

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT, The Board of Commissioners of the County of St. Joseph met in a special session in the County City Building on May 27, 2014 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. (EST) at which time in the following members were present: Andrew Kostielney, Marsha McClure, and Dave Thomas were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved.

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

Mr. Kostielney announces that the next meeting will be held on May 7, 2014 at 10:00 on Wednesday due to the election on Tuesday.

OPENING AND READING OF BIDS ON:

1) R&S 91401/3-1 Miscellaneous road resurfacing/rehabilitation in Sagewood Estates, Bower Park, Partridge Woods and other subdivisions

Niblock Excavating, Inc Bristol, IN. 46507	\$734294.00
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Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. South Bend, IN. 46634	\$642645.50
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Walsh & Kelly Paving Contractors South Bend, IN. 46614	\$645010.00
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2) R&S 91401/2-1 Miscellaneous road resurfacing/rehabilitation in Geier's Sterling Acres and Chain-O-Lakes subdivision and Wilson Manor Area

Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. South Bend, IN. 46634	\$876619.00
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Walsh & Kelly Paving Contractors South Bend, IN. 46614	\$894641.60
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3) R&S 92401/1-1 Miscellaneous road resurfacing/rehabilitation in Brendon Hills, Knollwood West, Quail Ridge, Saddlebrook Waterford Green and other subdivisions

Niblock Excavating, Inc Bristol, IN. 46507	\$1174780.65
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Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. South Bend, IN. 46634	\$1286468.05
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Walsh & Kelly Paving Contractors South Bend, IN. 46614	\$1197311.76
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Ms. McClure moved to accept the bids and turn them over to the Engineering Department for further study and review as read and outlined.

Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

REPORTS AND REQUESTS FROM:

COMMISSIONERS

A)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DOCKETS

Ms. McClure moved to accept the Accounts Payable Docket as read and outlined.
Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas.
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	
Department	Description

Travel Requests		
Department	Description	Cost Estimate
County Archives	Indianapolis, IN / June 26, 2014	\$80.00
County Coroner	Indianapolis, IN / June 19-21	\$233.70
Human Resources	Indianapolis, IN / May 30, 2014	\$342.00
Prosecuting Attorney	Bloomington, IN / June 18-20, 2014	\$6436.07

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

C)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
AN APPOINTMENT TO THE
PORTAGE MANOR BOARD OF
DIRECTORS

Ms. McClure makes a motion to nominate Tom McClanahan.
Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas.
Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

D)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS (RFP)
AND ISSUANCE OF FORM OF
NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR THE
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COURTS-
RENOVATION OF THE COUNTY JAIL

It is requested that this be advertised on May 30th, and June 6th, 2014 with a bid opening on July 1st, 2014. This is to turn the old jail space into court rooms. This is a much needed project. It was started about a year and a half ago. Due to concerns from ADA compliance standpoint renovations for the lower level. These are still ongoing.

Mr. Thomas says that there have been questions about more court space, is it needed, should the old jail space be used for this, or should a new facility be built. What is the most economical way today or in the future with the current assets that taxpayers have already paid for? We have the space which should be more productive, is this the right use. I have always said that I support turning the old jail into new court room space provided we did not grow another entryway and that the new courthouse area be entered

through the County City building. Others agreed and architectural plans were drawn several years ago and that is the direction I support. Also, during those discussions with the added goal to reduce current and future operational costs while also improving security in the county complex of two court houses and the county city building which is classified as a court house. Obviously closing one of the current courthouse entrances was a good idea. It would mean one less x-ray machine, magnetometer, and free up the crew for other security detail and or elimination of vacant positions. After numerous discussions with the parties involved the west entrance of the 1896 courthouse was closed. Last week I was given another set of architectural plans. These new plans show a new entrance with an elaborate foyer requiring a new security detail. I do not believe this foyer or entrance and its extra cost now or in the future are needed. The construction, operational equipment, and operational manpower grow the budget unnecessarily and we have significant loss of revenue forecasted due to the circuit breaker. Funding and money will continue to be tight now and in the future. Any new facility should have the foresight to address the needs and cost today and in the future. Certainly no money should be spent if not needed. Other noticeable design improvements could include private conference rooms for attorneys and their clients to meet. I cannot support this rfp as it is and suggest that we return to past more feasible and less costly plan which better serves the people. Mr. Kostielney notes that this project has been ongoing for the last two or three years. A lot of discussions have gone on between a large portion of our judicial government and this was drastically scaled down from the plans that Commissioner Thomas referred to. This is a good utilization of our resources and it will hopefully address our court needs and concerns as we move forward in the next twenty years.

Ms. McClure moves to accept the above request as read and outlined.

Motion seconded by Mr. Kostielney.

Motion adopted by a 2-1 vote.

ADD ON:

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, REQUEST FOR
QUALIFICATIONS, BUSINESS
SOLUTIONS/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The County is looking for a new vendor and would like a local presence for this position. Experience and currently serving other public entities, specifically towns, cities, or counties.

Mr. Thomas states that he would like to see an amendment under item 1 minimum qualifications, it says it must have a local presence meaning an establishment in Indiana. That could mean Evansville or Indianapolis or somewhere far away. I believe it should be amended to state St. Joseph County or possibly an adjoining county.

Mr. Kostielney says that could be taken care of as the request come in. If it was further away that would not be looked upon as favorably.

Ms. McClure moves to accept the above request as read and outlined.

Motion seconded by Mr. Kostielney.

Motion adopted by a 2-1 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE,
REQUEST RENEWAL OF APS GRANT

This is to enable the state to award a grant of \$246668.00 for eligible costs of the Adult Protective Services program.

Ms. McClure moves to accept the above request as read and outlined.

Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

27TH DAY OF TERM MAY TERM TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2014

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
AN EMERGENCY CULVERT REPAIR

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

OLD BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Kostielney asked for a motion to recess, Ms. McClure so moved, seconded by Mr. Thomas. Meeting recessed by a 3-0 vote.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS