

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 January 15, 2019 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. (EST) at which time in the following members were present: Andrew Kostielney, Dave Thomas, and Dr. Deborah Fleming D.M.D. were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER

The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved.

OPENING AND READING OF BIDS ON:

Jessica Clark, County Engineer, offices on the 7th floor.
Bldg12-2018E County City Complex Elevator Modernization

Shindler Elevator Corporation base bid \$1,140,000.00 alt. bid \$294,744.00

Dr. Fleming moved to accept the above requests and turn them over for further review and study as read and outlined.

Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

ADD ON:

Health Department bids for 14 vehicles

Amy Ruppe, Finance Manager, offices on the 8th floor.

Acme Auto Leasing
North Haven, CT.

Mr. Thomas. It seems odd that someone from Connecticut bid. Are they the only bids?

Ms. Ruppe. Yes.

Mr. Thomas. Were the specs very tight?

Ms. Ruppe. No, they were very vague.

Dr. Fleming moved to accept the above requests and turn them over for further review and study 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**

Dr. Fleming 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 SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH
CENDER & COMPANY**

Steve Dalton, Cender & Company.

The proposal is for a renewal. It is in the same amount as previous years with a not to exceed \$75,000.00. It is in the name of the Auditor's office although we do prepare financial analysis for various other offices also.

Mr. Thomas. Have you ever exceeded the do not exceed?

Mr. Dalton. We did two years ago, and an amendment was brought to the board.

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

Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

C)

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL
OF ORDER ESTABLISHING PRECINCTS

John Carlon, GIS, offices on the 11th floor.

This is an order for new precinct boundaries for 2019. There were two changes.

Judith Robleski, 515 S. Meade, South Bend, IN.

I have looked at the form on line regarding this issue. The form asked for the location address of the new polling place and that was not provided. I would like assurance that the polling location is centrally located to where most of the population in the precinct resides.

Mr. Thomas. She is correct. I am sure that you will amend that when filing with the state.

Mr. Carlson. Correct.

Dr. Fleming moved to accept the request with the amendment of addresses as read and outlined.

Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

D)

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY PARKS
BOARD APPOINTMENT

Dr. Fleming nominates John Ferrettie.

Mr. Thomas seconds that motion.

Mr. Kostielney ask for other nominations. Seeing none nominations are closed.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

E)

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

BILL NO.

ORDINANCE NO.

87-18

01-19

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

Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

91-18

02-19

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

Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

88-18

03-19

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

Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

89-18

04-19

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

90-18

05-19

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

86-18

06-19 item E Failed

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

81-18

08-19

This is to compensate the President of the Commissioners and the Council at a higher rate.

Mr. Thomas. This issue has come up previously. This ordinance is possibly an attempt to legalize a probably illegal act. I will not support it.

Discussion is held on this matter between Commissioners and Counsel. Please refer to the website for a complete account.

Mr. Woods. The ordinance as presented clarifies what has happened here in the county the last several years. The county has done nothing illegal. As to if Mr. Kostielney should abstain from the vote that is his own choice he is entitled to vote if he chooses to.

*as amended

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

I am going to second the motion for the purpose of bring it to the floor for a vote but, I will be abstaining from this vote much like Mr. Morton did.

Motion seconded by Mr. Kostielney.

Mr. Thomas. If Mr. Kostielney chooses not to vote the Board of Commissioners would not have vetoed the ordinance within ten days, then it would automatically become an ordinance passed by the council.

Motion fails to advance by a 1-1 vote.

COUNTY CLERK
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
A 218 ELECTION SECURITY GRANT

Rita Glenn, County Clerk, offices in the basement.

This is a grant from the state that we are requesting for cameras for security grant application that every county in the state is allowed to apply for. Terri discussed with the Auditor's office that we would put a bid out for having cameras sent to our county warehouse so that they can be under the watchful eye of the public if ever anything was to be in jeopardy as far as the preparation of an election. We received an estimate and submitted a request for the equipment in the amount of \$12,164.00. The county would be refunded through the grant and the State of Indiana.

