

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 4, 2022 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. (EST) at which time in the following members were present: Derek Dieter, and Dr. Deborah Fleming D.M.D. were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER

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 2-0 vote.

B)

YOUTH OF THE MONTH(April)

Marion Boys Basketball Team

C)

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
A SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE
AGREEMENT

Troy Warner, Attorney for the Sheriff's Office, South Bend, IN.

The Sheriff Office gives their deepest sympathy to all those involved in this tragic accident. On February 5th, 2021, County Police Officers responded to a slide off call of a suspected intoxicated driver on Crumstown Highway. The officers required the driver to leave his vehicle on scene but, allowed him to be picked up and given a ride by a friend. After going home and returning to get his vehicle four and a half hours later, the same driver was then involved in a head-on crash causing his own death and serious injuries to a family in the second vehicle. In September of 2021, a tort claim was filed against the county and the department on behalf of the injured family. However, the law allows the County and its officers protection from civil liability due to a decision to enforce a law or a failure to enforce a law. In short, the law gives government employees and officers some discretion and latitude when to ticket, when to arrest, when to enforce the law and when not to. Therefore, providing the county, the department and the officers a legal defense to the civil tort claim. A settlement was agreed upon in this case. We ask for your approval.

Mr. Dieter moved to accept the above request as read and outlined.

Motion seconded by Dr. Fleming.

Motion adopted by a 2-0 vote.

D)

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
EARNEST MONEY AND AUTHORIZATION
TO OBTAIN APPRAISALS FOR THE
OFFER ON NEW OFFICES FOR THE
CORONER

John Butler, Project Manager, offices on the 2nd floor.

This is a request for \$5000.00 in earnest money for the property located at 1622 E Mishawaka Ave, South Bend, IN. It is also requested that we secure 2 appraisals of this property. This will be used for a mortuary.

Mr. Dieter moved to accept the above request as read and outlined.

Motion seconded by Dr. Fleming.

Motion adopted by a 2-0 vote.

HUMAN RESOURCES
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL
OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
FOR ABSENCE MANAGEMENT
WITH METLIFE

Kimberley Karkiewicz, Human Resource Director, offices on the 7th floor.

This is a request for administrative services for absence management with MetLife. They are our vendor for short- and long-term disability. We are looking to combine that to also be able to give FMLA administration and tracking of employee leaves along with the short- and long-term benefits. This is a benefit for the employee because we do have 24/7 facilities. Currently they do not have 24/7 access to request FMLA. This is during the business hours unfortunately. FMLA has increased over the last two years with COVID and residuals from that.

Mr. Dieter moved to accept the above request as read and outlined.

Motion seconded by Dr. Fleming.

Motion adopted by a 2-0 vote.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
TO APPLY FOR A GRANT TO
DISTRIBUTE NARCAN TO
COMMUNITY MEMBERS, ETC
TO PREVENT OVERDOSE
DEATHS

Amy Ruppe, Administrator, offices on the 8th floor.

There is no financial support. We would just be distributing the Narcan we receive.

INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND GROWTH:

Bill Schalliol, Economic Development, offices on the 11th floor.

A)

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL
OF AN ENGINEERING SERVICES
AGREEMENT-DRINKING WATER
PROTECTION PLAN STUDY
WITH LOCHMUELLER

This is in a not to exceed amount of \$350,000.00. This is being funded by the American rescue plan act and recommend your approval.

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 2-0 vote.

B)

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL
OF AN ENGINEERING SERVICES
PROPOSAL AS NEEDED AGREEMENT
WITH CHRISTOPHER B BURKE

ENGINEERING, LLC.

This is in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00.

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 2-0 vote.

C)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS-
ST JOSEPH CODE ENFORCEMENT
TOWING SERVICES
Frank Fotia, Project Manager, offices on the 7th floor.

It is requested that this be published on May 13th and 20th, 2022 with a proposal submission on May 31, 2022.

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 2-0 vote.

ST JOSEPH COUNTY POLICE:
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
JAIL DATA SHARING DOCUMENT
PACKAGE

Troy Warner, Attorney for the Sheriff's Office, South Bend, IN.
The jail tracker system will allow all 92 counties to use this statewide tracker system instead of individual systems. This would allow jail staff to look up inmates more easily and find out where they are, what they are being held for and how much longer they will be held and or time served. This will be covered by the State of Indiana.

Mr. Dieter moved to accept the above request as read and outlined.
Motion seconded by Dr. Fleming.
Motion adopted by a 2-0 vote.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
A PROPOSAL LETTER FOR
EMERGENCY OUTDOOR WARNING
SYSTEM STUDY

John Antonucci, EMA Director, 125 S Washington St.
This study is in the amount of \$35,000.00.

Mr. Dieter moved to accept the above request as read and outlined.
Motion seconded by Dr. Fleming.
Motion adopted by a 2-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

04TH DAY OF TERM MAY TERM WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Dr. Fleming asked for a motion to recess, Mr. Dieter so moved, seconded by Dr. Fleming. Meeting recessed by a 2-0 vote.


ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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