

BOC meeting 1/13/26

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 11:00 AM, 4th Floor Council Chambers

All 3 Commissioners and legal counsel present. 6 on line. All items passed unanimously. Recessed at 11:28

R-1-C-2026 Added to 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) Appointment to Regional Water & Sewer District Board: Mike Dobson reappointed.

c) Approval of Contract Extension with Humane Society for Animal Control &

Shelter Services: extends through March 21, 2026, cost is \$51,585.83 monthly, a 3% increase. A further contract covering 2026 and 2027 is anticipated.

R-1-C-2026: SJC BOC honoring Isaiah Whitlock Jr., an actor from South Bend.

IPG: Bill Schalliol

a) Approval of Demolition of Board of Commissioner Owned Property at 56555

Quince Road: Property was bought by the county in October of 2025. Four Demolition quotes opened.

Rishard Bros was awarded the contract, paid by the Redevelopment Commission funds. Cost not stated.

b) Approval of Stipulation and Settlement Agreement with Town of New

Carlisle Cause No. 46314 IURC = IN Utility Regulatory Commission. The Town of New Carlisle filed with the IURC in October. New Carlisle approved this agreement at their Town Council meeting on Jan 6, 2026. All parties agreed to this agreement.

c) Approval of Amended and Restated Agreement Concerning Water Service

and Related Matters with the Town of New Carlisle. The major change to the agreement is the establishment of an exclusive service territory for the Town's municipal water system and a modification of the map that expands the service territory to 4 miles outside the town limits. In return, the Town agrees to provide water to projects supported by the County, as feasible. IF the Town is unable to provide needed water to the County projects in New Carlisle, another utility can be found.

d) Approval of Easement Agreement with AEP Indiana Michigan Power for

Right of Way: for \$1.00, the County gives AEP Indiana Michigan Power Company the rights to a 15 by 53 foot area for a transformer on Smilax Road. The utility lift station sits in the right of way of a public road. At the end of the project, the land will revert to the City of South Bend.

HEALTH: Mike Ruble

a) Approval of Services Agreement with Peter Duffey for Analyzing Data

Collection & Reporting Services. This is the annual renewal of a 5-year contract, not to exceed \$6300 monthly. Duffy develops computer programs that the DOH interacts with. The DOH is required to report certain data to the IDOH and the federal HHS. Some programs also track HFI funding as required. He will be starting a project to track work done by Nurses and Food Safety. He is considered a vital employee.

C. OLD BUSINESS:

D. NEW BUSINESS:

E: PUBLIC COMMENTS: (THREE MINUTE LIMIT)

Dan Caruso: The Area Planning Commission opposed the 1057 acres rezoning in New Carlisle in October, as did the County Council (Bill 4225) recently in a marathon session lasting until 4 am. The \$8 Million shortfall created by SEA 1 was addressed by the auditor at the Oct 28 meeting: SJC is solvent

and will weather this. Why did the BOC fight the people on this? Please support a 1-year moratorium on any more data centers!

Hazen responded that the BOC did not hire anyone to support another data center.