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

Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

PORTAGE MANOR
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING

JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE
PROTECTION AGREEMENT

Robyn Challinor, Director at Portage Manor, 3016 Portage Ave.

This is for the fire alarm and security system. We used to have three separate systems now it will be one and a huge savings to the county. The monitoring will be \$600.00 a year. There will be another contract to come for preventative maintenance.

Mr. Thomas. What is the current number of beds?

Ms. Challinor. 133.

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

Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL
OF SOUTH ELEVATION MASONARY
REPAIR

This is in the budget for this year. We found a large crack in the mortar and brick that needs to be addressed on the south side of our building. I was able to get one quote. This is from C&S Masonry Restoration.

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

Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION CONSORTIUM

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
A CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR
AT&T PRI SERVICE

Raymond Schultz, Executive Director, 58266 Downey Ave.

This renewal is cheaper by approximately \$30.00 per month.

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

Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
A MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS
CONTRACT

We asked in December to negotiate contracts with Motorola. We did that and was reviewed by both County Attorney's. We did make some edits and additions one is for the CAD to integrate with the portable radios then we could track the officer if he left his vehicle. We also took out a prepayment for a hardware upgrade that will take place in seven years. That amount is \$862,000. It was paid as part of our maintenance agreement. The lease is increased by \$278,000 and we excluded some maintenance at \$862,000.

Mr. Kostielney. Feedback from the ops board?

Mr. Schultz. We had a unanimous agreement.

Mr. Kostielney. The Executive board also unanimously supports moving forward with the Motorola contract. I would like to thank Ray and his staff and all the public safety folks.

Dr. Fleming. I am glad that we will be getting those updated portable radios.

Mr. Thomas. The improvement is needed for the safety of all. The current cost formula has the county paying approximately 49% of 911 calls yet our use for county PD is only 17%. Has PSAP started negotiations to make that more fair?

Mr. Schultz. At the last meeting it was asked to begin that assessment.

Mr. Dalton. It has been asked that we analyze various options for recalculating the assessments of the three partners in the PSAP consortium. Each action has a consequence some will pay more or less than others. You are correct Mr. Thomas currently the split

doesn't seem fair. One option will be a reorganization of the current income tax. Not an increase. This is to create a slice for the PSAP to be self-funded. As those numbers become available they will be available to you as well. We are waiting a circuit breaker projection. This is a complicated formula we are not running those numbers ourselves but have also asked Umbaugh to run them as well, so we can compare and not argue over the results.

Mr. Kostielney. The hope is to find the most equitable way of allocating these costs.

Mr. Thomas. There are many townships that use the service and used to pay for the service. The Pokagon's use the service. Those might be things you explore.

Mr. Dalton. The Pokagon's are a little different. They haven't used the service in the past, so they have come on since. I believe Mr. Agostino is handling that piece. The townships did in some cases pay they were exempted during negotiating of the current interlocal agreement, which still exists. They obviously are one of the bodies that will have a potential consequence if we reorganize the income tax because they would receive a little less income tax. There are ups and downs for everybody.

Mr. Thomas. Whose contract are you working when you are doing this?

Mr. Dalton. This would fall under the contract that you just approved.

Mr. Thomas. I believe this includes hardware upgrades correct.

Mr. Schultz. Yes.

Mr. Thomas. How does that figure with the townships or the county PD?

Bill Redman, Sheriff, 401 W Sample St.

I am in agreement for the new CAD system and upgrading our portable radios to make sure they are compatible. I am in support of the GPS addition.

Mr. Thomas. Are there any estimated costs?

Mr. Redman. It will be costly I can tell you that. That is why we want to see what our options are.

Mr. Thomas. I am not against signing the contract. Has the council appropriated any money for this?

Mr. Schultz. There is no physical impact to any entity until 2024 maybe 2025. We built some safeguards into this contract. One of those is an addendum to what you have in front of you. We have integrated the RFP language into the contract so if we run into a situation where there is a disagreement of what was promised and what was to be delivered is iron clad in the contract.

