

## MINUTES

### ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

November 1, 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 October 18<sup>th</sup> & October 25<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:**

County Attorney, Craig Buche, opened a Public Hearing for Elkhart County Commissioners Regarding the Disposal and Transfer of a portion of the Real Property formerly occupied by the building complex at 111 N. Third Street, Goshen, Indiana. 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 to support and proceed with this request.

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County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Performance Services Inc. Courthouse Contract. PSI Representative, Nick Allen, was available for any questions or comments. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved Limited Notice to Proceed.

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County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of additional appropriation from American Rescue Plan in the amount of \$50,000 for funds needed for Preliminary Engineering for Foraker & Southwest 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 Court Interpreter Grant Fund in the amount of \$20,000 for funds awarded for 2021 Emergency Court Interpreter Grant Fund. This is a reimbursable grant. 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 Solid Waste User Fees Fund in the amount of \$300,000 for funds to be appropriated then transferred between funds to fund 4809 Environmental Special 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 Environmental Special Project Fund in the amount of \$300,000 for funds for the following:  
Center for Community Justice in the amount of \$100,000.  
Horizon Education Alliance in the amount of \$300,000.  
Council on Aging in the amount of \$300,000.  
Bruce Stahley spoke on behalf of Horizon Education Alliance and the benefits this program has brought to Elkhart County.  
David Toney spoke on behalf of Council on Aging and the benefits this program has brought to the senior citizens and their families in Elkhart County.

On motion made by Brad Rogers, he wished to have the appropriation broke out into three different votes. No second motion made. The motion died. On motion made by Frank Lucchese to approve the appropriation as a whole, seconded by Brad Rogers the Board approved this request. The vote was as follows: Suzie Weirick, Aye, Frank Lucchese, Aye & Brad Rogers, Nay. The vote passed 2-1.

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On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Elkhart County Board of Commissioners 2022 Meeting Schedule.

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Buildings & Grounds Director, Don Tubicsak, requested approval of additional appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$120,000 to cover upcoming building repairs and utility buildings 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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Buildings & Grounds Director, Don Tubicsak, requested approval of additional appropriation from the LIT Special Purpose Fund in the amount of \$552,442 for UPS Battery Backup System to prevent electrical surges in the event of a power outage. 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, request approval of LPA – Consultant Contract for the 2022/2023 County Bridge Inspections with United Consulting in the amount of \$229,807.31. Eighty percent of this contract will be reimbursed by INDOT. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway, Kent Myers, requested approval for Declaration of Surplus Equipment for 2001 Entyre Chipper. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Courtside Ministries requested approval for Use of Courthouse Property in Goshen and in Elkhart for the month of November 2021. 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 September 16<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

#### **BOARD ITEMS:**

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

Cindi Hajicek spoke on several issues.

Pam Keyser spoke on several issues.

Candy Yoder spoke on behalf of the Community Foundation in support of Center for Community Justice, Horizon Education Alliance & Council on Aging.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Mock