

## MINUTES

### ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 11, 2021

Vice President Frank Lucchese 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 member, Brad Rogers was also present. President Suzie Weirick attended VIRTUALLY. Others present were Craig Buche, County Attorney; Patricia Pickens, County Auditor and Anita Mock, Executive Assistant. Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, was absent.

\*\*\*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 Allowance of Claims as presented by the County Auditor's office. A roll call vote followed with all members voting; AYE.

#### **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

Planning & Development Zoning Administrator, Jason Auvil, presented consideration of the Solar Project which was tabled at the August 16, 2021 Commissioner Meeting. Savion was represented by Ken Jones of Jones Petrie Rafinski. Mr. Jones summarized the solar project and spoke in favor of the project. Attorney for the remonstrators, Jason Kuchmay with Snyder Morgan Federoff & Kuchmay, LLP spoke on behalf of the remonstrators in opposition of the solar project. Adam Young spoke in opposition of the solar project. Economic Development Corporation, Chris Stager, spoke in favor of the solar project. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board rejected the Savion Solar Project. A roll call vote followed with all members voting; AYE.

Planning & Development Zoning Administrator, Jason Auvil, requested signature for River Launch DPUD which was previously approved however legal description was not finalized. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. A roll call vote followed with all members voting; AYE.

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County Highway Representative, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval for Out of State Travel for Charlie McKenzie to attend the 2022 Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting in Washington D.C. on January 9<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. A roll call vote followed with all members voting; AYE.

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Elkhart County Drug-Free Partnership Representative, Jessica Koscher, presented the positive impact the program has on the Elkhart County Community. She also expressed how the program appreciates the Commissioners support and asked that they consider supporting the program in 2022 with a \$50,000 contribution. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved to support the request. A roll call vote followed with all members voting; AYE.

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### **BOARD ITEMS:**

County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval for Addendum by and between Hahn Auctioneers, Inc. and the County of Elkhart for the sale of real estate at 401 South Second Street, Elkhart, Indiana. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. A roll call vote followed with all members voting; AYE.

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### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR;**

On a motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned their meeting. A roll call vote followed with all members voting; AYE.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Mock