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

Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

DEPT. OF PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS, AND ECONOMIC GROWTH:

Jessica Clark, County Engineer, office on the 7th floor.

A)

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF UNIFORM CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This annual statement is in reference to Jessica Clark and Lochmueller Group.

Motion made by Dr. Fleming to accept the recommendation of the Department of Public Works in reference to the above request as read and outlined.

Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

B)

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF FINAL CHANGE ORDER – COUNTY SPACE ALLOCATION AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT STUDY

Frank Fotia, Support Coordinator, offices on the 7th floor.

This is to increase the not to exceed amount of \$50,000. It ended up running over that by \$2525.27 because we did expand the scope to include some additional work at the central garage location.

Mr. Thomas. So, the scope was expanded upon?

Mr. Fotia. Yes.

Mr. Thomas. It should have gotten approval prior to doing that.

Mr. Fotia. That was done before I took over this project.

Motion made by Dr. Fleming to accept the above recommendation in reference to the above request as read and outlined.

Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

C)

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL
OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
AGREEMENT-DANCH, HARNER
& ASSOCIATES (ADDITIONAL
DESIGN-UTILITY STUDY)

Bill Schalliol, offices on the 11th floor.

This proposal is for additional design and utilities study for an industrial park and area we are considering developing west of the northwest corner of Bittersweet and McKinley. This additional service work in the amount of approximately \$42,320.00 will be to design a water line connect an existing water line end point that sits at Bittersweet and McKinley to another one that is at McKinley and Evergreen Drive.

Motion made by Dr. Fleming to accept the above recommendation in reference to the above request as read and outlined.

Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Motion adopted by a 3-0 vote.

D)

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL
OF CENTRAL HIGHWAY
GARAGE PROPERTY STUDY-
DANCH, HARNER & ASSOCIATES
(TOPO STUDY)

As we work on the central highway garage site and as we have divided the property up that exists there is a section, roughly 14 acres that could be used for industrial or commercial development that would be airport adjacent. What we would like to do is a topographic study on this area so we can better understand what site development costs would be required to do the work. This topographic work will extend into the existing Ducomb Center site as well as the future St. Joseph County Police Department site. The amount of the proposal is \$12,675.00 with a not to exceed amount of \$14,000.00.

Mr. Thomas. It seems that some people have expressed interest in buying some of this land.

Mr. Schalliol. We have two of the properties with strong interest in them. One is expansion of an existing truck terminal the other is a new business to the area.

Mr. Thomas. I would not be a fan of selling the county land.

Motion made by Dr. Fleming to accept the above recommendation in reference to the above request as read and outlined.

Motion seconded by Mr. Kostielney.

Motion adopted by a 2-1 vote.

E)

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL
OF INDIANA ENTERPRISE CENTER
(IEC) APPRAISAL SERVICES PROJECT #1

This is an overview document that relates to the next three professional service proposal items. Over the next several months the Redevelopment commission will be seeking to appraise several properties out in the New Carlisle area. Today we have six properties that we are seeking to appraise. Attached is a map of those properties. Three are within the acquisition list for the New Carlisle economic area. Four are within that area. Two are out and adjacent to town limits. The next three agenda items relate to the actual appraisal of those properties. Under Indiana state law if the Redevelopment Commission is seeking to acquire property it must obtain two separate independent appraisals for the property. So, item f on the agenda is a proposal for Dave Waszak Appraisals. He would seek to appraise parcels 1-4. The amount is a not to exceed \$11,130.00.

Discussion held on the voting for items e, f, g, and h. This will be done as one vote.

F)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROPOSAL
DAVE WASZAK APPRAISALS, INC.
(PROJECT #1)

G)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROPOSAL
J.CARNINE & COMPANY
(PROJECT #1)

Parcels 5 and 6. Not to exceed \$3,600.00.

H)
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROPOSAL
APPRAISAL & VALUATION PROFESSIONALS
(PROJECT #1)

For all six parcels. This is a not to exceed amount of \$11,300.00.

Mr. Thomas. Most of these parcels are small except for parcel two. How many acres is parcel two?

Mr. Schalliol. I believe it is 40 acres.

Mr. Thomas. I am not a fan of buying land in New Carlisle, so I will probably not be supporting this items. Items 5 & 6 would that be for potentially a South Shore station?

Mr. Schalliol. Yes.

Mr. Thomas. It looks like it is on the south side of the tracks.

Mr. Schalliol. It is on the north side of the tracks.

Mr. Thomas. I think the land there has an extremely high-water table and is very wet. There have been lots of flooding problems. I think to build a structure there would not be the best location. If NICD wanted a station their they could use their own money. That location has to be elevated. The ADA standards would seem to create a multistory structure. I would also be concerned about not having enough room for a fourth set of rails. Is that correct?

Mr. Schalliol. That is incorrect. They would use the existing set of rails. These rails would operate as they currently do now.

Mr. Thomas. NICD should pay for their own station. Trains are great but a thing of the past.

Mr. Kostielney. From a NICD standpoint this is done in partnership.

Mr. Schalliol. Yes, we are just trying to appraise the property.

Mr. Kostielney. So, this study is joint between the county and NICD. I believe there was some excitement from some New Carlisle folks about the possibility of a station going there.

Mr. Thomas. I think a station might be nice if NICD paid for it. This location is not the location for a station in my opinion.

Debra Durall, 21677 Auten Rd, South Bend, IN.

I am wondering if the owners of these properties have shown an interest in selling?

Mr. Schalliol. Yes.

Ms. Durall. Are these parcels being appraised for local fair market rate or for imminent domain?

Mr. Schalliol. Based on current use and value.

Ms. Durall. If they do not sell will imminent domain be used?

Mr. Schalliol. That will be discussed at a later date.

Ms. Durall. What are the immediate plans for these properties and location within the IEC area?

Mr. Schalliol. Property one, three, and four would be used for potential relocation of the ditch and drainage regional detention project. Property two, a new intersection and a future public service center. Properties five and six could potentially be used for a rail station.

Ms. Durall. The shaded area on the map, what does that represent?

Mr. Schalliol. Those are the 17 properties previously added to the acquisition list in 2016.

Ms. Durall. Are any of these parcels on or adjacent to wetlands or farmlands?

Mr. Schalliol. Yes.

Ms. Durall. After appraisals what is the timeline in process for acquisition and will the public have input before that happens?

Mr. Schalliol. When this process is completed we will get the appraisals review them and make a determination with the owners. If we seek to proceed that process could take a month to six months. All acquisitions go through Redevelopment as well as the Commissioners.

Bob Humburger, 29987 Hurd Rd.

What is wrong with the existing Hudson Lake South Shore station? I use it all the time. I don't see a need for this.

Mr. Kostielney. The NICD states that the station is very under utilized and they are trying to find a way to help increase service to St. Joseph County and this is one of the ways they may do this.

Mr. Humburger. Is it your estimation that by moving the station would increase utilization currently or are you depending on the development of the economic development area?

Mr. Kostielney. They believe ridership will increase by moving the station.

Mr. Humburger. Currently I am a rate payer of the ditch since this is being relocated for purposes of the economic development are they going to pay for all of that and will future maintenance assessments increase.

Mr. Schalliol. I am not the county surveyor those are issues being worked with the surveyor, drainage board and other agencies to determine the most appropriate path.

Mr. Humburger. It is my understanding they are trying to create a separate board that would rule on the drainage area in that area and bypass the county surveyor's department. What voice will property owners.

Mr. Kostielney. We can not speak to that it is out of our purview.

Scotty Mathis, 57250 Strawberry Road.

My house is the first house south of 2. The ditch is right on that road. I have a culvert that goes under my property, it is supposed to be plugged. It is supposed to be a drain from my property to the ditch. I am taxed for the ditch if it moved are you going to leave the ditch till you force me out? If you force me out you should do it before you take my ditch and flood my house. I don't know if your new ditch is going to work. My concern is how will this affect me? If you force me to sell is there a time frame in there so my property is not affected and brought down in value?

