

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 1, 2013 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. (EST) at which time in the following members were present: Andrew Kostielney, Dave Thomas, and Marsha McClure were present.

Peter Mullen, County Auditor, was present and recorded the minutes of the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING AND READING OF BIDS ON: Read by Dave Thomas.

Three Federal Aid Projects

1) Right of way and construction inspection for Edison at Ash Road roundabout.

Beam Longest and Neff
Indianapolis, IN. 46250

DLZ
South Bend, IN. 46615

Lawson-Fisher Associates P.C.
South Bend, IN. 46601

RW Armstrong
South Bend, IN. 46617

The Troyer Group
Mishawaka, IN. 46544

2) Right of way and construction inspection for Adams Trail extension from Fir Road to Elm Road.

Abonmarche
South Bend, IN. 46601

Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc
Lafayette, IN. 47901

DLZ
South Bend, IN. 46615

Donohue/Herceg
South Bend, IN. 46601

Lawson-Fisher Associates P.C.
South Bend, IN. 46601

The Troyer Group
Mishawaka, IN. 46544

Weaver Boos Consultants
South Bend, IN. 46628

3) Right of way and construction inspections for LaSalle Trail extension from Cleveland Road to Darden Road.

Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc.
Lafayette, IN. 47901

DLZ
South Bend, IN. 46615

RW Armstrong
South Bend, IN. 46617

Lawson-Fisher Associates P.C.
South Bend, IN. 46601

The Troyer Group
Mishawaka, IN. 46544

Weaver Boos Consultants
South Bend, IN. 46628

Mr. Thomas moved to accept the above bids as read and outlined.
Motion seconded by Ms. McClure.
Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

REPORTS AND REQUESTS FROM:

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION:
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
AN IN-LINE TRANSFER**

The following in-line transfer has been requested.

| | | |
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| From: 1000-22120-000-0037 | garage & motor supplies | \$100.00 |
| Into: 1000-21030-000-0037 | office supplies | \$100.00 |
| From: 1000-32200-000-0037 | telephone | \$160.00 |
| Into: 1000-39010-000-0037 | dues & subscriptions | \$160.00 |
| From: 1000-33100-000-0037 | printing | \$22.00 |
| 1000-34040-000-0037 | auto liability | \$100.00 |
| 1000-32350-000-0037 | postage | \$110.00 |
| 1000-33010-000-0037 | publication of legal notice | \$142.00 |
| Into: 1000-31070-000-0037 | other contractual services | \$374.00 |

Mr. Thomas moved to accept the above in line transfer as read and outlined.
Motion seconded by Ms. McClure.
Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY:
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
AN IN-LINE TRANSFER**

The following in-line transfer has been requested.

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| From: 1000-32200-000-0048 | telephone | \$2200.00 |
| 1000-32350-000-0048 | postage | \$2600.00 |
| 1000-36100-000-0048 | repair auto | \$1200.00 |
| 1000-36300-000-0048 | repair office equip | \$400.00 |

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| 1000-39750-000-0048 | data processing | \$1035.00 |
| Into: 1000-31070-000-0048 | other contractual services | \$7435.00 |

Mr. Thomas moved to accept the above in line transfer as read and outlined.
 Motion seconded by Ms. McClure.
 Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

COMMISSIONERS

**A)
 IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
 THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DOCKETS**

Mr. Thomas moved to accept the Accounts Payable Docket as read and outlined.
 Motion seconded by Ms. McClure.
 Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

**B)
 IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
 THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

Permission was requested to approve the following consent agenda:

| Surplus Requests | |
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| Department | Description |
| County Assessor | Various obsolete computer equipment, chairs & transcribers |

| Travel Requests | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Department | Description | Cost Estimate |
| Dept. of Public Works | Indianapolis, IN / October 24, 2013 | \$150.00 |
| Prosecuting Attorney | Indianapolis, IN / October 17, 2013 | \$139.34 |

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas to accept the consent Agenda as read and outlined.
 Motion seconded by Ms. McClure.
 Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
 THE ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL
 MEDICAL CENTER PEDIATRICS
 SERVICES TO CONDUCT THE
 1ST HERO FOR HEROES 5K FAMILY
 COLOR FUN RUN SCHEDULED ON
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2013**

This is a family event reaching out to our smallest community members, introducing children to the importance of healthy living.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas to accept the above fun run as read and outlined.
 Motion seconded by Ms. McClure.
 Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Thomas informs everyone that it is Polish American month.

Tom Zmyslo, 51042 Prairie View Way.

Mr. Zmyslo says he hasn't heard anything about the tax cap exemptions in the St. Joe County as far as trying to get it in line with the rest of the state. It is a great hindrance in regard to the residents and businesses that we are at least a half percent higher than the rest of the state of Indiana. I just continue to see spending and I understand from what I read in the paper that tax caps are supposed to go out in 2012, or 2019, I have heard both. I called the state of Indiana and they are telling me that it has to be voted on by the legislature. I wondered how the Commissioners are addressing this.

Mr. Kostielney says to my knowledge that is a state issue. As far as when those percentages will be changed that will be handled in Indianapolis. As from a county stand point, in the last four years that I have been here we have tried to lessen our debt whenever possible and we have not bonded in those four years. Project wise we have tried to use existing funds to not extend ourselves past the funds that we have. If that means putting projects off then we have done that to make sure we don't build up our debt. Not knowing of the ramifications of when those tax caps will be.

Mr. Zmyslo says he doesn't see the spending so much in the County as in the City and other areas. I think it is going to take pressure from the elected officials on the legislature to get our taxes in line. If we have a higher tax rate in St. Joseph County than any other county besides Lake County in Indiana that is hurting our residents and businesses. Is it your understanding that this has to be voted on by the Legislature of is it an automatic change in 2020?

Mr. Kostielney says he is not sure.

Mr. Thomas says he believes it is an automatic phase out in 2016.

Mr. Zmyslo says he gets different answers on this.

Jamie O'Brien, 15822 Cedar Court, Granger, Indiana.

Mr. O'Brien states that the rate will revert automatically however voters can approve special projects and these projects will not be capped. They can go over the 1, 2, or three percent cap.

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 Mr. Kostielney. Meeting recessed by a 3-0 vote.