

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 March 21, 2023 at the hour of 6:00P.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:**

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)  
BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

Ron's Marathon

C)  
CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

A Policeman from North Liberty

D)  
YOUTH OF THE MONTH

Nevaeh Foster

E)  
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING  
BILLS PASSED BY THE ST.  
JOSEPH COUNTY COUNCIL

<u>BILL NO.</u>	<u>ORDINANCE NO.</u>
25-23	19-23
26-23	20-23
27-23	21-23
35-23	22-23
36-23	23-23
30-23	24-23
31-23	25-23
24-23	26-23
32-23	27-23
33-23	28-23
18-23	29-23

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

F)  
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING  
CERTIFICATION OF THE COUNTY  
HEALTH BOARD OFFICER

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

Motion seconded by Mr. Dieter.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

G)  
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING  
RELEASE AGREEMENT-  
DONNA HURLEY

Mr. Misch. Mr. Agostino handled this. It is another holdover claim from Voter Registration. This is a claim that needs to be resolved and is a relatively low dollar amount. We ask for your approval.

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

Motion seconded by Mr. Dieter.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

H)  
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING  
RESOLUTION R-8-C-2023-  
SUPPORTING THE DECISION OF  
THE SJC COUNCIL TO FURTHER  
INVESTIGATE OPTIONS FOR  
PORTAGE MANOR

This is a result of the County Council's meeting. This is due to the outcry for time from the Community Leaders and residents. This is a 60-day resolution, but more time can be allotted if needed. Thank you to all the people who came because I think it is a good thing and we, Mr. Baxmeyer and myself (Mr. Dieter) voted on that because this has been kicked down the road for a long time. Now we have a lot of community people who want to get involved. Mark Catanzarite will be the chair of a task force for this cause.

Mark Catanzarite, South Bend, IN.

I wouldn't call myself the chairman of the taskforce. A lot of people are doing work. I am just trying to get people together after you gave us the 60-day reprieve. We are just trying to keep this moving. A couple of points of the resolution, again I appreciate what the resolution sets out to do. I don't think I can comply with some parts of it so, I don't want to be viewed as a failure. On the third page, the second paragraph. I can not comply with all of that because last Sunday we broke out into small groups and some of the small groups are meeting, and I will not be in attendance at all of the small group meetings. I am not sure if every small group has the ability to meet by zoom. We intend to get together once a week and then discuss how each group did and what they came up with. I could probably give you a weekly update on their progress. I do have some commitments that will keep me away from some of the Tuesday meetings. Therefore, I would have a problem meeting the other part where it says I make weekly meetings. I could give you a written report to enter into the record if I can't be there in person.

Mr. Dieter. That is fine.

Mr. Catanzarite. Anyone is welcome to come or join in, Council members, Commissioners anyone. There is an operations legal group, a financial group, a cemetery group, and an advocacy group. We are trying to come up with a plan before the 60 days so that you can look at it.

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

Motion seconded by Dr. Fleming.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

D)  
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING  
AN APPOINTMENT TO PORTAGE  
MANOR BOARD OF MANAGERS-  
DEBORAH FLEMING DMD

Mr. Baxmeyer opens nominations.  
Mr. Dieter moved to nominate the Dr. Deborah Fleming.  
Motion seconded by Mr. Baxmeyer.  
Seeing no other nominations, nominations are closed.  
Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mark Catanzarite, South Bend, IN. Comments on Ron's Marathon and the great job they have done.  
Cheryl Nix, South Bend, IN. Speaks on the Health Department and the Board of Health.  
Heidi Bidinger, Granger, IN, Board of Health Member. Talks about the appointment of Dr. Cerbin and gives thanks to Dr Eintzer.  
Emily Trausch, Granger, IN. Expresses her concerns about the highway garage MOU.  
John Sill, Granger, IN. Comments on the highway garage and the park.  
Nathan Kelly, Granger, IN. Comments on the highway garage.  
Denny McIntyre, Granger, IN. Comments on the highway garage.  
Mary Sill, Granger, IN. Speaks on the highway garage.  
Jessica Logan, Granger, IN. Comments on the highway garage.  
Roy Signs, South Bend, IN. Gives thanks for the time to try and save Portage Manor and discusses this.  
Joey Palkovich, Granger, IN. Comments on the highway garage.  
Robin Challinor, South Bend, IN. Speaks on Portage Manor and the resolution.  
Julie Calhoun, 51517 Haverhill Ct. Speaks on Portage Manor.

Mr. Baxmeyer. Regarding the Anderson garage, we will be setting up a site where emails can be responded to and for Portage Manor. We will have a public meeting with plenty of advanced notice.  
Mr. Dieter. In regard to the cleaning, we do this monthly. We can meet Thursday at 2:00 on Bowling Dr.

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

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