

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

December 28, 2020

President Mike Yoder 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 Suzie Weirick were present. Others present were Patricia Pickens, County Auditor; Jeff Taylor, County Administrator; Cindy Chadwell, Recording Secretary and Craig Buche, County Attorney. Anita Mock, Executive Assistant was absent. All members attended VIRTUALLY. All presenters attended VIRTUALLY.

***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 Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese 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:

County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of Lochmueller Group for Bridge #152 Replacement Project. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick 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 Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant Agreement for \$273,402.46. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, 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 additional appropriation from Cumulative Capital Development Fund in the amount of \$16,000 for Courthouse cleaning for the months of January and February. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, 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 additional appropriation from General Fund in the amount of \$219,544 for Humane Society Funding for 2021. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick 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 additional appropriation from EDIT Fund in the amount of \$27,000 to support Center for Business Excellence in 2021. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. A roll call vote followed with all members voting; AYE.

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County Attorney, Steve Olsen, requested approval of Certification of the Board of Health for Bethany Wait, D.O. as the new Elkhart County Health Officer and the Agreement by and between Elkhart County Board of Health and Bethany A. Wait, D.O. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, 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 Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Interlocal Agreement by and between the Town Council of the Town of Middlebury and the Elkhart County Redevelopment Commission for the construction of sewer and water. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, 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 Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Ordinance Re-Establishing the Elkhart County Unsafe Building Ordinance. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, 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 Contract with R. Yoder Construction for Health Department remodeling project. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. A roll call vote followed with all members voting; AYE.

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BOARD ITEMS:

AUDIENCE ITEMS:

Frank Lucchese presented a Plaque of Appreciation to Mike Yoder for his 16 years of service.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Mock