

MINUTES OF A
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING
OF THE
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COUNCIL
May 10, 2022

The public hearing meeting of the St. Joseph County Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m., on May 10, 2022 by the President, Rafael Morton.

Members in attendance were:

Mr. Robert L. Kruszynski
Mr. Corey D. Noland
Mr. Richard J. Pfeil
Ms. Diana Hess
Mr. Rafael Morton
Mr. Randall L. Figg
Mr. Mark A. Catanzarite
Mr. Joseph F. Canarecci
Mr. Mark Root

Present from the Auditor's office was Auditor, Michael J. Hamann and John Murphy, Chief Deputy Auditor. Council staff present was Mr. Michael Trippel, Attorney and Ms. Jennifer Prawat, Executive Secretary.

Petitions, Communications & Miscellaneous Matters:

Mr. Kruszynski made a motion to appoint Sarah Hill to the Historic Preservation, reappointment Rafael Morton to The Early Intervention Board, Mark Root to the MACOG Policy Board and Diana Hess to the Northern Indiana Historical Society Board and was seconded by Mr. Noland. The motion was passed by 9-0.

Ms. Hess made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022 meeting and was seconded by Mr. Noland, the motion was passed by a voice vote; 9-0.

No report from the County Auditor
No report from the County Commissioners
No report from any Special Committee

First Reading(s):

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PETITIONERS: GLEN L. & FANNY R. WHEELER
Assigned to the Land Use Planning Committee

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PETITIONERS: SANDRA K WOLF AND SANDRA K WOLF ¼ INT, BETTY JANE HILLRING ¼ INT, EVELY IRENE CLARK ¼ INT & MARCIA ANN CLARK 1/24 INT, MARTA RAE CLARK 1/24 INT, GREGORY R. CLARK R 1/24 INT, BRUCE RAY CLARK 1/24 INT, BRICE JAY CLARK 1/24 INT, JEFFREY LYNN CLARK 1/24 INT.

Assigned to the Land Use Planning Committee

Resolution(s):

BILL NO. 68-22: RESOLUTION OF THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COUNCIL HONORING AND CONGRATULATING THE SOUTH BEND WASHINGTON LADY PANTHERS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM FOR ITS SUCCESS IN THE 2021 – 2022 BASKETBALL SEASON AND IN THE INDIANA STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Council represents all citizens of St. Joseph County, Indiana and periodically recognizes persons who by their dedication and hard work have distinguished themselves in our community; and

WHEREAS, the South Bend Washington Lady Panthers High School Basketball Team (the “Lady Panthers”) has so distinguished itself, as the Lady Panthers finished their 2021 – 2022 season ranked first in the State of Indiana, ranked 22nd nationally, and won the Indiana Class 3A State Championship by scoring a Class 3A State record of 93 points; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 – 2022 Lady Panthers Basketball Team consists of the following individuals:

Seniors: Shamarah Allen, Mila Reynolds, Lauren Gillon

Juniors: Amiyah Reynolds, Rashunda Jones

Freshmen: Ryiah Wilson, Jamiya Parhams, Kira Reynolds, and Monique Mitchell; and

WHEREAS, the team is coached by Head Coach Steve Reynolds Jr. and Assistant Coach Marcy Reynolds, together with Karis Phillips, Kenneth Hunt, and Eddie Clay; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Panthers beat Silver Creek by the score of 93-35 in the State Championship game; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Panthers have made the community proud through their dedication and effort and the St. Joseph County Council recognizes and congratulates them on their achievements this 2021 – 2022 season and wishes them all the best for their future endeavors, individually and as a team.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COUNCIL THAT:

Section 1. On behalf of the citizens of St. Joseph County, Indiana, and the St. Joseph County Council, we proudly and publicly recognize and congratulate the South Bend Washington Lady Panthers High School Basketball Team on their achievements in the 2021 – 2022 season.

Section 2. The St. Joseph County Council wishes the South Bend Washington Lady Panthers High School Basketball Team success in their future endeavors, individually and as a team.

A motion to pass Bill No. 68-22 was made by Mr. Noland and seconded by Mr. Kruszynski. Bill No. 68-22 was passed to-wit; 9-0

BILL NO. 54-22: RESOLUTION OF THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COUNCIL HONORING AND CONGRATULATING LOCAL BUSINESS C.E. LEE DECORATING CENTER ON 150 YEARS OF OPERATION IN THE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Council represents all citizens of St. Joseph County, Indiana and periodically recognizes persons who by their dedication and hard work have distinguished themselves in our community; and

WHEREAS, C.E. Lee Decorating Center was established in 1872 by A.W. Lee, a South Bend resident, as a paint and decorating contractor; and

WHEREAS, in 1908, A.W. Lee, C.E. Lee, incorporated the business which had become a retail store; and

WHEREAS, the Lee family has continued to operate C.E. Lee Decorating Center for the succeeding one hundred and fifty (150) years; and

WHEREAS, the current owners of C.E. Lee Decorating Center are Chuck and Danielle Lee, the fifth generation of the Lee family to do so; and

WHEREAS, C.E. Lee Decorating Center has continuously for the last 150 years provided locally-owned, family-owned service in the area of the retail sale of paint, and strives to bring the latest in innovative paint-related products to the St. Joseph County, Indiana market, for example, being the first retail paint store in the area to offer the new innovation of ceramic paint; and

WHEREAS, the Lee family and C.E. Lee Decorating Center have contributed to the economic health and paint-related ambitions of the citizens of St. Joseph County, Indiana for 150 years, and the St. Joseph County Council recognizes and congratulates them on their achievements in this area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COUNCIL THAT:

Section 1. On behalf of the citizens of St. Joseph County, Indiana, and the St. Joseph County Council, we proudly and publicly recognize and congratulate C.E. Lee Decorating Center, and Chuck and Danielle Lee, current owners of the same, for the ongoing contributions to the St. Joseph County community over the course of operation of the business for the past 150 years.

Section 2. The St. Joseph County Council wishes C.E. Lee Decorating Center, and Chuck and Danielle Lee, success in the future and hopes that they will continue to provide excellent service and paint-related innovations to the citizens of St. Joseph County for many years in the future.

A motion to pass Bill No. 54-22 was made by Mr. Catanzarite and seconded by Mr. Canarecci. Bill No. 54-22 was passed
to-wit; 9-0

BILL NO. 52-22: A RESOLUTION OF THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN S. JOSEPH COUNTY, THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND HONEY SUCKLE SOLAR, LLC

Mr. Morton: Bill No. 52-22 is being tabled this evening at the request of the petitioner.

Salary Amendment(s):

**BILL NO. 57-22: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 95-21, THE SAME BEING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND FIXING THE NUMBERS OF EMPLOYEES OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2022 (Combined with Bill No. 58-22 A)
PETITIONER: COMMISSIONERS**

Ms. Hess reported that Bill No. 57-22 comes with a favorable recommendation.

Kim Karkiewicz, Human Resource Director, this request is for additional monies for an IT Director to bring it up to where we would be able to find a great candidate to support the county.

Mr. Noland: This is for procurement.

Ms. Karkiewicz: No, this is for the IT Director and I think that director is on line.

Mr. Hamann: Bill No. 57-22 is procurement. Not the IT one yet.

Bree Roberts, Director of procurement. This is a request to dissolve the open clerk position I have within my department and absorb those duties into and some of the corresponding appropriations obviously, into both my fixed asset specialist position and the director position. Previous person in this position took another job within the county, effective February 28, 2022, since then, we have already been functioning as a department of two serving all county departments effectively, fixed asset specialist position as outlined in the cover letter will be taking on the brunt of those extra duties.

A motion to pass Bill No. 57-22 was made by Mr. Noland and seconded by Ms. Hess. Bill No. 57-22 was passed
to-wit; 9-0

BILL NO. 56-22: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 95-21, THE SAME BEING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND FIXING THE NUMBERS OF EMPLOYEES OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2022
PETITIONER: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Mr. Kruszynski reported that Bill No. 56-22 comes with a favorable recommendation.

Amy Ruppe, Administrator for the Department of Health, we are requesting to increase the number of employees in our health CHW's for COVID grant, going from eight to nine. We are aware of one of our staff members leaving in the near future and we would like to hire their replacement to be able to train with them before their departure.

