

MINUTES
ELKHART COUNTY COUNCIL
117 N. Second St. Room 104, Goshen In. 46526
March13th, 2021

The meeting of the Elkhart County Council was called to order by Captain David Lanzen at 8:00 a.m., in Room 104 of the County Administrative Building, Goshen, Indiana. Members present were Council President Thomas W. Stump, Council Vice President David L. Hess, Council members attended in person were: Tina M. Wenger, Douglas S. Graham, and Adam M. Bujalski. Council members attending via E-Communication were: Randall D. Yohn and Darryl J. Riegsecker.

Also present were Patricia A. Pickens, County Auditor; Tiara Jackson, First Deputy Auditor, Craig Buche, County Attorney; Commissioner Brad Rogers, Commissioner Suzie Weirick and County Administrator Jeff Taylor.

** 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 virtually in remote real-time observation and remote electronic participation.

***In pursuant to Indiana Code 36-2-3-6 all votes will take via roll call.

MINUTES: Approval of CC Meeting Minutes: January 28th, 2021
 Approval of CC Meeting Minutes: February 13th, 2021

On motion made by Graham and seconded by Bujalski to approve minutes from the January 28th, 2021 Special CC Meeting and the minutes from February 13th, 2021 CC Meeting. By a roll call vote the Council votes are as follows:

On motion made by Graham and seconded by Bujalski to approve, by roll call vote, the Council member's votes are as follows: Stump- Aye, Hess-Aye, Wenger-Aye, Graham-Aye, Yohn-Aye, Riegsecker-Aye and Bujalski-Aye. With a vote of 7 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved the request.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMISSIONERS: None

COUNCIL: Wenger on NACO.

Auditor- Pickens gave financial report.

SHERIFF: None

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION EXPLANATIONS:

A. GENERAL (#1000)

1. Commissioners (130) requested \$75,000.00 for funds needed for Room 104 reconstruction, including but not limited to Technology Upgrades, etc.

Commissioner Brad Rogers presented this request to the Council. Tax payer Glenn Null discusses the upgrade of the meeting room.

On motion made by Graham and seconded by Bujalski to approve, by roll call vote, the Council member's votes are as follows: Stump- Aye, Hess-Aye, Wenger-Aye, Graham-Aye, Yohn-Aye, Riegsecker-Aye and Bujalski-Aye. With a vote of 7 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved the request.

B. GENERAL FUND (#1000)

1. Emergency Management (137) requested \$6,500.00 for funds to replace 12 office chairs in the EOC/Call center and 4 large screen TV's.

Jennifer Tobey explains to the Council that the large screen TV's are 100% reimbursable under FEMA Public Assistance. She states there is no funding available at this time for the office chairs.

On motion made by Graham and seconded by Bujalski to approve, by roll call vote, the Council member's votes are as follows: Stump- Aye, Hess-Aye, Wenger-Aye, Graham-Aye, Yohn-Aye, Riegsecker-Aye and Bujalski-Aye. With a vote of 7 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved the request.

C. GENERAL FUND (#1000)

1. Emergency Management (137) requested to \$9,996.00 for a camera system for the warehouse.

Jennifer Tobey explains to the Council, Emergency Management was approved for a camera to be installed in the warehouse /EOC with Care's Act Funding. She stated it had been determined that it fits better under FEMA Public Assistance Funding. FEMA Public Assistance is now 100% reimbursable.

On motion made by Bujalski and seconded by Graham to approve, by roll call vote, the Council member's votes are as follows: Stump- Aye, Hess-Aye, Wenger-Aye, Graham-Aye, Yohn-Aye, Riegsecker-Aye and Bujalski-Aye. With a vote of 7 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved the request.

D. EDIT (#1112)

1. Highway (980) requested \$500,000.00 for funds for right-of-way acquisition and associated costs for the CR 40 –SR 19 to CR 7 buggy lane projects. Land acquisition will be federally reimbursed up to 80%.

Charlie McKenzie presented this request to the Council.

On motion made by Bujalski and seconded by Graham to approve, by roll call vote, the Council member's votes are as follows: Stump- Aye, Hess-Aye, Wenger-Aye, Graham-Aye, Yohn-Aye, Riegsecker-Aye and Bujalski-Aye. With a vote of 7 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved the request.

