

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 January 3, 2023 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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The meeting is called to order by Auditor John Murphy.
The first order of business is to elect the officers for the calendar year 2023.
Mr. Murphy asked for nomination of President.
Mr. Dieter nominates Carl Baxmeyer for President.
Motion seconded by Dr. Fleming.
Seeing no other nominations, nominations closed.
Motion passed by a 3-0 vote.
Mr. Baxmeyer asked for nomination of Vice President.
Mr. Dieter nominated Dr. Fleming as Vice President and Mr. Baxmeyer seconded.
Seeing no other nominations, nominations closed.
Motion passed by a 3-0 vote.

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**

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)
Next on the agenda was to approve Board and Department Appointments for 2023, they are as follows:

BOARDS AND COMMISSONS 2023

NAME	Board/Commission
Carl Baxmeyer, Deborah Fleming, Derek Dieter	Board of Finance
Carl Baxmeyer	Data Board
Derek Dieter	Drainage Board
Deborah Fleming, Derek Dieter	Housing Consortium
Deborah Fleming	Michiana Area Council of Governments
Derek Dieter	PSAP Executive Board
Derek Dieter	St. Joseph River Basin
Carl Baxmeyer, Deborah Fleming, Derek Dieter	Solid Waste

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

DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS 2023

NAME	POSITION
Frank J. Agostino	Deputy County Attorney
Peter J. Agostino	Assistant County Attorney
Alfred "Buddy" Kirsits	Emergency Management Director
Sky Medors	County Engineer
Brian Davidson	Building Engineer
Brandie Ecker	Deputy County Attorney
Kimberly Karkiewicz	Human Resources Director
Mitch Heppenheimer	Deputy County Attorney
Brittany "Bree" Roberts	Purchasing Manager
Michael Meeks	County Highway Engineer
Michael Misch	County Attorney
William Schalliol	Executive Director of Economic Dev

C)
**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
 APPROVAL OF ORDER RENAMING
 OR RENUMBERING PRECINCTS**

John Carlson, GIS Manager, offices on the 11th floor.
 This renames two precincts for the Mishawaka Council districts redistricting ordinance that was passed in December.

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

INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING, AND GROWTH:

CONSENT AGENDA

Development / Subdivision Requests
Description
Irrevocable letter of credit-Northbrook shores subdivision
Irrevocable letter of credit-Bradford Shores Subdivision

Special Events Requests
Description

Traffic Regulatory Requests
Description
Stop sign at Malcor St at Cloyd St.

Project Completion Affidavit
Description

Motion made by Dr. Fleming to accept the recommendation of the Department of Public Works in reference to the above request as read and outlined.
 Motion seconded by Mr. Dieter.
 Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

A)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL
OF A PRELIMINARY ENGINEER
SERVICES AGREEMENT DES NO.
2101682-WALNUT BRIDGE OVER
POTATO CREEK

Sky Medors, County Engineer, offices on the 7th floor.
This is the contract for this project and responsibilities of each party in a not to exceed amount of \$313,975.00. These services are 80% reimbursable through the Federal Aid program.

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. Dieter.
Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

B)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL
OF QUOTE AWARD-LILAC ROAD
-GROVE EXCAVATING

Sky Medors, County Engineer, offices on the 7th floor.
We received one quote from Grove Excavating in the amount of \$37,800.00. We recommend that they be awarded this project.

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. Dieter.
Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Cheryl Nix, South Bend, IN.
Reads an editorial that was published in the South Bend Tribune in reference to the crisis center.

Mike McManus, South Bend, IN.
Continues reading the article started by Ms. Nix.

Steve Francis, South Bend, IN.
In favor of the crisis center. Speaks on the overlay for the industrial zone in New Carlisle.

Mr. Misch gives a brief review. The Commissioners received the proposed contract which was only between Oak Lawn and St. Joseph County on, I believe the 16th for a meeting to be held on the 20th. The contract was deficient in numerous ways. It did not include the City of South Bend, which is providing more than half the funding. It did not include Beacon which is the facility being renovated. Subsequent meetings have been held by the Commissioners with the president of Memorial Hospital and with the CEO of Oaklawn. These meetings are to find out exactly what needs to be done to get an appropriate contract. The current contract was only a construction contract between Oaklawn and the county which essentially said the county gives \$2.6 million they do an upgrade to the building and if the project never goes or is never funded the county gets back whatever money is left over. Meaning potentially Beacon gets an upgrade and no services are ever provided. There was no statement of any deliverables any scope of work that would be provided by Oaklawn and or Beacon in exchange for the payment. There

are numerous other issues that have to be answered. As I believe you indicated in the last meeting in September there was a meeting held with Dr. Bob, Lori Noffsinger and others who indicated they were ready to move forward with the project. We didn't receive a contract until the 11th hour which again, it should be a multi-party, multi-million dollar, multi-year agreement. This was supposed to just be rubber stamped by the Commissioners. It's completely in my mind, from a legal perspective it's something you just can't do. There should have been a lot more communication from the Health Department with the Commissioner's on that. Commissioners Dieter and Baxmeyer have been in contact with the relevant individuals trying to work through some of the issues but at a minimum we need to see written commitments from the City. Written commitments from Memorial that this program will continue into the future as the landlord not just remodeling the building and not getting services. That is where we are at. We are hopeful that we will hear back from them with written commitments. We would have to go back to Council for reappropriation.

Mr. Baxmeyer. We have another meeting with Oaklawn this afternoon and we hope to move forward.

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. Dieter. Meeting recessed by a 3-0 vote.


ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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