

MINUTES
ELKHART COUNTY COUNCIL
January 8TH,2022

The meeting of the Elkhart County Council was called to order by Sheriff Jeff Siegel at 8:00 a.m., in Room 104 of the County Administrative Building, Goshen, Indiana. Members present were Council President Thomas W. Stump, Douglas S. Graham, Randy D. Yohn, Darryl J. Riegsecker, Adam M. Bujalski and Steven E. Clark. Council Vice President David Hess was absent.

Also present were Patricia A. Pickens, County Auditor; Craig Buche, County Attorney; Commissioner Brad Rogers; Commissioner Suzie Weirick and Jeff Taylor, County Administrator.

** 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 virtually in remote real-time observation and remote electronic participation.

*****ELECTION OF OFFICERS*****

** Auditor Patricia A. Pickens assumed the Chair and opened the floor for nominations for Council President.

On motion made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker to nominate and re-elect Thomas Stump for 2022 Council President. With a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and re-elected Thomas W. Stump for 2022 County Council President.

Re-elected President Thomas W. Stump assumed the chair and asked for nomination for Vice President. On motion made by Yohn to nominated David Hess for Vice President and seconded by Riegsecker. With a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and re-elected David Hess as 2022 Council Vice President.

On motion made by Riegsecker and seconded by Graham to close the nominations. With a vote of 6 to 0 the Council, unanimously carried and closed the nominations.

MINUTES: Approval of CC Meeting –December 11th,2021

On motion made by Riegsecker and seconded by Yohn, the Council unanimously carried and approved the December 11th, 2021 minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Weirick welcomes new Council member Steven E. Clark. She discussed the Court Project moving into the next phase. Weirick also reported the Health Department has appointed an Interim Health Officer.

COUNCIL: Bujalski on Elkhart County VA closing and Federal Mandates.

AUDITOR:- Pickens gave financial report and talked about the Rainy Day Fund.

Patty Pickens:

- (a) Ordinance CC-2022-01 Approval of Encumbrance Ordinance.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker. With a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved Ordinance CC-2022-01.

SHERIFF: None

EDC MATTERS:

Jeff Taylor-

- (a) Approval of the re-appointment of Darryl Riegsecker, Jon Hunsberger and the appointment of Sara Huss to the Redevelopment Commission. One (1) year Term. Expires 12/31/2022.

On motion made by Graham and seconded by Bujalski to approve the re-appointment of Darryl Riegsecker, Jon Hunsberger and Sara Huss to the Redevelopment Commission. With a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved the appointments.

NEW COURTS PROJECT BOND FINANCING:

Craig Buche gave an overview of the process and asked the Council to open the Public Hearing.

*** Public Hearing***

*** Additional Appropriation Ordinance for Bond/Lease Financing***.

On motion made to open the Public Hearing by Graham and seconded by Yohn, the Council unanimously carried and opened the Public Hearing.

Craig Buche describes the bond process, the lease program, pledging of real estate as security. and Todd Samuelson gives a further explanation on the previous items along with highlights from the plan of finance, discusses premium financing.

Taxpayer Glenn Null questions steps for bonding/lease program and final balance of the project.

On motion made by Yohn and seconded by Riegsecker to close the Public Hearing. With a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and closed the Public Hearing.

CC-2022-02 Additional Appropriation Ordinance for Bond/Lease Financing.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker. With a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved CC-2022-02 Additional Appropriation Ordinance for Bond/Lease Financing.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION EXPLANATIONS:

~~A. GENERAL FUND (#1000)~~

- ~~1. Commissioners (130) requested 60,000.00 funds are requested for services rendered from BIG IDEA Company. Withdrawn by Commissioners~~

B. GENERAL (#1000)

1. Commissioners (130) requested \$50,000.00 for the 2022 Allocation for Positively Elkhart County.

Jessica Koscher presented this request to the Council.

Taxpayer Glenn Null questioned why this wasn't included in the 2022 budget.

On motion made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, with a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved this request.

C. GENERAL FUND (#1000)

1. Emergency Management (137) requested \$7,098.00 donations be appropriated from 2021 to 2022.

Jennifer Tobey presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Bujalski and seconded by Riegsecker, with a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved this request.

D. SALES DISCLOSURE FUND (#1131)

1. Assessor (980) requested \$16,500.00 for their annual request for funds from the Sales Disclosure Fund to cover the costs of 3 copiers and MLS service.

Cathy Searcy presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, with a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved this request.

E. SALES DISCLOSURE FUND (#1131)

1. Concord Township Assessor (114) requested \$3,736.00 for copy machine rent and increased fees over prior year and for the MLS service.

Patty Pickens read this request to the Council.

On motion made by Yohn to approve and seconded by Bujalski. With a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved this request.