E. CLERK'S PERPETUATION (#1119)

1. Clerk (980) requested \$100,000.00 for document Scanning & Indexing Services.

Christopher Anderson presented this request to the Council. Hess questioned where we had microfilm stored. Anderson also discussed Elkhart Community School's Special Election scheduled for May 4th, 2021.

On motion made by Bujalski and seconded by Graham to approve, by roll call vote, the Council member's votes are as follows: Stump- Aye, Hess-Aye, Wenger-Aye, Graham-Aye, Yohn-Aye, Riegsecker-Aye and Bujalski-Aye. With a vote of 7 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved the request.

F. CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DRAIN (#1141)

1. Surveyor (980) requested \$2,021.00 for drainage assessments for Joint Systems with Kosciusko County.

Phil Barker presented this request to the Council.

On motion made by Hess and seconded by Bujalski to approve, by roll call vote, the Council member's votes are as follows: Stump- Aye, Hess-Aye, Wenger-Aye, Graham-Aye, Yohn-Aye, Riegsecker-Aye and Bujalski-Aye. With a vote of 7 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved the request.

G. HEALTH (#1159)

1. Health Department (340) requested \$6,135.00 to pay for work done for the new website.

Dr. Bethany Wait presented this request to the Council.

On motion made by Wenger and seconded by Bujalski to approve, by roll call vote, the Council member's votes are as follows: Stump-Aye, Hess-Aye, Wenger-Aye, Graham-Aye, Yohn-Aye, Riegsecker-Aye and Bujalski-Aye. With a vote of 7 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved this request.

H. MAJOR BRIDGE (#1171)

1. Highway (980) requested \$500,000.00 to pay for engineering design fees for the Sunnyside overpass. INDOT is contributing \$3.8 million for the design of this project. This is matching funds for this project.

Charlie McKenzie presented this request to the Council.

On motion made by Bujalski and seconded by Graham to approve, by roll call vote, the Council member's votes are as follows: Stump-Aye, Hess-Aye, Wenger-Aye, Graham-Aye, Yohn-Aye, Riegsecker-Aye and Bujalski-Aye. With a vote of 7 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved this request.

On motion made by Graham to approve the following 4 requests together, and seconded by Bujalski, by roll call vote, the Council member's votes are as follows: Stump-Aye, Hess-Aye, Wenger-Aye, Graham-Aye, Yohn-Aye, Riegsecker-Aye and Bujalski-Aye. With a vote of 7 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approve all 4 requests.

I. 2020/2021 EMPG LEPC COMPETITIVE (#8162)

1. Emergency Management (980) requested \$5,000.00 for ICS/NIMS 300, ICM/NICS 400 and Incident Response to Terrorist Bombing.

J. 2020-2021 EMPG LEPC COMPETITIVE (#8163)

1. Emergency Management (980) requested \$5,000.00 for PIO and Warning Course and Jail Evacuation.

K. 2020-2021 HMEP LEPC (#1) EXERCISE (#9144)

1. Emergency Management (980) requested \$15,000.00 for EMAI Conference in Indy, Hazwhopper course for the Health Department (x2) and the LEPC Annual Exercise with Lippert.

L. 2020-2021 HMEP LEPC (#1) TOLL ROAD (#9145)

1. Emergency Management (980) requested \$8,000.00 for the Creation of Ingress/Egress plan with tabletop exercise with Toll Road.

TRANSFER REQUESTS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION

A.	GENERAL FUND (#1000)		
	1. Commissioners (130)		
	From: 43510 Main/Service Contracts	20,000.00	
	To: 42210 Repair Parts	20,000.00	
B.	DIGITAL DENTAL EQUIPMENT (#9108)		
	1. Health (980)		
	From: 42195 Oper. Supplies	132.00	
	To: 44510 Other Equip.	132.00	
C.	DIGITAL DENTAL EQUIPMENT (#9108)		
	1. Health (981)		
	From: 43090 Otr. Prof Services	4,209.00	
	To: 44510 Otr. Equipment	4,209.00	
D.	DIGITAL DENTAL EQUIPMENT (#9108)		
	1. Health (981)		
	From: 44510 Otr. Equipment	1,139.00	
	To: 43090 Otr. Prof. Services	1,139.00	
		Total	25,480.00

The Council President called for approval of the Between Transfers and seconded by Graham, by roll call votes, the Council member's votes are as follows: Stump-Aye, Hess-Aye, Wenger-Aye, Graham-Aye, Yohn-Aye, Riegsecker-Aye and Bujalski-Aye. With a vote of 7 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved the requests.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a) Re-Appointment of Bob Klose to the City of Elkhart Economic Redevelopment Commission.

