

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

December 20, 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 present. Others present were Craig Buche, County Attorney; Jeff Taylor, County Administrator; Patricia Pickens, County Auditor 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 November 22nd, November 29th, & December 6th, 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 Zoning Administrator, Jason Auvil, requested approval of Martin Yoder & Rhonda Yoder represented by Abonmarche Consultants for a zone map change from A-4 to DPUD A-1 and for primary approval of a 1-lot minor subdivision to be known as **MSSE MIDDLEBURY CR 20 MID-STATES DPUD A-1**, north side of County Road 20, 2,040 feet east of County Road 35, in Middlebury Township. Abonmarche Representative, Crystal Welch was available to answer any questions. 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, Danny Dean, requested approval of Bontrager Holding Group LLC (Owner) & Howard's Salvage (Occupant) for a zone map change from M-1 & R-1 to M-2, northwest side of County Road 8, 1,500 feet west of County Road 21, common address of 19757 County Road 8, in Washington Township. 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 hearing. 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 to appoint Helen Calvin as Director of Community Corrections. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

Fiber Department Representative, Ben Hudson, requested approval of Segment Agreement for Valmont at 58027 Charlotte Avenue, Elkhart, Indiana. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Fiber Department Representative, Ben Hudson, requested the Segment Agreement for Transport USA at 19747 County Road 38, Goshen and Segment Agreement for Bimbo Bakeries at 53075 Frederic Drive, Elkhart be tabled.

County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested the Commissioners accept to participate in the National Opioid Settlement. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved to participate in the settlement process.

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Landfill Director, John Bowers, requested approval of Extension of Contract by and between the Board of Commissioners of the County of Elkhart, Indiana for and on the behalf of Elkhart County Landfill, formerly the Elkhart County Solid Waste Management District and Borden Waste-Away Service, Inc. 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 Interlocal Government Agreement between Marshall County and Wabash County and Elkhart County Regarding the Housing of Inmates. 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, and Elkhart County Clerk, Christopher Anderson, requested approval of Ordinance Dividing Elkhart County, Indiana into Four (4) Districts Pursuant to Indiana Code Section 36-2-3-4 – County Council Election Districts. 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, and Elkhart County Clerk, Christopher Anderson, requested approval of Ordinance Dividing Elkhart County, Indiana into Three (3) Districts Pursuant to Indiana Code Section 36-2-2-4 – County Commissioner Election Districts. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Elkhart County Clerk, Christopher Anderson, requested to table approval of Ordinance of the Elkhart County Commissioners Regarding Additional Information or Corrections to the Precinct Boundaries and Submission of Corrected IEC-8 Forms.

Health Department Representative, Concetta Sanfilippo, requested approval of Health Department Grant Application for Cares Epidemiology and Lab. (8904-981) On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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BOARD ITEMS:

Community Development Representative, Natasha Kauffman, requested approval of Foraker/Southwest Engagement Letter between Elkhart County, Indiana and Baker Tilly US, LLC for Analysis of Costs and Revenues Rate Study. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Commissioner Weirick announced the next Commissioner Claims Meeting would take place on December 23rd, 2021 and that the Commissioner Meeting scheduled for December 27th, 2021 would be cancelled.

Commissioner Weirick asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Council Member Tina Wenger.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Mock