A motion to pass Bill No. 56-22 was made by Mr. Noland and seconded by Ms. Hess. Bill No. 56-22 was passed to-wit; 9-0

Public Hearing/Public Comments: Fiscal Matters:

BILL NO. 58-22: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING MONEYS FOR THE PURPOSE HEREIN SPECIFIED FOR THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS HEREIN LISTED OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY GOVERNMENT

TRANSFERS:

A. Commissioners

General Fund

FROM: 1000-11975-000-0034	Procurement Clerk	\$9,693.00
TO: 1000-11974-000-0034	Director of Procurement	\$3,231.00
1000-11600-000-0034	Fixed Asset Specialist	\$6,462.00
	TOTAL	\$9,693.00

APPROPRIATION(S):

B. Information Technology

Cumulative Capitol Development

FROM: 1138-39750-000-0014	Information Technology	\$11,640.00
1138-39750-000-0014	Information Technology	\$10,180.00
1138-39750-000-0014	Information Technology	\$98,530.45
	TOTAL	\$120,350.45

C. Human Resource

LIT Fund

1112-31070-000-0034	Other Contractual Svc.	\$132,460.00
	TOTAL	\$132,460.00

D. Superior Court

Court Interpreter Grant

9117-39404-000-0020	Interpreter Grant	\$11,025.00
	TOTAL	\$11,025.00

E. Department of Health

Beacon Safety PIN Grant

9166-33368-000-0055	Public Info. & Educ.	(\$502.00)
9166-36015-000-0055	Contractual Svc.	(\$2,000.00)
	TOTAL	(\$2,502.00)

F. Sheriff

General Fund

1000-31010-000-0006	Legal	\$165,552.00
	TOTAL	\$165,552.00

Mr. Morton: All financial issues were heard and discussed at our April 26, 2022 committee meeting.

Mr. Catanzarite: For the public that wasn't able to be here at our committee meeting, I just want to highlight, all these departments are doing great things but the Sheriff's Department and their renegotiation of the US Marshalls contract, for the per diem prisoners that we house for them, that's a big game changer for the county Sheriff's Department and their budget, that money is going to go back into the general fund so that renegotiation essentially took the daily per diem rate of housing a federal prisoner at fifty dollars a day to seventy four dollars a day which is a significant increase considering the cost that's involved with taking care of prisoners and I just want to compliment them and what they did, let the public know that their county Sheriff is doing a good job trying to find more ways to bring money back into the budget to help out other units of government.

A motion to pass Bill No. 58-22 was made by Mr. Canarecci and seconded by Ms. Hess. Bill No. 58-22 was passed to-wit; 9-0

Public Hearing/Public Comment: Emergency Rental Fund

BILL NO. 59-22: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 95-21, THE SAME BEING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND FIXING THE NUMBERS OF EMPLOYEES OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2022 FROM THE EMERGENCY RENTAL FUND
 PETITIONER: AUDITOR

8909-11972-000-0040	Budgeting Assistant	\$3,786.00
8909-11985-000-0040	Temporary/Seasonal Help	\$1,133.16
8909-14800-000-0040	FICA Taxes	\$105.00
8909-31010-000-0040	Legal Services	(\$12,210.00)
8909-31100-000-0040	Administration Fees	(\$120,669.24)
8909-35015-000-0040	Utilities	(\$433.02)
8909-35091-000-0040	Rental Assistance	\$273,769.46
		<u>TOTAL:\$145,481.36</u>

Ms. Hess reported that Bill No. 59-22 comes with a favorable recommendation.

Mr. Murphy: Actually, 59-22, 60-22 and 61-22 are all very similar, there to establish the budgets, the 2022 budgets for the emergency rental assistance programs, we actually have three programs running concurrently, we sent out a report earlier to you today with expenditures and revenue through April 30th. In fund 8909, the original plan, number one, we have about three hundred and two thousand dollars left so we will be able to spend that money down within the next month or so. Fund number 8951, plan two, that's a newer grant, we currently have one million, six hundred and thirty-one thousand dollars to spend so that will probably be spent by the end of September and then the final fund 8953, this is a pass through grant from the State of Indiana from the Federal Government, that has about ninety seven thousand, five ninety eight and that is currently spent down to zero as of today.

