

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

January 18, 2022

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 January 4th & January 10th, 2022 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 Building Commissioner, Kevin Williams, requested to award the following Bids for Demolition Projects in Elkhart County:

- B & E Excavating 28963 Lark Street, \$9,350.
- B & E Excavating 54088 Independence Street \$9,350.
- B & E Excavating 18974 Third Street, New Paris \$7,850.
- Jerry Reed Excavating 55617 Riverdale Drive \$22,000.

On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved the awards of Bids.

County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval to advertise for Bids for the County Road 4 Extension – County Road 17 to County Road 19 Construction Project. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of Initial Acceptance of Falcon's Nest Section 3B. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Park & Recreation Department Director, Ronda DeCaire, requested approval to accept \$5,600 reimbursable grant from the Benjamin Harrison Conservation Trust Stewardship Funds from the IDNR to purchase a rotary mower for Boot Lake Nature Preserve. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

Court Services Director, Ross Maxwell, requested approval of 2022 Pretrial Grant Award and Application Review Form. 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 Agreement with Lochmueller for Foraker and Southwest Sewer Project with the total amount of the project not to exceed \$1,195,680.00. 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 Title VI Implementation Plan for the Elkhart County Highway Department. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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BOARD ITEMS:

County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of appointment of Tony Peffley as the Chief Information Officer. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement for Katie Niblock working for the Highway Department. 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 Paul Shetler Fast to be appointed to the Elkhart County Health Board. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese 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