

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

February 8, 2021

President, Suzie Weirick called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the County Administration Building, 117 North Second Street, Goshen, Indiana. Board members Frank Lucchese and Brad Rogers were also present. Others present were Jeff Taylor, County Administrator; Craig Buche, County Attorney; and Anita Mock; Executive Assistant.

***This meeting commenced pursuant to public notice under the Indiana open door law and Governor Holcomb's Executive Orders. This meeting was made available for the public and press to attend in person or engage in remote real-time observation and remote electronic participation.

On a motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Allowance of Claims, as presented by the County Auditor's office. A roll call vote followed with all members voting; AYE.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Planning & Development Director, Chris Godlewski, requested approval of additional appropriation from South Benton TIF Fund in the amount of \$65,000 for reimbursement to Town of Syracuse for water/sewer extension. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. A roll call vote followed with all members voting; AYE.

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County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of Resolution regarding closure of Norfolk Southern Railroad crossings in relation to the INDOT Local Trax Project. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. A roll call vote followed with all members voting; AYE.

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County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of INDOT – LPA Contract for the County Road 40 – State Road 19 to County Road 7 Buggy Lanes Project. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. A roll call vote followed with all members voting; AYE.

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County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Resolution Concerning Return of Funds to the Elkhart County Landfill from the Resource Reutilization Incentive Program. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. A roll call vote followed with all members voting; AYE.

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County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of Baker Tilly proposal for the Rental Assistance Program. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request subject to legal review. A roll call vote followed with all members voting; AYE.

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BOARD ITEMS:

AUDIENCE ITEMS:

The following people spoke on COVID-19 Matters:

Dr. Bethany Wait – Elkhart County Health Officer

Maggie Judd

Susie Chilberg

Jim Montgomery

Vanja Haarer

Jim Kuhlenschmidt

Julian Bontrager

Greg Eby

Au Fried

Cassie Radelich

Pam Keyser

Glenn Null

Stephanie Kauffman

Etta Stoltfoos

Brad Rogers spoke on protecting liberties/freedom and people's rights.

On a motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned their meeting. A roll call vote followed with all members voting; AYE.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Mock