A motion to pass Bill No. 59-22 was made by Mr. Noland and seconded by Mr. Catanzarite. Bill No. 59-22 was passed to-wit; 9-0

BILL NO. 60-22: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONEIES FOR THE PURPOSE HEREIN SPECIFIED FROM THE EMERGENCY RENTAL FUND

Auditor		
8953-11985-000-0040	Temporary/Seasonal Help	\$49,262.20
8953-31070-000-0040	Other Contractual Svc.	\$250,000.00
8953-31100-000-0040	Administration Fees	\$30,000.00
8953-35015-000-0040	Utilities	\$100,000.00
8953-35091-000-0040	Rental Assistance	\$1,097,508.00
8953-39985-000-0040	Distribution of State Funds	\$3,300,000.00
		<u>TOTAL:\$4,826,770.20</u>

A motion to pass Bill No. 60-22 was made by Mr. Canarecci and seconded by Ms. Hess. Bill No. 60-22 was passed to-wit; 9-0

BILL NO. 61-22: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONEIES FOR THE PURPOSE HEREIN SPECIFIED FROM THE EMERGENCY RENTAL FUND

Auditor

8951-11985-000-0040	Temporary/Seasonal Help	\$4,560.00
8951-12011-000-0040	ERA Administrator	(\$54,837.00)
8951-14800-000-0040	FICA Taxes	(\$5,952.00)
8951-14810-000-0-040	PERF	(\$6,142.00)
8951-31070-000-0040	Other Contractual Svc.	(\$116,729.84)
8951-31079-000-0040	COVID Expenditures	\$3,076.00
8951-31100-000-0040	Administration Fees	\$80,432.00
8951-32055-000-0040	Public Education	(\$20,000.00)
8951-33020-000-0040	Advertising	(\$5,000.00)
8951-33100-000-0040	Printing	(\$5,000.00)
8951-35015-000-0040	Utilities	0.57
8951-35091-000-0040	Rental Assistance	\$832,947.47
	TOTAL:	\$707,355.20

A motion to pass Bill No. 61-22 was made by Ms. Hess and seconded by Mr. Canarecci. Bill No. 61-22 was passed to-wit; 9-0

13. Public Hearing/Public Comment: American Rescue Plan Fund

BILL NO. 62-22: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONEIES FOR THE PURPOSE HEREIN SPECIFIED FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND

Infrastructure, Planning and Growth

8950-43020-000-0040	Bridge Design & Engineering	\$3,500,000.00
	TOTAL:	\$3,500,000.00

Sky Medors, Infrastructure, Planning and Growth, we have a need of approximately of twenty-six and a half million dollars of work that needs to be done on our bridges and small structures by the year 2030, according to those reports that are actually based on the best estimates with limited field information. The process is, for doing these projects is, first you have to do engineering, then you have to do permitting and then you actually have to go into the construction phase, in order to get these projects moving, the first thing we really need to do is jump into the engineering and permitting phase, what this request is for is for three and a half million dollars to be used for the engineering and permitting for the structures that have been identified that need to have work, the work can include a total reconstruction, deck replacement, rehabilitation, those types of things, it varies from structure to structure.

Mr. Noland: This comes from a unanimous recommendation for approval from the capital projects planning committee.

A motion to pass Bill No. 62-22 was made by Ms. Hess and seconded by Mr. Canarecci. Bill No. 62-22 was passed to-wit; 9-0

BILL NO. 63-22: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONEIES FOR THE PURPOSE HEREIN SPECIFIED FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND

Infrastructure, Planning and Growth

8950-91905-000-0040	Paving	\$4,000,000.00
	TOTAL:	\$4,000,000.00

Ms. Hess reported that Bill No. 63-22 comes with a favorable recommendation.

