

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 2, 2019 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. (EST) at which time in the following members were present: Andrew Kostielney, Dave Thomas, 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:

DEPT OF INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND GROWTH:

A) BLDG04-2019-SA Furniture, fixtures, and electronics-phase I

Mr. Woods. The bids were opened last week, read aloud, the commissioners had not taken formal action to receive the bids and send them on to the department for review and recommendation. That is what needs to happen today.

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

Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

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. Thomas.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

B)

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL
OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

Mr. Woods. The first settlement agreement is related to a personal injury lawsuit for your approval. This should be called premises liability.

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

Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

C)

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL
OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

Mr. Woods. This is in regard to the last parcel of acquisition regarding the McKinley Corridor improvements from Birch Road to County Line Road for your approval and consideration. This should be called McKinley Corridor.

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

Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

D)

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL
OF A RESOLUTION R-6-C-2019**

E)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL
OF AUTHORIZATION AND QUOTE
FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT
FROM THE STATE OF INDIANA
QUANTITY PURCHASE AGREEMENT

F)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL
OF AGREEMENTS WITH US
BANCORP FOR FINANCING THE
EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

G)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL
OF ENGAGEMENT OF THORNE
GRODNIK, LLP

Mr. Woods. This is a resolution for the Board of Commissioners approving the special purchase method for radios for the St. Joseph County Sheriff's Department.

Troy Warner, 401 W. Sample.

The next four items on the agenda are in regarding the purchase of Motorola radios for the patrol officers. The first document, item D, is a special purchase resolution. Do to the nature of the radios some compatibility issues using the Motorola radios with the existing CAD system. To use another brand would add costs. This qualifies for a special purchase to get around the bidding process. The second document is the authorization to purchase the radios. The third document is approval to the finance agreement.

Mr. Woods. This would be consistent with the county's overall strategy. This would be the fourth and fifth addendum to our US Bank Corp series of financing.

The final document is the engagement letter with Mr. Woods firm.

Bill Redman, County Sheriff, 401 W. Sample.

We needed to update our current radios due to support being ended in December of 2018.

We were also notified the portable radios would expire at the end of this year due to support. These were purchased in the time frame of 2001-2002. The Motorola CAD system has been approved these would be compliance with that. The technology is greater, the gps technology allows us to locate officers inside and outside of their vehicles, which previously could not be done. We have to keep the technology on these radios updated as they are crucial to our officers and those they serve.

Mr. Thomas gives thanks for these upgrades.

Dr. Fleming also gives thanks.

Sharon Meyers, 52062 Patricia Lane, South Bend.

With these new radios is one of these things that is up to the officer as to whether it is turned on or not?

Ivan Popovich, 1605 Lake Michigan Dr., Valpo. The gps is turned on the back end. So, when they receive these radios, we go through the process of programing everything. A feature like that cannot be turned off by an officer.

Dr. Fleming moved to accept the above request of items d-g as read and outlined.

Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

H)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
RESOLUTION R-7-C-2019

I)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
AN RBM AGREEMENT

J)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
AN AGREEMENT WITH US

**BANCORP FOR FINANCING THE
EQUIPMENT PURCHASE**

K)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
AN ENGAGEMENT OF THORNE
GRODNIK, LLP

Mr. Woods. This discussion involves items h-k on the agenda. This has been a process by which the county is being requested by the recommendation of the Election Board to approve an agreement with RBM.

Cathryn Fanello, Election Board, 18411 Summerwyn Ln., South Bend.

We held some demonstrations of the equipment by request of the Commissioners. We are in possession of equipment. It is compatibility issue. We own several freedom votes, and this is basically a request to purchase those for all of our precincts.

Dr. Fleming moved to accept the above request of items h-k as read and outlined.

Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

L)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL
OF BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO
ANIMAL CONTROL COMMISSION

Dr. Fleming nominates Brianna Glueckert and Tina Donica.

Nomination seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Kostielney calls for any other nominations, seeing none nominations are closed.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
TO APPLY FOR A GRANT WITH
THE INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH**

Neiko Rust, Assistant Director of Nurses, offices on the 9nd floor.

This is a request to apply for the Competitive Immunization grant. The grant amount is \$113,128. There are no matching funds. These funds will be used for increasing vaccinations in our county and employ to part time staff members.

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

Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

**MAINTENANCE
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY JAIL ROOF
REPAIRS**

Brian Davidson, Building Engineer, office in the basement.

This is a request for approval to award the bid to Midland Engineering in the amount of \$178,860.00.

Mr. Thomas. What are is this?

Mr. Davidson. It is the garage area. We are getting pricing on the other pods as well and address those needing more attention.

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

Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

PROCUREMENT
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL
OF 2019-2020 JANITORIAL SUPPLY
BID AWARD

Bree Robers, offices on the 7th floor.

We ask that the following be awarded as follows:

CC1 to Ferguson/HP

CC2 to Ferguson/HP

CC4 to Ferguson/HP

CC5A to South Bend Chemical

CC6 to Ferguson/HP and KSS this is done by line items.

We further request that all bids be accepted in the case that a vendor is unable to fulfill the contract awarded to them.

Please see the Procurement Department for the dollar amounts for each section.

Mr. Thomas. Discusses the issue of Interboro being low bidder but not being awarded the bid due to not meeting specs.

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

Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

DEPT. OF INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING, AND GROWTH:

Jessica Clark, County Engineer, office on the 7th floor.

A)

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL
OF A RESIDENTIAL LEASE
AGREEMENT FOR DOUGLAS
ROAD CORRIDOR FEDERAL
AID PROJECT

The county acquired the property as part of the above federal aid project and the former owner will temporarily remain in the property as a month to month lease tenant.

