

## MINUTES

### ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

March 8, 2021

President Suzie Weirick 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 Brad Rogers, were also present. Others present were Craig Buche, County Attorney; Jeff Taylor, County Administrator; Patricia Pickens, County Auditor; 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.

#### **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Fourth Addendum to Real Estate Lease made and entered into effective the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2021, by and between DRTY, LLC and the Board of Commissioners of the County of Elkhart, Indiana. Suzie Weirick opened a public hearing. Glenn Null spoke on this issue. No other audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. No other motion needed at this time.

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County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie, received quotes for Highway Department to Administration Building Fiber Build. Quotes received are from the following:

Core Bore in the amount of \$130,829.

Hoosierland Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$134,938.

Mr. Underground, Inc. in the amount of \$139,412.

On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved to accept and review the quotes.

County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of the purchase of one track skid loader quoted by Weaver JBC-Wakarusa in the amount of \$81,389. The request for this particular quote was for the safety features, visibility ease and operations. On motion made by Brad Rogers, 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 LPA – Consulting Contract for Local Trax: Sunnyside Grade Separation Project. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of Maintenance Bond for Bridge 269 Replacement Project. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers 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 Bridge Fund in the amount of \$500,000 for matching funds to pay for engineering design fees for the Sunnyside Overpass. INDOT is contributing \$3.8 million for the design of this project. On motion made by Brad Rogers, 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 in the amount of \$500,000 for funds for right of way acquisition and associated costs for the County Road 40 – State Road 19 to County Road 7 Buggy Lanes Project. Land acquisition costs will be federally reimbursed up to 80%. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers. Not all in favor. Suzie Weirick – Aye, Frank Lucchese – Aye, and Brad Rogers – Nay.

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Landfill Director, John Bowers, requested approval for Out of State Travel to attend WASTECON 2021 in Orlando, Florida from October 29<sup>th</sup> to November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

### **BOARD ITEMS:**

County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Resolution of the Elkhart County Commissioners Supporting Special Procurement for Elkhart County Emergency Rental Assistance Program. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Attorney, Steve Olsen, requested approval of Ordinance to Amend the COVID-19 Mitigation Directives Ordinance to Emphasize Education. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Dr. Bethany Wait presented an update on the COVID-19 situation

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR;**

Lori Arnold, Elkhart, spoke on several issues.  
Glenn Null, Goshen, spoke on several issues.  
Kelli Mullins, Elkhart, spoke on several issues.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Mock