Mr. Kostielney. Those are more issues from a drainage board standpoint.

Mr. Thomas. What may or may not happen is still up in the air. If the drainage board did give authority regarding the drainage ditch that board would probably receive the ditch fees paid by the citizens and would spend them as they saw fit. The issue that was brought up about moving the station if moving from one side of the city to the other would make such a huge impact, I think there is great wisdom in that comment. Where it is the station and the road are at great level. I mentioned how this proposal near the American Legion is 30-40 feet difference in elevation plus the flooding problems. That is why NICD built the station probably in Hudson Lake years ago. Do you know the distance in the proposed move?

Mr. Schalliol. It is about 3 ½ to 4 miles.

Mr. Thomas. Not far.

Mr. Schalliol. One of the differences is this would sit on US 20 as opposed to being buried in Hudson Lake which is not as easily accessible.

Mr. Thomas. I think it is on Hudson Lakes most major road next to the Casino and social hall. Also, you said parcel 2 may be used for a county service building or a fire station. Obviously, in the matter of an emergency every second counts so I would not want a fire station south of St. Road 2. If you want to help these people that station needs to be north of St. Road 2. Then, you mention parcels 1,3, and 4, that they may be for ditch relocation. From the maps I have seen of the ditch relocation these parcels are out of the scope of the presentation.

Mr. Schalliol. Parcels 3 & 4 are within the regional detention pond footprint. Parcel one is also within the footprint as well as the ditch path itself. For clarity properties 1 & 2 are owned by the same owner it is an estate that is why we are looking at those.

Mr. Thomas. But parcel 1 is south of St. Road 2 correct?

Mr. Schalliol. No, it is north of there.

Judith Robleski, 515 S. Meade, South Bend, IN.

I wonder about previous studies of these properties. How long ago those were? Were they reviewed by the Redevelopment Commission? Has anyone done a land use study for this area.

Mr. Schalliol. Yes. They are in the process and have been in the process over the last year.

Dr. Fleming moved to accept the above 3 requests as read and outlined.

Motion seconded by Mr. Kostielney.

Motion adopted by a 2-1 vote.

D)

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROPOSAL
DLZ INC

Over the last several years there have been multiple studies and discussions of where the South Shore to end. As a part of our partnership with the City of South Bend we are looking at the nuts and bolts costs of what it would take to bring freight and or passenger service into the west side of the airport and that area. The study before you today will help define a railway corridor there are two alternates one that was studied long ago along the Oak Road corridor and a second along the Sundown Avenue corridor. The cost in this project would delineate not only an at grade alignment but potentially a bridge crossing at Lincolnway the train would go under the road. A cost delineation for freight only or freight and passenger construction. Update of new interchange/Lincolnway realignment proposal to include those rail alternatives. Traffic circulation plan for traffic intersections and roadways impacted by new alignment paths. Rail RPZ feasibility investigation. Stake survey to allow for marker placement for new alignment. Various public meeting with stakeholders as needed. The total cost of this study is \$119,000.

Mr. Kostielney. When we began this process, we wanted to have the least impact as we could on residential properties, so we continued to rework the plan to make it to displace the fewest number of homes that we can.

Mr. Thomas. Again, we have a South Shore expenditure that seems the taxpayers apparently have tons of money to keep shelling out. The city has been spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on studying routes to the airport or downtown. I believe NICD approved a million-dollar study with DLZ. This board, in a 2-1 vote approved \$340,000 for Antero to study the western route of this specific South Shore airport.

Mr. Schalliol. No, that was a planning master plan to the South Bend logistics park at the airport. It had rail components but was not a rail study.

Short discussion on the logistics of this matter.

Bob Humburger, 29987 Hurd Rd.

