

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 August 30, 2022 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:

Demolition of four properties.

Randy James, Building Commissioner, South Bend, IN.

There are no bids. We will continue to pursue alternative routes.

Tom Evans, Evans Building Group.

We put in for demolition of this property in June of 2021. This property is on Guernsey Ave. I have been told we have to go through due process, and it has been a year and a half now. I called and asked if there were any bids and was told we always had bids worry about it. I can get bids if we need them. I feel the wait is unjustifiable.

REPORTS AND REQUESTS FROM:

COMMISSIONERS

A)

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Mr. Baxmeyer makes a motion to open nominations for president.

Motion seconded by Dr. Fleming.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

Mr. Dieter nominates himself for President.

Motion fails for lack of a second.

Dr. Fleming nominates Carl Baxmeyer for President.

Dr. Fleming explains why she does not want to take on this role.

Motion seconded by Carl Baxmeyer.

Mr. Baxmeyer makes a motion to close the nominations.

Motion seconded by Dr. Fleming.

Mr. Dieter asks Mr. Baxmeyer about his political background and speaks about politics.

Mr. Baxmeyer. States he believes in building consensus and the belief of working with all of the people in County Government, time in office served has nothing to do with it.

Mr. Dieter makes a motion to have public input.

Motion dies for lack of a second.

Dr. Fleming makes a motion to appoint Carl Baxmeyer as President.

Motion seconded by Mr. Baxmeyer.

Motion adopted by a 2-1 vote.

Mr. Baxmeyer makes a motion to retain Dr. Fleming as Vice President.

Mr. Misch states this is not necessary as that position was not on the agenda to be replaced.

Mr. Baxmeyer removes that motion.

B)

**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. Baxmeyer.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

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

Mr. Dieter makes a motion for this to be tabled in order for applicants to submit a resume and a letter of intent for this and all future Board appointments.

Mr. Baxmeyer feels this is too important to table and that there is too much going on in Redevelopment to put this on hold.

Motion to table dies for lack of a second.

Mr. Baxmeyer opens nominations to the Redevelopment Commission.

Dr. Fleming nominates Josh Gable.

Motion seconded by Mr. Baxmeyer.

Seeing no other nominations, nominations are closed.

Motion passes by a 3-0 vote.

D)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
B4TIME UPGRADES FOR PORTAGE
MANOR

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

This includes upgrading the tech for their time clock and moving from on-premise to a cloud hosted environment.

Dr. Fleming moved to accept the above request as read and outlined.

Motion seconded by Mr. Baxmeyer.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

PORTAGE MANOR
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
A CONTRACT WITH ACCUSHIELD

Courtney, Manager for Portage Manor.

This system will replace a physical person at the door of Portage Manor. The state requires people to be checked for COVID symptoms. This machine will save between \$9-\$10 thousand a month. This is a one-time cost of roughly \$3800.00 and a maintenance fee of \$250 a month.

Dr. Fleming moved to accept the above request as read and outlined.

Motion seconded by Mr. Baxmeyer.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

HUMAN RESOURCES
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
AGREEMENT ADDENDUM E WITH
JWF SPECIALTY COMPANY

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

This is to extend the contract. We did a bid and found it best to continue with JWF.

Dr. Fleming moved to accept the above request as read and outlined.

Motion seconded by Mr. Baxmeyer.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING AND GROWTH

CONSENT AGENDA

Development / Subdivision Requests
Description

Special Events Requests
Description
a) Silver Mile 5k Run

Traffic Regulatory Requests
Description

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

A)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
PROJECT HONEYSUCKLE ROAD
USE AGREEMENT

Chris Brown, Economic Development, offices on the 11th floor.
This agreement governs the utilization of County roads during the duration of the construction phase of the project.

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

B)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
CONTRACT R-37496- CHANGE ORDER
NO 5

C)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
CONTRACT R-37496- CHANGE ORDER
NO 6

Dr. Fleming makes a motion to table the above two items.
Motion seconded by Mr. Baxmeyer.
Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL
OF SOUTH BEND REGIONAL
CHAMBER ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT SERVICE
AGREEMENT

Dr. Fleming makes a motion to untable the above item.
Motion seconded by Mr. Baxmeyer.
Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

This is a contract extension to provide additional economic development services. This agreement is revised from one that was approved late last year. That was a three-year agreement this would extend it till 2028. In addition to extending the term we would also change the payment structure. The last four years would see an increase for cost and services provided.

Dr. Fleming moved to accept the above request as read and outlined.

Motion seconded by Mr. Baxmeyer.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dan Caruso, New Carlisle, IN.

What we just witnessed is party politics not good government. We want input not party politics overriding things with this battery plant and other projects. The comprehensive land plan needs to be in place.

Debra Durall, South Bend, IN.

Reads a poem. Speaks on the environmental issues.

Paul Blum, Granger, IN.

Speaks on behalf of Derek Dieter.

Pastor Mario Sims, South Bend, IN.

Speaks on behalf of Derek Dieter.

Dave Varner, Clayton Dr.

I came to speak in favor of Derek but not against Carl. Also speaks on the Battery Plant. I wish you all well in your positions today and hope it all works out in the end.

Roosevelt Stewart, South Bend, IN.

Speaks on behalf of Derek Dieter.

Edward Endress, Elm Rd.

I love St. Joseph County, there are struggles here. All of my children chose to leave here. I want to thank all of you for all that you do.

Kevin Connery, Granger, IN.

I didn't expect to see what happened here this morning. I am running as an independent for one of those seats. This seems all party line that is why I am running. Sorry to see this happen to you Derek.

Derek Dieter.

Speaks on his service to St. Joseph County and the politics playing in this situation. I will keep on doing what I do in the community and what is right.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Baxmeyer

asked for a motion to recess, Dr. Fleming so moved, seconded by Mr. Baxmeyer.

Meeting recessed by a 3-0 vote.



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS