

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

November 2, 2020

President Mike Yoder called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in room 104 in the County Administration Building, 117 North Second Street, Goshen, Indiana. The other Board members, Frank Lucchese and Suzie Weirick, were present. Others present were Patricia Pickens, County Auditor; Craig Buche, County Attorney; and Anita Mock, Executive Assistant. Jeff Taylor, County Administrator was absent.

On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the October 19th & October 26th, 2020 meetings and placed them on file.

On a motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Allowance of Claims as presented by the County Auditor's office.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Presentation of the updated Equal Employment Opportunity Committee Plan for 2020-2022 and request approval of minor changes to Bylaws. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Commissioners requested approval of additional appropriation from Cumulative Capital Development Fund in the amount of \$20,937 for reimbursement from the Coroner Office for a vehicle purchase. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Commissioners requested approval of additional appropriation from Cumulative Capital Development Fund in the amount of \$173,790 for numerous Building Repairs needed. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Commissioners requested approval of additional appropriation from Cumulative Capital Development Fund in the amount of \$80,000 for funds to provide a secure area on the North side of the Courthouse to load/unload individuals, and to provide a secure parking area. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Commissioners requested approval of additional appropriation from COVID-19 Cares CRF Fund in the amount of \$4,913,390 for Supplies, Other Professional Services, Other Equipment and Capital Items. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Commissioners requested approval of additional appropriation from FEMA COVID-19 Fund for \$4,913,390 for Supplies, Other Professional Services, Other Equipment and Capital Items. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of Independent Contractor Agreements for snow removal. The Contractors are as follows: Accu-Dig-Excavating, Alliance Contractors, Aquascapes of Michiana, BAM Tree Service, C & E Excavating, C & S Construction, Darrell Martin, Fawn River Trucking, J & R Welding, J & K Septic, Johnathan Zimmerman, Marvin Troyer, Masters LLC, Nick Stewart, Rain Drain, Straight Lines, Thompson Landscape, TNT Bobcat, 2 Brothers Lawn & Landscape. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of additional appropriation from EDIT Fund for \$3,000,000 to pay for construction and associated costs for the County Road 38 – County Road 31 to County Road 35 Project. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of additional appropriation from Major Moves Fund in the amount of \$5,000,000 to pay for construction and associated costs for the County Road 38 – County Road 31 to County Road 35 project. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie requested approval of additional appropriation from Storm Water Fund in the amount of \$1,000,000 to pay for construction and associated costs for the County Road 38 – County Road 31 to County Road 35 project. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of BETWEEN transfer from Other Professional Services to Professional in the amount of \$10,000 to cover needed expenses. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of BETWEEN transfer from Motor Vehicles to Vehicle Repairs in the amount of \$250,000 to cover needed expenses. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development Director, Chris Godlewski, requested approval of additional appropriation from Code Enforcement Fund in the amount of \$10,000 for 2020 legal fees for Code Enforcement matters for the remainder of the calendar year. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Natasha Kauffman, requested approval of additional appropriation from County Road 6 & County Road 17 NE TIF Fund for \$105,000 for Six Span Boat Launch Project. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Natasha Kauffman, requested approval of additional appropriation from State Road 13 TIF Fund in the amount of \$20,000 for amended contract amount for expanded utility study. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Drug Free Community Partnership Director, Jessica Koscher, requested approval of additional appropriation from Drug Free Community Fund in the amount of \$211,422 for annual allocation to agencies who have submitted qualified applications for programs which will further Elkhart County's Drug Free Partnership goals to negate alcohol and other drug use and/or abuse. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Sheriff's Office Representative, Sheriff Siegel, requested approval of Joint Resolution Between City of Nappanee, Indiana and the Board of Commissioners, County of Elkhart for the transfer of body cameras and related equipment. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Goshen Homeless Coalition request use of the Courthouse Property in Goshen on November 13th and November 14th from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. for "One Night Without A Home". On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Weights & Measures Report for September 16th to October 15th, 2020.

BOARD ITEMS:

County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Ordinance Establishing the FEMA COVID-19 Grant Fund. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Resolution of the Elkhart County Commissioners Supporting a Special Purchase for an Equipment Upgrade for the Elkhart County Corrections Center. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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AUDIENCE ITEMS:

President of Surf Broadband Solutions, Gene Crusie, gave an update on Fiber in Elkhart County.

County Council Member, Tom Stump, had concerns that he did not want the Elkhart County Fiber to compete with other Fiber Companies.

On a motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned their meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Mock