

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

August 2, 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 July 19th & July 26th, 2021 meeting 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, Danny Dean, requested approval of Jose Red Caballer, III & Peter L. Ostapchuk represented by Marbach, Brady & Weaver, Inc. for the vacation of a portion of a north/south county right-of-way known as **SPRINGBROOK LANE**, 375 feet west of Silver Street, 500 feet north of Bristol Street (County Road 10), in Osolo Township. Petitioner, Peter Ostapchuk, spoke in favor of the request. Chris Marbach clarified the intention of the request. 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 meeting. 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 LOVE'S TIF Fund in the amount of \$81,037 for reimbursement payment to LOVE'S for road and sewer improvements. 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, withdrew the additional appropriation request from County Road 16 & County Road 17 NE TIF Fund in the amount of \$80,000 for Prairie Creek Run/Adams Street Utility Project – construction costs.

Planning & Development Director, Chris Godlewski, requested approval of additional appropriation from General Fund in the amount of \$225,000 for funds needed for online permitting software and consulting services. 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 Western Gateway TIF Fund in the amount of \$57,300 for repayment to Landfill Operating Loan relating to sewer/water extension. 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 South Benton TIF Fund in the amount of \$20,800 for reimbursement to Town of Syracuse for water/sewer extension. 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 Middlebury East TIF Fund in the amount of \$109,500 for reimbursement to Town of Middlebury for water/sewer fees. 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 North Baugo TIF Fund in the amount of \$17,800 for reimbursement to Landfill Operating for sewer extension project. 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 approval of additional appropriation from American Rescue Plan Fund in the amount of \$350,000 for Prairie Creek Run Water Project. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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911 Center request to change the current Holiday Pay was tabled for now on this date.

County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of Contract Amendment with Troyer Group. 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 approval of additional appropriation from Local Road & Street Fund in the amount of \$150,000 for funds requested for vehicle and equipment repair labor. 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, requested approval of additional appropriation from Local Road & Street Fund in the amount of \$75,000 for funds to replace the roof of the mechanics garage located on Steury Avenue in Goshen. 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, requested approval of additional appropriation from the Road Maintenance & Construction Fund in the amount of \$1,000,000 for State Funds that were received for Community Crossings Matching Grant 2021-1 Award. 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 approval of additional appropriation from EDIT Fund in the amount of \$200,000 for funds to cover budget shortfall for the EDIT Major Moves Loan for the remainder of 2021. The County Road 38 Loan was added in 2020 and payments were increased from \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 per year. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Resolution of the Elkhart County Commissioners Supporting Tax Phase-In for Vista Manufacturing, Inc. and Vista Building, LLC. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway Summer Interns presented their summer projects.

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

BOARD ITEMS:

Buildings & Grounds Director, Don Tubicsak, presented the events that were to take place on August 4th, 2021 @ 2 p.m. at the Flag Raising Ceremony.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Glenn Null spoke on several issues.

Jenny Dibley spoke on several issues.

Pam Keyser 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