Mr. Medors: This is for looking at some roads to do paving. As you remember last year, the council approved money for paving within some of our subdivisions, that work is currently happening now, they should have that completed within, I believe the deadline is within sixty days, we were also awarded community crossings grant that is a fifty fifty match and typically each year, we use that to attack the pavement issues that we're having with some of our mail line roads and we were able to get that and that project will be bid here soon. We have a lot of roads that we've been patching and it's a continuous problem. What we would do

with this appropriation would be to rehab the worst of those roads and the reason for the request now is so we can get out and get these things bid and get it done this year.

A motion to pass Bill No. 63-22 was made by Mr. Noland and seconded by Ms. Hess. Bill No. 63-22 was passed to-wit; 9-0

Land Use Planning:

**BILL NO. 28-22: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING TITLE XV, LAND USAGE, CHAPTER 154, PLANNING AND ZONING, OF THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY CODE, AS AMENDED, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 17871 STATE ROAD 23 AND 17847 STATE ROAD 23, FROM OB: OFFICE/BUFFER DISTRICT TO O: OFFICE DISTRICT
PETITIONER DALE R. DEVON & CHRISTINE K. DEVON**

Mr. Noland reported that Bill No. 28-22 comes with a favorable recommendation.

Ryan Fellows, Area Plan Commission Staff, the subject property is along State Route 23, next to Western Avenue, the proposed use is a hair and nail salon. That site plan shows the current layout, no changes are being proposed, if there is a change that it does become proposed, it would require commercial plan review. Rezoning is supported by goal two, encouraging the economic development of the county. The Area Plan Commission, per the St. Joseph County Health Department request that the approval be granted subject to the installation and approval of a new septic system, per Indiana State Department of Health technical data sheet state rule and county code requirements.

Dale Devon, 7508 Toscona Court, Granger, current owner of the property for about the last fifteen years, we use the house that they are planning on turning into a nail salon, we've had our office in there for probably twelve years, we had the house next door, we rented out residentially, I couldn't find good tenants. We moved our office, it's a little bit bigger we've had this office next door for about a year and a half, and we had, for six months, our electrician in there doing a lot of low voltage type of electrical stuff, cameras, sound and security systems and stuff like that. We have a half a bath there, there is no kitchen, no laundry, it's just a half bath, so its very minimal use, they will put in a hair washing station, they expect maybe ten heads a day and I think twenty-five is the limit as far as going for commercial well versus a public well system.

Mr. Noland: Is the new septic part of the new plan or not?

Mr. Devon: We are waiting on, I've got Abonmarch Consultants designing and working with the Health Department and the State Health Department trying to get the specs on the size, the tank is good, it's got a couple of dry wells which are not allowed now and we're just going to put some field fingers in there for a field system so we are just waiting on the technology to come back with the size of the field.

A motion to pass Bill No. 28-22 was made by Mr. Noland and seconded by Mr. Root. Bill No. 28-22 was passed to-wit; 9-0

**BILL NO. 53-22: A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA HAVE BEEN MET AND CONFIRMING RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING AN AREA OF THAT COUNTY TO BE AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA CONFIRMING RESOLUTION
PETITIONER: EVS LIMITED**

Mr. Noland reported that Bill No. 53-22 comes with a favorable recommendation.

Chris Brown, Economic Development Specialist, before you tonight is the final step of the EVS tax abatement process. Just a quick reminder, this is for a fifty thousand square foot new facility on this property, just west of the airport at a cost of about six million dollars for the construction, it will also include about three hundred thousand dollars of personal property that will go into that building. We've scored it as a six year real property tax phase in on a step down schedule and then a five year personal property tax phase at a hundred percent over the course of those five years.

Joe Dooley, 757 Dodge Trail, Westville, I would just like to say thanks to Chris Brown for his help and for the council for reviewing our material. We hope this all goes through, this would be the best solution for us.

Mr. Noland: I think this is a great project and am glad to see that it's expanding and staying in St. Joe County.

Mr. Catanzarite: I just want to commend EVS, they are employee owned, right Joe?

Mr. Dooley: We are 100% (inaudible)

Mr. Catanzarite: Right here in St. Joe County, making a product that touches the world, internationally and helped put us on the map in this specialty field.

