

BOC meeting Aug 18 2026

All 3 commissioners present with legal counsel. All items passed unanimously. Meeting was 35 minutes.

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

- Project R-92601: McKinley & Bittersweet Intersection Improvements: 3 bids submitted to engineering for review.

- Project R&S 92601 S: Adams Acres: tabled

B. REPORTS AND REQUESTS FROM:

COMMISSIONERS:

a) Approval of the Accounts Payable Docket

b) Approval of Prime Therapeutics Management PBM 2026 Services Sponsor Agreement: Ryan Carlson for the health plan pharmaceutical benefit. \$220,000 savings for this contract year with this negotiated plan.

c) Approval of Auxiant Schedule A for Plan Sponsor Fee & Commission Disclosure Statement for 2026: Ryan Carlson. this is a corrected fee schedule for submitted medical claim administration. It costs just over \$1Million for this for a year.

d) Approval of Auxiant SPD Amendment No. 8 to Interlocal Plan with the Airport Authority for Employee Medical Benefits: Summary Plan Description to adjudicate health plan claims. The advantage of an interlock agreement is that these employees can participate in the county plan, which allows price reductions for a larger contract group.

e) Approval of Auxiant SPD Amendment No. 4 to Interlocal Plan with the Solid Waste Management District for Employee Medical Benefits

f) Approval of Auxiant SPD Amendment No. 3 to Interlocal Plan with the South Bend Transportation Corporation for Employee Medical Benefits

IPG DEPARTMENT: Sky Medors and Bill Schalliol

a) Approval of Bid Award Recommendation for Project SS-92601 Frontage Road in New Carlisle Over Rogers Clark Ditch (Division A) and Gordon Road Over Niespodziany Ditch (Division B): bid was awarded to C&E \$4,500,000. Funded by Amazon Warehouse Services.

b) Approval of Request to Use County Owned Property for Construction Operation Site at 14402 Douglas Road: This is part of the Capital Ave Improvement project (water, sewer) associated with Microsoft Data Center development. This will need to be reviewed by several departments like Health, etc but need BOC permission first.

c) Approval of Project R&S 92502-S Contract Change Order No. 2 with Milestone Contractors for Resurfacing/Rehabilitation on Various County Roads \$85,894 increase for additional work we asked the contractor to do. Morton commented that the paving is very nice and this was a needed project.

d) Approval of Consent Agenda: speed limit on a section of Jackson Road is now 30 miles/hour.

C. OLD BUSINESS: None

D. NEW BUSINESS: None

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (THREE MINUTE LIMIT):

Jason Gene (sp?): Lakeville against the solar panels in farms. Requested records have not been received.

Derek Dieter: What is the status of Portage Manor? Also, we still don't know the status of a person on the Redevelopment Commission. There is not a good channel of information getting back to you without oversight from an elected official.

Also, the County has spent over \$300,000 on the Trail.

Morton: I agree there are concerns about the makeup of the Redevelopment Commission, but the makeup of this commission is dictated by state law. Dustin Brown resigned by letter from the Redevelopment Commission.

Scott Reamer, VP of Development at Hexagon Energy. DuMont Solar Project in N. Liberty update. Large projects like this are always controversial, but false accusations that we brandished weapons at a meeting with residents is wrong and is an assault on my character! We want this project to be palatable.

Dumont is in good standing and will be constructed in the second half of 2027. We've invested over \$6 Million in this project. This project will provide meaningful income to 2 dozen households, will give SJC \$30 Million over the course of its lifetime. It will also provide clean power to about 30,000 homes in the area. We look forward to continuing to work with the county.

Baxmeyer: I agree with Morton's comment about commissions and boards that are not elected. The Health Dept and the Parks Dept also make decisions about tax money with no elected positions.

Morton: There is a need for oversight and ongoing communication for such Boards and Commissions. Maybe we have to revisit how we go about our due diligence in making these appointments.