

# MINUTES

## ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 4, 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 Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the September 20<sup>th</sup> & September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting and placed them 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:**

Buildings & Grounds Director, Don Tubicsak, requested approval of additional appropriation from General Fund in the amount of \$36,000 for funds to install a new boiler in the warehouse at the Correctional Complex. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Elkhart County Park Department Director, Ronda DeCaire, requested approval of additional appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$72,750 for funds needed to fund the Toe Drain Project. 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 Larry D. Mote, Jr. & Michelle Mote, Husband & Wife (Land Contract Purchaser) & Derrell B. Duncan, Jr. (Land Contract Holder) for the vacation of a portion of an east/west county right-of-way known as

**PENNSYLVANIA**, east side of 27<sup>th</sup> Street, 645 feet North of Old US Highway 33, in Baugo Township. Suzie Weirick opened a public hearing. Michelle Mote spoke in favor of the request. 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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Elkhart County Park Department Director, Ronda DeCaire, requested approval of the Lake & River Enhancement Program Grant (L.A.R.E.). 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, requested approval of additional appropriation from Major Bridge Fund in the amount of \$+2,000,000 for matching funds to pay right of way acquisition and associated costs for 50 parcels for the Sunnyside Overpass project. INDOT is contributing over \$6.5 million for this phase of the 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 EDIT Fund in the amount of \$1,450,000 for funds to match construction costs for BR 152, County Road 20 west of US Highway 33 over Yellow Creek. Construction: \$2,039,000, Federal Funds: \$1,100,000 local match. Also, funds for construction inspection services for BR 152, Elkhart County will be reimbursed up to 80%. 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, requested approval of additional appropriation from EDIT Fund in the amount of \$50,000 for funds needed for intersection improvement at County Road 20 and County Road 111 Design Project. Design will be completed by in house engineers. 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 REDUCTION from Motor Vehicle Highway Fund in the amount of \$625 due to project being completed. 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, requested approval of additional REDUCTION from Local Road & Street Fund in the amount of \$4,075 due to project being completed. 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, requested approval of additional REDUCTION from Storm Water Fund in the amount of \$36,493.65 due to projects being completed. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Emergency Management Director, Jennifer Tobey, requested approval of Indiana Homeland Security Foundation Grant. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Emergency Management Director, Jennifer Tobey, requested approval of FFY 2019 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program Sub-Recipient Grant Agreement between the Indiana Department of Homeland Security and the Elkhart County Emergency Management Agency. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Court Services, Nathan Tipton, requested approval of Grant Application Review Form for Data Action Mini Grant through the Oaklawn Psychiatric Center. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Community Corrections Directors, Karen Chandler and Helen Calvin, requested approval of Ordinance Amending Fees for the Elkhart County Community Corrections Programs and Chapter 31: County Organizations and Officials of Title III: Administration of the Elkhart County Code. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request, effective as of November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

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County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval for the Sheriff's annual auction of surplus vehicles/equipment to take place on October 22, 2021. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

Courtside Ministries request Use of Courthouse Property in Goshen and in Elkhart for the month of October. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Weights & Measures Report from August 16<sup>th</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**BOARD ITEMS:**

County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of Grant Application Review Form for the 2021 Emergency Court Interpreter Grant. 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 Right of Entry onto Private Property in Favor of the County of Elkhart, Indiana for the Dunlap Overpass Project and Utility Relocation. 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 Interlocal Escrow Agreement by and among QR AMZ (Elkhart) Propco LLC, Board of Commissioners of the County of Elkhart, Indiana and Chicago Title Insurance Company. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR;**

Cindi 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