

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING TUE MAY 19

All 3 present with legal counsel. 4 on line. All items passed unanimously except two items tabled. Started 6:04, adjourned at 6:47.

AGENDA

A. First Order of Business: Opening and Reading of Bids/Letters of interest on:

B: Reports and Requests From:

COMMISSIONERS:

a) Approval of the Accounts Payable Docket

b) Public Appeal Hearing for Financial Assistance Denial by Penn Township for Jennifer Neuffer. She needs help for rental and utility bills. She claims her income is under the limit specified.

Penn township trustee rep Jennifer on behalf of Doris Portolese: client's income is over the limit we have. Secondly, the client failed to apply her one-time monetary award for only basic necessities. The \$1600 she gifted her son from her tax refund should have been used for her own needs.

Client Rebuttal: I helped my son with \$1600 from my tax refund and had my bills paid in March.. By law, the shortage has to be in the past 30 days, which is what I needed help with.

Penn Township rebuttal: Per protocol, we combined her income (which did include her tax refund) over a 3-month period of Feb, March, and April, then divided by 3 to get her average income over the 3-month period. She was not current on her bills.

The denial was affirmed by the BOC. *(My aside: It seems reasonable that this person should be able to apply for assistance in the future, if she qualifies. The assistance process is difficult. How many people understand the 3-month average income?)*

c) Settlement Agreement & Mutual Lease with William Anderson: On April 6, 2022, William Anderson was booked into the SJC Jail. On April 8, 2022, William Anderson was found unresponsive in the SJC and was taken to an outside hospital. He died on April 11, 2022. Brittany Anderson filed a lawsuit. Although SJC denies and dispute liability, they decided to settle rather than undergo litigation. Settled for \$445,000 to Brittany Anderson and \$250,000 to New York Life Insurance Co. TABLED.

IPG:

a) Approval of Change Order No. 6/Final with Rieth-Riley Construction Company for Project Des. No. 190048 for Cleveland and Beech Road Roundabout: This is the final change order, reducing the final contract amount by \$3,148,660, resulting in the project being completed 9.82% under the original contract value.

b) Approval of Change Order No. 1 with Milestone Contractors for Project S-301-24/25 for Preventative Maintenance on Bridge 301 Main Street over the Toll Road: This is an extension of time request and not monetary.

c) Approval of Request to Advertise for Project S529-26: Small Structure Replacement on Cedar Road Over Pittman/Longfield Ditch: Approved advertising in the south Bend Tubule and Mishawaka Enterprise on Friday May 22 and May 29th, with bid opening June 9th, 2026.

d) Approval of Grant Application Request to the US Department of Transportation for Safe Streets & Roads Program for 2026: This is a grant requiring a local match of 20% of the \$500,000 being requested to improve 10 intersections. There is a billion dollars set aside for this program !!!!

Hazen asked how the “relaxation of the fuel tax” will affect SJC: Sky Medors: It will definitely affect our operations. SJC lost about \$35,000 in April due to the reduced gasoline use tax. The county will now also lose about \$750,000 due to the suspension of the gas excise tax. This will hit our Motor Vehicle Highway Fund and our Local Roads and Streets Fund in about 2-3 months. We are conferring about how to handle this loss in funding. It isn’t just SJC. INDOT is losing tens of millions of dollars due to the reduced tax. “It’s very unfortunate.”

Morton: “Aren’t we all supposed to be on the same team?”

SJC is in better shape than some counties, as we have cash reserves for federal aid projects underway that require an 80/20 split.

PSAP/911:

a) Approval of Service Contract Proposals with Vertiv for Power Supply Systems Maintenance at PSAP Locations on Sample and Downey: allows maintenance for the uninterruptible power supply systems. Cost is \$17,575. Tabled.

IT:

a) Approval of Nomic Networks, Inc. Trial Agreement for IP Intrusion Alerting Security Program, cost is \$14,528 and is already budgeted. Richard Warfield explained the need for this in a private meeting, as he didn’t want to disclose details in a public meeting.

b) Approval of Qubit Networks Renewal Agreement Quote for Addition of Meraki Licenses for Network Switches at DuComb Center. Cost is \$1,727 and is already budgeted.

c) Approval of Patch My PC Purchase Agreement for Software Packaging and Global Installation Across County Computers. Cost is \$14,220 and is already budgeted.

C: Old Business:

D. New Business: The next “Coffee with the Commissioners” will be 10-11 am at the Harris Township Library on May 30.

Archives will be closed on June 3rd.

E. Public Comments: None