A motion to pass Bill No. 53-22 was made by Mr. Noland and seconded by Mr. Kruszynski. Bill No. 53-22 was passed to-wit; 9-0

Miscellaneous:
Unfinished Business:
New Business:

Mr. Catanzarite: In case it doesn't get brought up tonight, I know everybody here is educated on what happens with tax assessments, a lot of us got out tax assessments in the mail, having conversations with the St. Joe County Assessor, Rosemary Mandrici, I'm certain, Mr. Castellon of Penn Township, I have not spoken with him but if you think you have a good case for a reason why your tax assessment shouldn't be the way it is, the recommendation from Rosemary is that you should file and appeal, you have until June 15 to file a form 130 which is an appeal, on your property tax assessment. She said if you have any questions, call her office.

Privilege of the floor: Limit of 3 minutes to items not on agenda

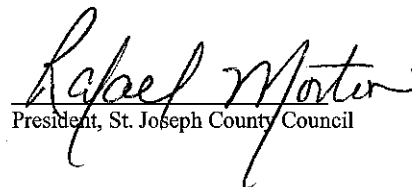
Debra Durrall, 21677 Auten Road, South Bend, read from the book Refuge by Terry Tempest Williams.

Charlotte Wolf, 21439 Osborn Road, Lakeville, I appreciate the word about the assessments. I have my appeal right here and I have been working on a piece of property for the last thirty years. I would like to speak on behalf of my friends who are farmers who derive their total income from farming and the assessments that have been passed out, they are very distraught. They feel like they are not going to be able to farm with these increased taxes on their food growing land. We have to protect our farmers. I'm going to suggest how we can give tax abatements to farmers, especially in the range of one to six hundred acres and make their taxes less than they are now, they are having trouble finding help, expenses are increased.

Adjournment Mr. Morton stated that the meeting was adjourned 7:02 p.m.



Auditor, St. Joseph County



President, St. Joseph County Council

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MAY 10, 2022
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This meeting will be held in person with the option of Zoom

Join the Meeting

Phone: 312 626 6799

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BILL NO. 52-22: A RESOLUTION OF THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN S. JOSEPH COUNTY, THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND HONEY SUCKLE SOLAR, LLC

10. Salary Amendment(s):

BILL NO. 57-22: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 95-21, THE SAME BEING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND FIXING THE NUMBERS OF EMPLOYEES OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2022 (*Combined with Bill No. 58-22 A*)
PETITIONER: COMMISSIONERS

BILL NO. 56-22: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 95-21, THE SAME BEING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND FIXING THE NUMBERS OF EMPLOYEES OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2022
PETITIONER: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

11. Public Hearing/Public Comments: Fiscal Matters

BILL NO. 58-22: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING MONEYS FOR THE PURPOSE HEREIN SPECIFIED FOR THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS HEREIN LISTED OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

TRANSFER(S):

A. Commissioners

General Fund

FROM: 1000-11975-000-0034	Procurement Clerk	\$9,693.00
TO: 1000-11974-000-0034	Director of Procurement	\$3,231.00
1000-11600-000-0034	Fixed Asset Specialist	\$6,462.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$9,693.00</u>

APPROPRIATION(S):

B. Information Technology

Cumulative Capitol Development

FROM: 1138-39750-000-0014	Information Technology	\$11,640.00
1138-39750-000-0014	Information Technology	\$10,180.00
1138-39750-000-0014	Information Technology	\$98,530.45
	TOTAL:	<u>\$120,350.45</u>

C. Human Resource

LIT Fund

1112-31070-000-0034	Other Contractual Svc.	\$132,460.00
	TOTAL:	<u>\$132,460.00</u>

D. Superior Court

Court Interpreter Grant

9117-39404-000-0020	Interpreter Grant	\$11,025.00
	TOTAL:	<u>\$11,025.00</u>

E. Department of Health
 Beacon Safety PIN Grant
 9166-33368-000-0055
 9166-36015-000-0055

Public Info. & Educ. (\$502.00)
 Contractual Svc. (\$2,000.00)
TOTAL:(\$2,502.00)