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. Thomas

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

B)

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL
OF LETTER OF AGREEMENT
FOR PAVING WORK PARTNERSHIP
2019

This package included work with PHM and this is the agreement that stipulates each parties responsibilities and commitment of repayment.

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. Thomas.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

C)

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL
OF SNOWPLOW ROUTING
OPTIMIZATION SOFTWARE
PROPOSAL

This is a software proposal of work not to exceed \$95,000.00 with C2Logix. It is a snowplow optimization software that will help us evaluate our snow routing and optimize those routes for efficiency and effectiveness.

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. Kostielney.

Motion adopted by a 2-1 vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Zmyslo Senior, 51042 Prairie View Way, South Bend, IN.

I am here to address the Ameriplex site that has greatly affected the German Township residence very negatively. Our concerns were expressed to the City Council more than once. A lot of us feel it is taxation without representation. We vote for you and the City of South Bend has invaded our territory and rezoned property by us and we are feeling the effects of it in the county. It seems there are a lot of projects and development that takes place and never enough infrastructure in place to handle it. We would like you to address our concerns and work with the city. It has been said it would be looked at and we hope Commissioner Kostielney will work with the city. We are experiencing heavy truck and car traffic, speeding, no police patrols, trash being thrown on our properties, noise, light and ground pollution, property devaluation and accidents. We hope you would address these concerns with City officials to handle these problems. There is really only one way into that site, and they are proposing three more facilities out there. There needs to be more infrastructure on this area.

Mr. Kostielney. There was a meeting last week where county officials met with city officials to begin addressing that issue. The challenge with that is South Bend is doing this development so in our mind it is their responsibility to provide the infrastructure upgrades. Otherwise, then we will be forced to provide that from a county standpoint when the situation doesn't fall within St. Joe County property. So, we are trying to see how we can manage that better. We know we have an issue out there.

Sandra Hochstedler, 51785 Portage Road, South Bend.

We have had heavy truck and car traffic on Portage Road that adds to the traffic that they have on Adams. These county roads weren't constructed for that purpose. In the old days there were signs restricting truck traffic, that now has gone away. This area is part city and county roads. We need help with speed control. Truck traffic needs to be restricted. I feel a bad accident is bound to happen on Adams Road.

James Pepple, 52205 Portage Road.

I moved out here for space and freedom for me and my family. Now, all we have are semi's going up and down Portage. I sat in my driveway for 18 minutes before I could get out. This is due to the traffic and trucks. If there was an emergency someone could die due to this traffic. You need to make a decision on this.

Matt Buczolich, 51807 N Mayflower Road.

I would like to support those who spoke on the German Township area. I see that the complex is going to put an entrance in on the north end of Mayflower Road. Why is the county allowing that? They are racing up and down the roads and throwing trash out. I think someone needs to do something about this.

Dan Caruso, 305 Compton St., New Carlisle.

What other example do we need for New Carlisle than that right there? We need to rethink this, have some transparency, include us in the decisions before you do anything.

Michael Carrington, 51386 Portage Road.

I am here with Pam Frederick. She is the widow of Tom Frederick and the JJC is named after her husband who spent most of his life working on behalf of the juvenile court. We would like to have the Commissioners do a recognition plaque with some information about Tom. The current judge has no objections. We are asking for your consideration on this matter.

Judith Robleski, 515 S. Meade St., South Bend.

I am here to support the people of German Township. I wrote a letter to the paper last Thursday. (Reads/Comments on letter).

Jeff Nicholas, 23821 Adams Road. My home is no longer livable due to work done on the roads and plumbing. Promises were not kept. Taxes went up and the home is falling apart. Traffic is unbelievable. They are talking about connecting this to Bertrand and an entrance has to go somewhere.

Sharon Meyers, 52062 Patricia Lane.

All along Brick Road it is pockets of the city and county mingled together. It is hard to tell that you are going in and out of county and city property. My concern is the bridge. They can't fix it because there is no where to alternate the traffic. If we were to build something there are numerous rules and permits. They started developing out there with no plan. They should have had another entrance for heavy duty trucks. There will be traffic issues and accidents. I know you can't do much because it is city. I have dealt with this with the property lines. When something major happens, I am going to be the first one to say I told you so. Good luck.

Dolores Schosker, 23381 Adams Road. There has been wrecks there. It is awful. We have to leave at least 30 minutes earlier than normal to get to our appointments. Cars are flying down the road trying to get to where they work or when going to lunch. Traffic will increase due to the exit they are going to put on Mayflower. You need to come out and look at this.

Mr. Thomas. Mrs. Frederick, thank you for your husband's dedication. Ms. Meyers, you mentioned the speeding it is a general consensus people speeding but we can't regulate people who break the law. We certainly can't regulate anything in the city limits. I will ask the Engineer to look at the speed limit issues but, I know that it is mixed city and county. I will also mention this to the Sheriff. Your area is where the growth is so that is where they are annexing. We have had various issues with the city using their rules up to our county lines. They think their power extends outside the city limits or they don't care what happens outside the city limits. It is nice that Tim Scott went to talk to you but as you well know you don't elect any City Council people. It is nothing that this board has done and certainly no neglect by this board. This is the city trying to maximize what they annex. *DEFENSE OF MR. K. BY MR. T.* (DT)

Mr. Kostielney. In regards to some of the traffic, we have talked to the Sheriff and they have tried to put more patrols to help calm. They are going to put the traffic speed there to raise awareness. The challenge once again is most of these issues with the city of South Bend. As Mr. Thomas stated we have no authority over what happens in South Bend. We can work with and try to influence what the city does but that is the bottom line.

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


ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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