to be fulfilled. I want to highlight the community stakeholders who are scheduled to appeal, and their supporters make arrangements to appear before the board take off work, arrange childcare. Make other accommodations only to be left leaving for meetings that are not occurring this is repeatedly. I have two quick requests. If we could do some creative thinking or problem solving so that we can meet the requirements for the quorum. I have a few ideas. I'll be happy to offer if there's people can get together for that and me in particular, I wanted to express concern that an animal wildlife rescue nonprofit called rescue, release, repeat. This is led by Rochelle Marshman has been asked to appeal before

the board, but it's never been made clear to her what she is supposed to appeal for? Several months, she and her supporters have come to the board meetings to try to find out what's going on and to support her again, only to have them cancelled it. Miss Marshman work closely aligns with the vision and pillars and the draft comprehensive plan put together by the county and so I'm hoping that we won't have to continue to wait for an appeal and that there's some way to either dismiss whatever they're asking her to appeal or find some way that she can continue her work without this hanging over her.

Jeremy McIntyre, Granger, IN.

Speaks on the Anderson Road project. For the record last week commissioners and the County Council had a community meeting with citizens of Harris Township. There were over 150 people there to listen why it would be a good thing for them. You, the Commissioners and the County Council failed to convince anyone that this is a good idea. You said prior to the meeting, by elected officials, that if after hearing this and we still did not want it you would look elsewhere. we listen and we still do not want it. So now you need to do the right thing and send the MOU to the park board.

Dan Caruso, New Carlisle, IN.

Was also at the meeting. Nice presentation by Sky Medors. It was a nice turnout. Discusses other options for the garage even though we do own the land. Downtown on Sample would be an ideal place for a garage since the soil is already contaminated per IDEM. This would be centrally located.

Mary Sil, Granger, IN.

Reads a quote and then relates it to the Anderson Road project. Not in favor of the Highway garage to be built on this site.

Cheryl Nix, South Bend, IN.

Speaks on Governor Holcomb's push to expand and fund Health Departments in relation to St. Joseph County. Speaks on inaccurate statements made by a local elected official to the legislature and gives corrected updates on her statements. I ask that you Commissioners opt into SB4.

Mike McManus, South Bend, IN.

Follows up on Ms. Nix comments addressing the services offered but are unknown to the community.

Debra Durall, South Bend, IN.

Speaks on a wetlands bill sb414.

Phyllis Crawley, Granger, IN.

Addresses concerns about the aquifer.

Roy Saenz, South Bend, IN.

Discusses some of the things IPG has done in the past regarding Portage Manor and speaks on Bill 60-23C. This asks for an appropriation of \$185,000 from the Healthwin fund to go to IPG. This money is slated to go towards the 933 and Day Road project that Notre Dame is doing. Questions Notre Dames need for money from the County. The second part of that bill is directed towards Portage Manor. Mr. Schallio's letter states that it's going towards the adjacent property which is called the Riverside Campus Development area. Has Portage Farms been renamed, the Riverside Campus Development area? According to the Commission there has been no interest or business proposals as to the development of Portage Farms at this time. How is it then that is already has a name in that document. There's over 20 pages dedicated to the one corner for Notre Dame and zero documents highlighting what this money is going towards on the Riverside Campus Development area but also the Portage Manor Farms area. We would like some clarification on that. Why are we taking money from the Healthwin fund and putting it towards IPG. Portage Manor could utilize those funds.

Stephen Whitmer, Osceola, IN.

Addresses the Board of Health spending and Governor Holcomb's agenda. Also states that the Health Care Community as a whole has begun a labeling technique or attempting to create a social classification of citizens which have anxiety issues and prescribed certain medications. I believe this will be an attempt to prevent their constitutional right to keep and bear arms as well as creating a social stigma with anyone that needs to take prescription drugs or short/long term mental stress or conditions. Especially given what we have all been through with the COVID issues.

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 Mr. Baxmeyer. Meeting recessed by a 2-0 vote.


ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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