

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 5, 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 Minutes of the March 15th, 2021 meeting. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the March 22nd, 2021 meeting. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers, the Board approved the Minutes of the March 29th, 2021 meeting. All meetings were placed on file.

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:

Planning & Development, Danny Dean, requested approval of Henry Schrock & Pheasant Ridge Development represented by Progressive Engineering Inc. for the vacation of a portion of an east/west county right-of-way known as **LONGBOAT COURT**, north side of Long Boat Court, 740 feet northwest of State Road 120, in Washington Township. 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. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Auditor, Patty Pickens, presented the additional appropriation request from General Fund in the amount of \$1,595.09 for transfer of funds from General Fund to COVID-19 Cares CRF to zero out the fund. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried the Board approved this request.

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Auditor, Patty Pickens, presented the additional appropriation request from Court Interpreter Grant in the amount of \$29,626.49 for funds remaining from the Court Interpreter Grant in 2020 reimbursable grant. 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 permission to advertise for the 2021 Wedding Program. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Agreement Regarding Transfer of Real Property and Installation of Privacy Fence on property located at 101 North Third Street, Goshen, Indiana. Discussion followed regarding payment of the fence. A roll call vote was called. Brad Rogers, Nay; Frank Lucchese, Aye; Suzie Weirick, Aye. The vote passed.

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Prosecutor's Office requested approval of Out of State Travel for Vicki Becker & Mark Daggy to attend International Homicide Investigators Association Training in Washington, DC from 8/8/2021 – 8/13/2021. Funds are available in the Prosecutor's Budget. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of Independent Contractor Agreement for Services by and between the Board of Commissioners and Charles C. Cheek to provide services in regards to the Rental Assistance Program. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Weights & Measures Report from February 16th to March 15th, 2021.

BOARD ITEMS:

County Attorney, Steve Olsen, requested approval of Ordinance to Rescind Restated Ordinance No. CO 2020-38. Glenn Null was allowed to speak on this matter. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Health Officer, Dr. Bethany Wait, presented an update on COVID-19 numbers and concerns in Elkhart County. The following individuals spoke on this matter:

Dr. Dan Nafziger
Randy Christophel, president and CEO of IU Health **Goshen**
Glenn Null, Goshen
Lori Arnold, Goshen
Cindy Haijcek, Goshen
Crystal Watt, Goshen/Virtual

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Glenn Null spoke on several issues.
Lori Arnold spoke on several issues.
Cindy Haijcek 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