

# MINUTES

## ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

June 21, 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; Patricia Pickens, County Auditor; Jeff Taylor, County Administrator 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 June 7<sup>th</sup> & June 14<sup>st</sup>, 2021 meetings and placed them on file following amending two typos.

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 Keystone RV Company represented by Jones Petrie Rafinski for a zone map change from A-1 to M-2, northwest corner of State Road 13 & County Road 4, common address of 51761 State Road 13, in York Township. Suzie Weirick opened a public hearing. Jones Petrie Rafinski Representative, Matt Shuster, spoke in favor of the request and asked that it be approved. 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. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Danny Dean, requested approval of Jayco, Inc. represented by Jones Petrie Rafinski for a zone map change from A-1 to M-1, west side of State Road 13, 300 feet north of County Road 20, common address of 58878 State Road 13, in Middlebury Township. Jones Petrie Rafinski Representative, Matt Shuster, spoke in favor of the request

and asked that it be approved. 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. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Jason Auvil, requested approval of Board of Commissioners of the County of Elkhart represented by Abonmarche Consultants for a zone map change from DPUD R-1 to DPUD B-2, and for primary approval of a 1-lot minor subdivision to be known as **RIVER LAUNCH DPUD**, north side of River Launch Court, in Washington Township. Natasha Kauffman spoke on this issue. 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 Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested to open a Public Hearing for Possible Sale of Surplus County Owned Real Estate and Receipt of Bids for Possible Sale of such Surplus Real Estate. No bids were received. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. According to County Attorney, Craig Buche, no further action is needed.

County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of proposed temporary occupancy of Mapleheart Trail during construction of the Sunnyside Overpass. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, presented a request from Wakarusa Public Library to re-appoint Marcia Hummel for a fourth 4-year term on the Wakarusa Public Library Board of Trustees. Current term expires on July 31, 2021. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, presented a request from Courtside Ministries for Use of Courthouse Property in Goshen and Elkhart for the month of July. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

Park Department Director, Ronda DeCaire, requested approval for Out of State Travel for Patrick McGuire to attend American Association for State & Local History Annual Meeting Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas, September 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, presented a request from Council Member, Ernestina Wenger, for Out of State Travel to attend Annual NACO Conference in St. George County, Maryland, July 8<sup>th</sup> – July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request to pay the registration fee only.

County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Elkhart County, Indiana Approving the Terms and Conditions Regarding the Leasing of Certain Court and Other Criminal Justice Facilities Including Related Buildings and Parking Facilities and Taking Other Actions Regarding the Proposed Lease by and between Elkhart County, Indiana Building Corporation and Elkhart County, Indiana designated as Resolution No. CO 2021-23. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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#### **BOARD ITEMS:**

County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Elkhart County, Indiana approving the Terms and Conditions Regarding the Leasing of Certain Court and Other Criminal Justice Facilities Including Related Buildings and Parking Facilities and Taking Other Actions Regarding the Proposed Lease. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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

Cindi Hajjeck 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