The original proposal to take the South Shore up through the Ardmore area was all about passenger service and saving ten minutes and now that it didn't go through now we find out the rail line is still proposed because of industrial and commercial reasons and not necessarily passenger reasons. I think the original plan was disingenuous because then never mentioned commercial need.

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

Motion seconded by Mr. Kostielney.

Motion adopted by a 2-1 vote.

J)

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROPOSAL
SITE ENHANCEMENT SERVICES
(CHANGE ORDERS 1-4)

On September 19, 2017, the Board of Commissioners was presented with a request to approve a proposal to purchase signage for the three County Court Houses, the Mishawaka Annex Building and the County-City Building. The total proposal was in the amount of \$96,620.20, however, staff requested funding in the amount of \$99,000 in the amount of any additional work items that might be required to complete the project. As installation went on additional signage was needed as additional projects were added along with changes due to elections or other appointments etc. This resulted in the following change orders:

• Change Order #1	Proposal No. 134530-PP 27	11/18/17	\$8,500.00
• Change Order #2	Proposal No. 134530-PP 36	5/8/18	\$3,856.30
• Change Order #3	Proposal No. 134530-PP 29	5/9/18	\$7,996.84
• Change Order #4	Proposal No. 134530-PP 38	6/15/18	\$25,762.24

We are asking for retroactive approval for those change orders to extend the project. The total amount will be \$46,115.38.

Mr. Thomas. You said retroactive, so, someone already approved this? The work has already been done?

Mr. Schalliol. This work has been done and paid for. We are asking for retroactive approval. That is correct.

Mr. Thomas. I have not been a fan of this project. Here is another almost \$50,000 that could have been spent elsewhere. This could have been done in house at a lower cost. The movement of departments also sounds costlier with signs.

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

Motion seconded by Mr. Kostielney.

Motion adopted by a 2-1 vote.

K)

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROPOSAL
SITE ENHANCEMENT SERVICES
(CHANGE ORDER 5)

This will make changes to the newly elected officials and some other signage. The total for these changes are \$7838.90.

Mr. Schalliol makes note that his brother is an employee at Site Enhancement but gains no financial benefit from him. Mr. Thomas refers him to Ms. Clark. It is stated that legal has been involved and no action is needed.

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

Motion seconded by Mr. Kostielney.

Motion adopted by a 2-1 vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL
OF AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

No action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Debra Durall, 21677 Auten Rd, South Bend, IN.

There are some things happening with regard to economic development in New Carlisle that the public is not being engaged. The last time there was a public meeting was in June. It was negative reaction from about 200 people. The Board of Commissioners does not have adequate representation for the New Carlisle area to take Dave Thomas off of the drainage board. The citizens are being deprived of an overall public voice. Private conversations where questions are answered do not qualify as a public feedback setting. With this removal all of the resident's concern about the Niespodziany ditch and the use of farmland and wetland for economic development are not being heard. I humbly call for a reversal of the decision to remove Dave Thomas and to reinstate him to the Drainage Board.

Judith Robleski, 515 S. Meade, South Bend, IN.

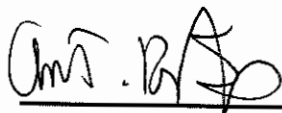
I am in support of Dave Thomas being on the Drainage Board. Mr. Kostielney, I appreciated your honesty in admitting your mistake. So, I think you recognize that Dave Thomas knows the land, farmers and residents. He would be the one to properly represent that area. I hope you correct your mistake.

Bob Humburger, 29987 Hurd Rd.

If Dave Thomas is removed from the Drainage Board, we have no voice on any activities on drainage and economic development areas.

Mr. Thomas. Thank you for your kind comments. I do my best to serve the constituents. While on the Drainage Board I was entitled to a stipend and have never billed the county. It is not about the money it is about the people. In reference to loss of voice it seems to happen often. We have a Commissioners Tax Sale coming up in March.

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 Dr. Fleming. Meeting recessed by a 3-0 vote.



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Please refer to the St. Joseph County website for the full audio and visual of the St. Joseph County Commissioners meeting if needed.