

# MINUTES

## ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

June 7, 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 May 24<sup>th</sup>, & June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 meetings and placed them on file.

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.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

Planning & Development, Jason Auvil, requested approval of Seahawk Corporation represented by T-E Incorporated for the vacation of the south portion of a county right-of-way known as **ATLAS DRIVE**, SOUTH OF Innovation Drive, in Osolo Township. 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. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Jason Auvil, requested approval of Falcons Nest Development, LLC represented by Innovative Communities for secondary approval of an 18-lot major subdivision to be known as **FALCONS NEST AT BARRINGTON, SECTION 3B**, east side of Kristrel Lane, south of Pelegrine Drive, west of County Road 25, 1,750 feet north of County Road 46, common address of 68178 Krestrel Lane, in Jackson Township. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development Director, Chris Godlewski, requested approval of additional appropriation from County Road 6 & County Road 17 NE TIF Fund in the amount of \$115,000 for County Road 15 drainage/trail correction. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development Director, Chris Godlewski, requested approval of additional appropriation from County Road 6 & County Road 17 NE TIF Fund in the amount of \$125,000 for road construction on County Road 4 – between County Road 15 and County Road 17. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development Director, Chris Godlewski, requested approval for the following transfers and reductions to pay funds directly from TIF Funds instead of through the Bond Funds to reduce capital and interest payment.

Transfer between Northwest Gate TIF Fund \$64,512.50.

Transfer between Co Rd 6 & County Road 17 Improvement TIF Fund \$146,462.50.

Reduction Bond Reserve Fund \$64,512.50.

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On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved these requests.

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County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of additional appropriation from American Rescue Plan Fund in the amount of \$350,000 for funds used for required Courthouse Cleaning procedures and to pay for services for the remainder of 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, requested to table the additional appropriation request from General Fund in the amount of \$60,000 for funds to pay Elkhart County's portion of the CDFI Partnership. Item was tabled, with no action needed.

Buildings & Grounds Director, Don Tubicsak, requested approval of additional appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$20,000 to replace and improve the Flag Pole at the Goshen Courthouse. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Information Technology Director, Matt Dietz, requested approval of additional appropriation from Cumulative Capital Development Fund in the amount of \$714,466 for several different accounts for increased costs due to COVID, upgrades and internet costs. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Surveyor's Office, Carl Gilbert, requested approval for Out of State Travel to Hartselle, Alabama from 6/14/2021 to 6/18/2021 for training on new equipment. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

River Oaks Community Church requested approval of a Noise Variance for an outdoor Family Movie Night on June 26<sup>th</sup> & August 6<sup>th</sup> that will have a PA system set up for sound and announcements. 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 SRI Annual Contract & Agreement. 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 of Certification confirming the intent to NOT seek any additional tax levy to continue historical practices and assurances that the TIF Districts would not impose additional taxes. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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### **BOARD ITEMS:**

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

Concord Fire Assistant Chief requested that Concord Fire & EMS be considered in the American Rescue Plan funding.

Baugo Fire Chief requested that Baugo Fire & EMS be considered in the American Rescue Plan funding.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Mock