

BOC meeting Aug 11, 2026

All 3 commissioners and legal counsel present. All items approved unanimously. 6 on line.
Adjourned at 11:43

A. FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: Opening and Reading of Bids/Letters of Interest on:

- Project W-92603: Capital Avenue Corridor Utility Expansion Package B for Bittersweet Road Utilities

Bill Schalliol and staff from DLZ read aloud 4 bids, accepted by the BOC. These will be reviewed by engineering and a recommendation made to the BOC. This is a big project, over \$7 Million.

B. REPORTS AND REQUESTS FROM:

COMMISSIONERS:

a) Approval of the Accounts Payable Docket

b) Approval of Authorization to Bind Pollution Liability Insurance Policy with The Horton Group, a Marsh McLennan Agency: Cost is \$77,680 for 3 years of coverage 8/11/26-7/1/29 to insure salt and fuel storage locations and underground storage tank locations

IPG:

a) Approval of Award Recommendation for R-92602 Nadine Street Paving Project: Rieth-Riley bid was \$93,599. Significantly cheaper than the other two bids. The money is already in the budget.

b) Approval of Agreement with Lochmueller Group for As Needed Services for Civil Engineering, Surveying, Environmental, Right-of-Way and Other Project Development Design Services for Bridges, Small Structures and Other Drainage Feature Improvement Projects, not to exceed \$300,000. Services will be authorized through individual task or work orders issued by SJC, mostly for bridges and other high-priority projects. This was initially funded by the Biden administration. Some of the projects identified then are now shovel-ready. Funding through the Bridge funds.

c) Approval of Consent Agenda:

1. 2026 Penn High School Homecoming Parade scheduled on Friday October 2, 2026.
2. Stop sign to be placed at Hedge Row Drive at James Lawrence Parkway.

HEALTH:

a) Approval of Joint Funded Agreement (26NFJFA00000025) with the United States Department of the Interior for Annual Well Water Level Measurements Project to measure ground water levels. The U.S. Geological Survey section of the US Dept of the Interior will contribute \$1,856 and SJC will contribute \$3,103. This is a water resource investigation of 29 wells. This is an ongoing project since at least the past 16 years. Funding is already set aside.

PHYSICAL ASSETS:

a) Approval of Contract Proposal with New Era Technology for Annual Fire Alarm Inspection Services at the Police Post Facility at 4141 Lathrop in South Bend. the 2-year contract costs \$1,100 annually and extends to 6/30/28.

b) Approval of Fire Extinguisher Inspection Services 2-year Proposal with Fox Fire Safety for Multiple Facilities, as required by law. The cost is \$929 annually for the 3 sites. The SJC Jail has 72 portable fire extinguishers to be checked annually, for example.

c) Approval of Request to Advertise for Window Glazing Bids for County Building done in conjunction with DLZ as partner. Improving the glazing will lower energy costs for the building. Cost probably will be around \$11 Million and it will take a long time to recoup the cost of this.

C. OLD BUSINESS: None

D. NEW BUSINESS: None

E: PUBLIC COMMENTS: (THREE MINUTE LIMIT):

Dan Caruso: GM has sold its 49.9% share to Samsung, which would wholly own the site to produce batteries. This represents a failure of the contract with GM. What financial liability does GM have to SJC? WE gave GM tax abatements, etc, and I assume SJC will pursue this.

Amanda Davidson: You have lost the trust of the people you represent. You work for us. Your decisions about the Trail project, data centers and Portage Manor are affecting the community badly. Leadership requires a public apology and better governance. Legacy or liability is your choice.

Derek Dieter: Yesterday the County Council voted 7-0 to override the Mayor's veto of the Trail project pause. There are about a dozen items that the public has not gotten invoices from this project.

Portage Manor has been decided but not yet made public.

Steve Frances: Opposition to the Midwest Trail project includes a lot of misinformation. There is no route yet for this. I truly hope this is only a pause. This is a unique chance to preserve our environment and natural areas. Businesses and young people will be attracted to the area as a result of the Trail project.

Baxmeyer: We were encourage to find that GM has sold their share of the battery plant to Samsung. The project will proceed with another owner with the same agreement. This is also another reason we will need the diverging diamond interchange.