

## Postal Regulatory Commission

Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

### NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that the Commission received five petitions for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Fostoria post office located in Fostoria, Iowa. The first petition for review received November 30, 2011, was filed by Linda Birchard. The second petition for review received December 8, 2011, was filed by Marlin Voss, Mayor of the City of Fostoria, Iowa. The third petition for review received December 9, 2011, was filed by Jody Shatto. The fourth petition for review received December 9, 2011, was filed by Gale E. Jacobson. The fifth petition for review received December 9, 2011, was filed by Kathleen Shatto. The earliest postmark date is November 21, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review).



Shoshana M. Grove  
Secretary

Date: December 19, 2011

Attachment

Nov 19, 2011

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Dear Sir:

This is an appeal to keep the Fostoria Post Office  
at Fostoria, Ia open.

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COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

I do banking, business with the elevator, and  
gas station at Fostoria and find it convenient  
to do business at the Fostoria Post office.

I have done business with this post office  
at Fostoria, Iowa. and other town businesses  
in Fostoria for 56 years and sincerely hope  
you will not close the Fostoria, Ia post office.

Sincerely,

Linda Richard

118 East 21st St. #201

Spencer, Ia 51301

Received

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Office of the Chief Admin. Officer

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As Mayor, I wish to APPEAL the closing of the Post Office located in Fostoria, Iowa.

As a City made of mostly elderly citizens, they rely on the Local Post Office for Safe, Secure, and Reliable source of sending and receiving mail, such as Social Security Checks, Pension Checks, and Medications.

With out the dedicated professional and helpful employees at our local Post office citizens of Fostoria, Iowa would have to travel 14 miles round trip to do their purchasing of stamps, money orders, or to mail packages. The elderly population will be the ones to get hurt the worst, for they are the ones that write letters daily, and send Birthday, Anniversary and Holiday Cards.

When people are forced to take their Postal Business to another town they will also take the rest of their business to that town also, further hurting our local businesses, and the City of Fostoria, Iowa.

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In closing I hope you will reconsider closing the  
Fostoria, Iowa Post office, one of the few Post offices  
operating in the BLACK, according to the figures presented  
by Postal Employees that put on our town meeting.

Mayor  
Martin Voss

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Appeal to closing the Post Office located in  
Fostoria, Iowa.

My name is Marlin Voss, my wife Linda and I own  
Atlas Stamp and Seal Co. A manufacturer of Self inking  
stamps. The ink used in these stamps is a water based,  
making them very acceptable to freezing in cold weather,  
resulting in ruining the stamp.

Without the reconsideration of closing the Fostoria, Iowa  
Post office, we will have to use cluster boxes, resulting in  
the freezing of all the stamps we mail out on a daily  
basis.

The packages weighing 13 ounces and more cannot  
be mailed using cluster boxes, with the added expense of  
having to travel 14 miles round trip to the nearest Post  
Office would nearly double my cost to use the Postal Service.  
Making it cheaper to use UPS or FedEx.

Please reconsider the closing of the Fostoria, Iowa.  
Post. Office

Thank you  
Marlin Voss

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Appeal to close Fostoria, Iowa Post office

A few things to consider before closing the Fostoria Iowa Post office.

The purchasing and regular maintance of the cluster boxes,  
The hiring of someone to mow and trim, remove snow and  
ice from around the boxes to keep safe for handicap people.  
the added expense of the rural carrier to deliver the mail  
with the added expense of cluster boxes, you have to ask  
yourself if it is really worth closing the Post office

Please reconsider the closing of the Fostoria, Iowa  
Post office

Thank  
you  
Mark Vom

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Jody Shatto

P.O. Box 8

Fostoria, IA 51340

November 28, 2011

Re: Closing of Fostoria Post Office

To Postmaster General:

I am writing to complain about your plans to close our town Post Office. Having my personal bills delivered safely in a warm inviting atmosphere is key to my comfort while I'm working out on the road. I am gone sometimes several months at a time. We live in such harsh winter conditions that it would be a hardship to me personally to have an outdoor cluster mail box; I have thought about moving away to warmer weather. Being gone so much means my mail box is always over full when I return. Having the post office in Fostoria means that my mail that does not fit into my box can be placed in an indoor receptacle for when I return. Just in case you may think that I should have my mail held until I return, my job doesn't provide me with information of how long I will be away, so that is an impossibility.

I would prefer to have my mail at the Fostoria Post Office but if not that, at least have it delivered to my door.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Jody Shatto

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**Gale E. Jacobson**

**P.O. Box 8**

**Fostoria, IA 51340**

**November 28, 2011**

**Re: Closing of Fostoria Post Office**

**To Postmaster General:**

**I am writing to complain about your plans to close our town Post Office. I do not want to have to stand outside during our sometimes brutal winters and try to retrieve my mail from a cluster box. Plus I do not want to have to drive seven miles to Spencer or six miles to Milford to buy stamps and money orders, or to send overnite mail.**

**I would prefer to have my mail at the Fostoria Post Office but if not that, at least have it delivered to my door.**

**Thank you for your attention to this matter.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gale E. Jacobson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "G" and "J".

Gale E. Jacobson

Gale E. Jacobson dba K&J Services

P.O. Box 8

Fostoria, IA 51340

November 28, 2011

Re: Closing of Fostoria Post Office

To Postmaster General:

I am writing to complain about your plans to close our town Post Office. I have a business and quite often have a lot of mail that is too much for one box. I get all kinds of business related magazines, flyers, and other advertisements along with the normal first class mail. I do not want to stand outside in the winter to retrieve all this mail from a cluster box.

I would prefer to have my mail at the Fostoria Post Office but if not that, at least have it delivered to my door.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gale E. Jacobson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Gale E. Jacobson

Kathleen Shatto  
P.O. Box 8  
Fostoria, IA 51340

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COMMISSION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To Postmaster General:

I am writing to complain about your plans to close our town Post Office. I have a business, along with my personal mail and this would create a hardship for my business and myself. I am also handicapped and recovering from an accident in April, 2010 which left me in a wheelchair for nine months. I am struggling to keep my business going as well as my personal life and having to fight the often brutal weather we have during the winter in NW Iowa is bad enough without having to stand outside and try to open a frozen cluster box and retrieve my oftentimes box full of mail is going to be difficult.

I would prefer to have my mail at the Fostoria Post Office but if not that, at least have it delivered to my door.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Shatto

Fostoria Truck Transport, Inc.

P.O. Box 8

Fostoria, IA 51340

November 28, 2011

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Shatto". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Kathleen Shatto, President

Fostoria Truck Transport, Inc.