

## MINUTES

### ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 26, 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 to open a public hearing regarding transfer of Real Property. The Commissioners desire to dispose and transfer a 20-foot wide strip of real property adjacent to the north property line of 101 North Third Street, Goshen, Indiana. Suzie Weirick opened a public hearing. No 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. County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Resolution of the Elkhart County Commissioners for Disposal and Transfer of Real Property. 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, received Bids for 2021-1 CCMG Paving Program. The Bids are as follows:

Phend & Brown Construction in the amount of \$2,199,945.66.

Milestone Contractors North (AKA Walsh & Kelley) in the amount of \$2,114,468.89.

Rieth-Riley Construction in the amount of \$2,029,418.77.

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

County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of INDOT-LPA Construction Agreement for County Road 40 – State Road 19 to County Road 7 Buggy Lanes Project. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Parks Director, Ronda DeCaire, requested approval of Resolution & Agreement to set up “Elkhart County Parks Legacy Endowment Fund” with the Community Foundation of Elkhart County. The Elkhart County Park & Recreation Board received a gift of money from the Catherine Metzger Trust which the Park Board designated into the endowment fund with the Community Foundation of Elkhart County. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval for Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Road Funding by and between the Town of Bristol, the Bristol Redevelopment Commission and the County of Elkhart. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Attorney, requested consideration of Engagement Agreement with Barnes & Thornburg for an Economic Development Project in reference to Solar Energy Matters. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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### **BOARD ITEMS:**

Dr. Bethany Wait provided an update on the COVID-19 issue.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Glenn Null spoke on several issues.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Mock