

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 8, 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: None

REPORTS AND REQUESTS FROM:

VOTERS REGISTRATION:
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
THE 2013 SPECIAL ELECTION
POLLING PLACES

This election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 within the School City of Mishawaka. The precinct breakdown is as follows: City of Mishawaka-31; Penn Township-2 being a total of 33. Per the recommendation of the Election Board, we are proposing there to be 12 different polling locations. 6 locations will have 2 precincts, 4 locations will have 3 precincts and 2 locations will have 4 precincts. One precinct has no voters.

Mr. Thomas moved to accept the above polling places 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 |
| 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 Clerk | Various obsolete chairs, printers and computers |
| DRCB | A broken HP printer |
| Health Department | An obsolete office chair |
| Superior Court | Two obsolete recorders |

| Travel Requests | | |
|------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Department | Description | Cost Estimate |
| Adult Probation | Indianapolis, IN / November 5-6, 2013 | \$2,343.00 |
| County Assessor | Reimbursement of prior travel to Merrillville, IN | \$531.07 |
| County Assessor | Indianapolis, IN / October 9, 2013 | \$366.40 |
| County Auditor | Indianapolis, IN / October 22-25, 2013 | \$3,763.75 |
| County Clerk | Ossian, IN / October 15, 2013 | \$120.10 |
| County Recorder | Kokomo, IN / October 23, 2013 | \$91.70 |
| Comm. Corrections | Indianapolis, IN / November 20-22, 2013 | \$1,652.76 |
| Dept. of Public Works | South Bend, IN / October 10-11, 2013 | \$95.00 |
| Health Department | Indianapolis, IN / October 30, 2013 | \$256.42 |
| Historic Preservation | Indianapolis, IN / October 30-Nov. 1, 2013 | \$100.00 |
| Prosecuting Attorney | Indianapolis, IN / October 24, 2013 | \$383.89 |

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.

C)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
AN INTER LOCAL AGREEMENT
FOR PAYMENT OF ENGINEERING
FEEES BETWEEN ST. JOSEPH
COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF
SOUTH BEND AND MISHAWAKA
WITH DLZ OF INDIANA REGARDING
PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS
(PSAPS) FOR RESPONDING TO
911 CALLS

Counsel states that this would be entered into between St. Joseph County, the City of South Bend and Mishawaka. Pursuant to an enactment of the Legislation Counties are required to work collaboratively to develop a consolidated 911 plan. Each County is to have no more than two Public Safety Answering Points for 911 responding. This agreement would be entered into by the County with DLZ helping to provide the initial professional services related to the project. This agreement would call for the three parties to share collaboratively and equally any engineering costs for this. The contract

amount is estimated to be \$422,000.00. There are services within this contract that may or may not be used. That will be decided by the parties as we go forward.

Mr. Thomas says that this is an important step in a long run process that was started some years ago with the upgrading of the 911 system.

Counsel comments on how nice it was for all the parties involved to work so well together in this process.

Mr. Kostielney says that he is pleased with the progress of this project.

Mr. Thomas moved to accept the above inter local agreement as read and outlined.

Motion seconded by Ms. McClure.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:

A)

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR
GUMWOOD ROAD, RECONSTRUCTION
AND ADDED TRAVEL LANES,
MISHAWAKA CITY LIMITS TO NORTH
BRICK ROAD, PHASE I

This change order increases the contract by \$149019.00. The revised amount will become \$3262459.31.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas to accept the above change order as read and outlined.

Motion seconded by Ms. McClure.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

B)

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR
SPRUCE ROAD, CREEK BRIDGE
REPLACEMENT AND SPRUCE
ROAD REHABILITATION
FROM U.S. 6 TO
UNDERWOOD ROAD

This change order increases the contract by \$1000.00. The revised amount will become \$601439.25.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas to accept the above change order as read and outlined.

Motion seconded by Ms. McClure.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote

C)

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR
THE CLEVELAND/ASH ROAD
INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
WITH ADDED TURN LANES

This change order increases the contract by \$12538.89. The revised amount will become \$1169752.77.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas to accept the above change order as read and outlined.

Motion seconded by Ms. McClure.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote

D)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 FOR
AN ENHANCED BIKE/PEDESTRIAN
FACILITY ALONG ADAMS ROAD
FROM ELM ROAD TO MARY FRANK
AND NORTHPOINT SCHOOLS

This change order is to add trail route information signs at both ends of the trail. The revised amount will become \$533939.17.

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

E)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
A BID AWARD FOR SIX 2014
FOUR WHEEL DRIVE ¾ TON,
4X4 FULL SIZE PICKUP TRUCKS,
HEAVY DUTY FOR SNOW PLOWING

It is recommended that the bid award go to Jordan Automotive Group in the amount of \$197904.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas to accept the above bid award 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.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS