

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 October 11, 2022 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. (EST) at which time in the following members were present: Carl Baxmeyer, 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. Baxmeyer.
Motion adopted by a 2-0 vote.

B)

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
PROPOSAL FROM DHA FOR
SURVEYING SERVICES FOR
"CLAY PARK"

This is for the surveying services for the parcel located at 52001 Laurel Road known as Clay Park. The cost of these services will be shared with the Township.

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

C)

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE APPEAL
HEARING

Dr. Fleming makes a motion to approve the hearing.
Motion seconded by Mr. Baxmeyer.
Motion adopted by a 2-0 vote.

Phil Garrett, Council for the Commission, South Bend, IN.

This is essentially an appeal for the denial of Township assistance benefits. This was filed by Jarrell Williams. He applied for rental assistance from the Portage Township Trustee. This was denied due to failure to meet the specific eligibility requirements. Mr. Williams filed an appeal which is his right. This appeal is then brought before the Commissioners for your review and decision. The Commissioners have been provided with standards and rules provided by the state as guidelines. By state law these standards must be used in determining eligibility in this appeal.
Hearing is held.

Motion to affirm the findings of the Portage Township Trustees made by Dr. Fleming.
Mr. Baxmeyer seconds that motion.
Motion is affirmed.

Dr. Fleming makes a motion to close the public hearing.
Motion seconded by Mr. Baxmeyer.
Motion adopted by a 2-0 vote.

D)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
ENGAGEMENT WITH TAFT
STETTINIUS & HOLLISTER LLP

Mr. Misch. My office was asked to look at finding outside counsel for monitoring the situation with the Election Board. The situation has changed, last night a lawsuit was filed against the Election Board. This contract is for Taft Law Firm to monitor the lawsuit on behalf of the Board of Commissioners and take recommendations as it is related to the lawsuit.

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
A CONTRACT WITH JUAN ESTEBAN
BAUS FOR CONSULTING SERVICES

Amy Ruppe, Finance manager, offices on the 8th floor.
This contract is for a translator. We are asking for support in the contract.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

A)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL
OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
2023 MEETING DATES

No action taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mike McManus, South Bend, IN.
Speaks on the lawsuit and taxpayers' money being wasted. Feels this is a conflict of interest for Mr. Baxmeyer.

Cheryl Nix, South Bend, IN.
Speaks on the lawsuit and the legality of resolution R-20-C-2020. Also feels as if this is a conflict of interest for Mr. Baxmeyer.

Debra Durall, South Bend, IN.
Extends an invitation to hear the special presentation of the dialogue project on October 25th at 5:30. Goes on to discuss what this will entail.

Dan Caruso, New Carlisle, IN.
Speaks on the issue of conflict of interest for Mr. Baxmeyer and defunding the police by taking the State Police out of the investigation.

Mr. McManus gives Mr. Fotia documents to have as part of the record.

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 2-0 vote.


ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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