F. Sheriff
 General Fund
 1000-31010-000-0006

Legal \$165,552.00
TOTAL:\$165,552.00

12. Public Hearing/Public Comment: Emergency Rental Fund

BILL NO. 59-22: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 95-21, THE SAME BEING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND FIXING THE NUMBERS OF EMPLOYEES OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2022 FROM THE EMERGENCY RENTAL FUND
 PETITIONER: AUDITOR

8909-11972-000-0040	Budgeting Assistant	\$3,786.00
8909-11985-000-0040	Temporary/Seasonal Help	\$1,133.16
8909-14800-000-0040	FICA Taxes	\$105.00
8909-31010-000-0040	Legal Services	(\$12,210.00)
8909-31100-000-0040	Administration Fees	(\$120,669.24)
8909-35015-000-0040	Utilities	(\$433.02)
8909-35091-000-0040	Rental Assistance	\$273,769.46
		<u>TOTAL:\$145,481.36</u>

BILL NO. 60-22: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONEIES FOR THE PURPOSE HEREIN SPECIFIED FROM THE EMERGENCY RENTAL FUND

Auditor

8953-11985-000-0040	Temporary/Seasonal Help	\$49,262.20
8953-31070-000-0040	Other Contractual Svc.	\$250,000.00
8953-31100-000-0040	Administration Fees	\$30,000.00
8953-35015-000-0040	Utilities	\$100,000.00
8953-35091-000-0040	Rental Assistance	\$1,097,508.00
8953-39985-000-0040	Distribution of State Funds	\$3,300,000.00
		<u>TOTAL:\$4,826,770.20</u>

BILL NO. 61-22: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONEIES FOR THE PURPOSE HEREIN SPECIFIED FROM THE EMERGENCY RENTAL FUND

Auditor

8951-11985-000-0040	Temporary/Seasonal Help	\$4,560.00
8951-12011-000-0040	ERA Administrator	(\$54,837.00)
8951-14800-000-0040	FICA Taxes	(\$5,952.00)
8951-14810-000-0-040	PERF	(\$6,142.00)
8951-31070-000-0040	Other Contractual Svc.	(\$116,729.84)
8951-31079-000-0040	COVID Expenditures	\$3,076.00
8951-31100-000-0040	Administration Fees	\$80,432.00
8951-32055-000-0040	Public Education	(\$20,000.00)
8951-33020-000-0040	Advertising	(\$5,000.00)
8951-33100-000-0040	Printing	(\$5,000.00)
8951-35015-000-0040	Utilities	0.57
8951-35091-000-0040	Rental Assistance	\$832,947.47
		<u>TOTAL:\$707,355.20</u>

13. Public Hearing/Public Comment: American Rescue Plan Fund

BILL NO. 62-22: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONEIES FOR THE PURPOSE HEREIN SPECIFIED FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND

Infrastructure, Planning and Growth		
8950-43020-000-0040	Bridge Design & Engineering	\$3,500,000.00
		<u>TOTAL:\$3,500,000.00</u>

BILL NO. 63-22: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONEIES FOR THE PURPOSE HEREIN SPECIFIED FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND

Infrastructure, Planning and Growth		
8950-91905-000-0040	Paving	\$4,000,000.00
		<u>TOTAL:\$4,000,000.00</u>

14. Land Use Planning:

BILL NO. 28-22: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING TITLE XV, LAND USAGE, CHAPTER 154, PLANNING AND ZONING, OF THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY CODE, AS AMENDED, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 17871 STATE ROAD 23 AND 17847 STATE ROAD 23, FROM OB: OFFICE/BUFFER DISTRICT TO O: OFFICE DISTRICT
PETITIONER DALE R. DEVON & CHRISTINE K. DEVON

BILL NO. 53-22: A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA HAVE BEEN MET AND CONFIRMING RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING AN AREA OF THAT COUNTY TO BE AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA CONFIRMING RESOLUTION
PETITIONER: EVS LIMITED

15. Miscellaneous:

16. Unfinished Business:

17. New Business:

18. Privilege of the floor: Limit of 3 minutes to items *not* on this agenda

19. Adjournment

Notes:

May 24, 2022 - Committee Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

June 14, 2022 – Public Hearing 6:00 p.m.