

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 July 12, 2022 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. (EST) at which time in the following members were present: Andrew Kostielney, 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)**

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH (JUNE)

Nola Howell

**C)**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING  
A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT  
AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

Peter Agostino, South Bend, IN.  
This claim settles an issue with an inmate and pictures. It is a cost of \$350.00.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**none**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Antonio Markey, South Bend, IN.  
Executive Director of Right to Life Michiana. Speaks on the Health Department statement released on abortion and his experiences and thoughts on this matter. Does not agree with their statement.

Melanie Lyon, Mishawaka, IN.  
Pro Life activist. Executive Director of Voices for Life. Expresses her concern on the press release by the Health Department. Does not agree with their statement.

Paul Matthews, Mishawaka, IN.  
Speaks about being the subject of an investigation for the past 14 years involving several public officials. I would like to have the Commissioners launch an investigation against these officials.

Debra Durall, South Bend, IN.  
Reads some excerpts and an article.

Stephen Whitmer, Osceola, IN.  
Discusses the Health Department statement. Does not agree with there statement.

Tom Dixon.  
Pro life activist and Attorney. Speaks out against the Health Department statement. Does not agree with their statement.

Cynthia Heckman Davis, Walkerton.  
Speaks against what the Pro-life activists are saying and agrees with the Health Department statement.

Cheryl Nix, South Bend, IN.  
States that she agrees with the statement Cynthia has just made.


Catherine Godfrey, South Bend, IN.  
Is in support of the pro-life efforts.

Rebecca Go, South Bend, IN.  
Speaks about the Health Department statement and supports the things it says because it is based on science.

Margaret Cabaniss, Granger.  
Speaks out about the Health Department statement.

Dr. Fleming. States that she received over 100 emails in reference to the abortion press release from the Health Department. Also reads some of those emails.

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

  
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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