

## MINUTES

### ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 19, 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 member, Brad Rogers, was present. Board Member, Frank Lucchese, attended VIRTUALLY. Others present were Craig Buche, County Attorney; Patricia Pickens, County Auditor; and Anita Mock, Executive Assistant. County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, was absent.

\*\*\*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 Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the April 5<sup>th</sup> & April 12<sup>th</sup> 2021 meetings and placed them on file. A roll call vote followed with all members voting; AYE.

On a motion made by Brad Rogers, 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:**

Planning & Development, Jason Auvil, presented Loren D. Beachy & Regina Beachy, Husband & Wife, represented by Advanced Land Surveying of Northern Indiana, Inc. for a zone map change from A-1 to M-1, west side of State Road 13, 430 feet north of County Road 12, in York Township. Petitioner, Loren Beachy, presented his plans for this request. Suzie Weirick opened a public hearing. Remonstrator, Clara Morris Fry, advised she owns neighboring property and is opposed to this request. Discussion followed on this topic. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. A roll call vote followed with all members voting; AYE. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. A roll call vote followed with all members voting; AYE.

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Planning & Development, Jason Auvil, presented Karl E. Bontrager & Jeanetta K. Bontrager, Husband & Wife & Premier Hardwoods LP, represented by Abonmarche Consultants for an Amendment to an existing DPUD A-1 and for Primary approval of a 2-lot minor subdivision to be known as **PREMIER HARDWOODS, LP, DPUD**, west side of County Road 43, 2,400 feet north of County Road 34, common address of 62551 County Road 43, in Clinton Township. Abonmarche Representative, Crystal Welsch, was present for any questions. Suzie Weirick opened a public meeting. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. A roll call vote followed with all members voting; AYE. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. A roll call vote followed with all members voting; AYE.

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Planning & Development, Jason Auvil, presented Giada Holdings LLC represented by Progressive Engineering Inc. for a zone map change from A-1 to DPUD B-3 and for Primary approval of a 1-lot minor subdivision to be known as **COUNTY ROAD 10 MINI-STORAGE UNITS**, north side of County Road 10, 350 feet east of County Road 3, in Cleveland Township. Giada Holdings Representative, Corey White, was present for any questions. Suzie Weirick opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. A roll call vote followed with all members voting; AYE. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. A roll call vote followed with all members voting; AYE.

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Planning & Development, Jason Auvil, presented LEJN, LLC for a zone map change from DPUP B-2 to M-1, west side of State Road 13, 1,550 feet south of County Road 12, common address of 55323 State Road 13, in Middlebury Township. Petitioner, Loren Beachy, presented his plans for this request. Suzie Weirick opened a public hearing. LJ White who identified himself as an employee for the petitioner and Bright Star advised he believed the petitioner to be very upstanding and working toward the benefit of Elkhart County. Clara Morris Fry spoke in opposition of the request. No other audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. A roll call vote followed with all members voting; AYE. On motion made by Brad Rogers, 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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Elkhart Public Library Board Director, Lisa Guedea Carreno, requested reappointment of Jennifer Nielsen to the Elkhart Public Library Board, said term beginning on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2021 and ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers 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 to table the Consideration of Engagement Letter with Barnes & Thornburg for Economic Development Project. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board tabled this request. A roll call vote followed with all members voting; AYE.

County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Ordinance Establishing the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Grant Fund. Brad Rogers inquired as to what type of strings would be attached to this Federal Grant. A short discussion followed. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick the Board approved this request. A roll call vote followed with the following votes; Brad Rogers, NAY; Frank Lucchese, AYE; Suzie Weirick, AYE. The number for this grant fund is 8951.

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County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Independent Contractor Agreement for Services by and between the Board of Commissioners and Saving Grace Advocacy for the Rental Assistance Program. On motion made by Brad Rogers, 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 Independent Contractor Agreement for Services by and between the Board of Commissioners and Minority Health Coalition of Elkhart County. On motion made by Brad Rogers, 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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Commissioner Brad Rogers requested approval of a New Paris Road Closure on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for a tractor pull. Elkhart County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie, advised that a Road Impact Agreement is used by County Highway but did not feel it was necessary for this request. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. A roll call vote followed with all members voting; AYE.

On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved the request from the Northern Indiana Atheists for use of the Goshen/Elkhart Courthouse Property for the month of May 2021. A roll call vote followed with all members voting; AYE.

**BOARD ITEMS:**

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR;**

Glenn Null spoke on several issues.  
DeWayne Weaver spoke on several issues.

Cindy Hajicek 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