On motion made by Graham and seconded by Bujalski to approve, by roll call votes, the Council member's votes are as follows: Stump-Aye, Hess-Aye, Wenger-Aye, Graham-Aye, Yohn-Aye, Riegsecker-Aye and Bujalski-Aye. With a vote of to 7 to 0, the Council unanimously carried and re-appointed Bob Klose to the City of Elkhart Economic Redevelopment Commission.

Craig Buche:

- (b) Approval of CC-2021-08- AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF ELKHART, INDIANA ESTABLISHING THE TMA PERSONAL PROPERTY AUDIT FUND.

County Attorney Craig Buche and Concord Assessor Christopher Dickerson presented this request to the Council.

On motion made by Graham and seconded by Bujalski, by roll call vote the Council member's votes are as follows: Stump-Aye, Hess-Nay, Wenger-Aye, Graham-Aye, Yohn-Aye, Riegsecker-Aye and Bujalski-Aye. With a vote of 6 to 1 the Council carried and approved this request.

- (c) Introduction of Rate Ordinance Amendment for Elkhart County Landfill.

County Attorney Craig Buche and Landfill Director John Bowers introduced the Rate Ordinance Amendment for the Elkhart County Landfill. Buche reiterates this is just an introduction. John Bowers went over the rate scenario. Stump expressed his concerns over the rates being lower than other landfills that people/businesses from other areas will come and Elkhart County landfill will fill up faster than the original projected years. Recycling was also brought up in the discussion. John Bowers asks for some direction on the rate increases. Others who joined in the discussion was Commissioner Weirick, Council member Hess, Taxpayer Glenn Null, Council member Bujalski.

Riegsecker asks for this to be tabled until next month so that he can address some questions he has with Bowers and to be part of the discussion as he has not received any of the materials to review.

On motion made by Riegsecker and seconded by Graham to table this discussion until next month, By roll call vote, the Council members votes are as follows: Stump-Aye, Hess-Aye, Wenger-Aye, Graham-Aye, Yohn-Aye, Riegsecker-Aye and Bujalski-Aye. With a vote of 7 to 0 the Council carried and approved this request.

- (d) Craig Buche: Goshen Dam Pond Economic Improvement District Budget & Annual reports.

On motion to approve by Bujalski and seconded by Graham to accept the reports and to approve the budget, by roll call vote the Council member's votes are as follows: Stump-Aye, Hess-Aye, Wenger-Aye, Graham-Aye, Yohn-Aye, Riegsecker-Aye and Bujalski-Aye. With a vote of 7 to 0, the Council unanimously carried and approved the request.

AUDIENCE ITEMS

Taxpayer Glenn Null expresses concerns about the up and down temperatures, and the effect it has on road conditions. He is glad to see the County opening the buildings and discusses issues with the flag on the courthouse.

Stump asks Commissioner Weirick on where the county is at on the flag issue. She states there is no consensus on this issue, so it will be up for discussion. Commissioner Weirick suggests a committee be formed to discuss about the future placement or to fix the issue of the flag not going to half mass. Council member Riegsecker volunteers to work with Building & Grounds and come up with a solution.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion made by Graham seconded by Bujalski to adjourn, by roll call vote, the Council's votes are as follows Hess-Aye, Wenger-Aye, Graham-Aye, Yohn-Aye, Riegsecker-Aye, Stump-Aye and Bujalski-Aye. With a vote of 7 to 0, the Council unanimously approved the request to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.

Cindy Chadwell
Recording Secretary

A complete recording of this meeting is available in the Auditor's Office. The recording of this meeting will be available for one year and then erased.