F. CUMULATIVE BRIDGE (#1135)

1. Highway (980) requests \$300,000.00 for funds to design the replacement of bridge #233. CR 36 W of CR 11 over Yellow creek. This is a federal aid project and is 80% reimbursable.

Jeff Taylor presented this request to the Council.

On motion made by Riegsecker to approve and seconded by Graham, with a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved this request.

G. DRUG FREE COMMUNITY (#1148)

1. Commissioners (980) requested \$278,411.00 for annual allocations to area agencies who have submitted qualified applications for programs which will further Elkhart County's Drug Free Partnership goals to negate alcohol and other drug use and/or abuse.

Jessica Koscher presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, with a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved this request.

H. LEPC-EMERGENCY PLANNING (#1152)

1. Emergency Management (980) requested \$71,265.00 for funds to set-up budget for a new year 2022.

Jennifer Tobey presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Yohn and seconded by Bujalski, with a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved this request.

I. BCPC-PROGRAM INCOME (#1159)

1. Health (614) requested \$6700.00 for ongoing operation on the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program. Expenditures of Income generate to cover expenses incurred for 2022 and to encourage women to take advantage of the program.

Concetta Sanfilippo presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Riegsecker and seconded by Yohn, with a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved this request.

J. CHN-HEALTH (#1559)

1. Health Department (982) requested \$6,657.00 of donated funds to be appropriated for 2022.

Concetta Sanfilippo presented this request to the Council

On motion made to approve by Riegsecker and seconded by Clark, with a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved this request.

K. CHN-Lobley Donation (#1159)

1. Health Department (983) requested \$2,723.00 of donated funds to be appropriated for 2022.

Concetta Sanfilippo presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Riegsecker and seconded by Bujalski, with a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved this request.

L. LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE FUND (#1168)

1. Health Department (981) requested \$90,344.00 for funding for the Local Health Maintenance Fund from January 1,2022 through December 31st,2022.

Concetta Sanfilippo presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Riegsecker and seconded by Yohn, with a vote of 6 to 0, the Council unanimously carried and approve this request.

M. LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE (#1168)

1. Health Department (#982) requested \$2376.00 to appropriate donated funds for 2022.

Concetta Sanfilippo presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve made by Riegsecker and seconded by Bujalski. With a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved this request.

N. RECORDER PERPETUATION (#1189)

1. Recorder (980) requested \$30,757.00 for funds to pay a staff position that was originally placed in the General Fund budget. During the budget hearings the Council ask to have it moved to the Perpetuation Fund. This request is to complete the move.

Jennifer Doriot presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Riegsecker and seconded by Bujalski. With a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved this request.

O. SURVEYOR (#1202)

1. Surveyor (106) requested \$51,776.00 for a staff position that was originally placed in the General Fund budget. During budget hearings the Council asked to move to Surveyor Corner Perpetuation Fund to help with budget adjustment. This request is to fund the position.

Phil Barker presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Riegsecker and seconded by Yohn. With a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved this request.

P. LOCAL HEALTH TRUST FUND (#1206)

1. Health (980) requested \$90,847.00 to fund the Local Health Department Trust account January 1,2022 through December 2022, to appropriate donated funds for 2022.

Concetta Sanfilippo presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Bujalski and seconded by Riegsecker. With a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved this request.

Q. WIC (#8101)

1. Health (982) requested \$2339.00 to appropriate donated funds for 2022.

Concetta Sanfilippo presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Riegsecker and seconded by Bujalski. With a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved this request.

R. 2021 SHSP-DRONE GRANT (#8171)

1. Emergency Management (980) requested \$60,000.00 for the Indiana Department of Homeland Security 100% reimbursable Grant for drone(s) with accessories and software to be used and housed at the Sheriff's Office.

Jennifer Tobey and Sheriff Jeff Siegel presented this request to the Council.

Taxpayer Glenn Null expresses points of concerns on the drone usage.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker. With a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved this request.

S. 2021 ARPA EMPG COMPETITIVE GRANT (#8172)

1. Emergency Management (#8172) requested \$40,000.00 for the Indiana Department of Homeland Security 100% reimbursable Grant for an EMA Vehicle.

Jennifer Tobey presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker. The Council carried and approved this request.

T. 2022 HMEP (EMA) TRAININGS (#8173)

1. Emergency Management requested \$5,500.00 for Indiana Department of Homeland Security 100% reimbursable grant for training.

Jennifer Tobey presented this request to the Council.

On motion made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, to vote on and approve the following additional appropriations together as they are for setting up funds for the 2022 year.

(T. 2022 HMEP (EMA) Training (#8173)-\$5000.00 U. 2022 HMEP Commodity Flow Phase I (#8174)-\$15,000.00 V. 2022 HMEP Commodity Flow Phase 2 (#8175)- \$15,000.00 and W. 2022 HMEP Exercise Training (#8176)- \$14,000.00.) With a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved these requests.

U. 2022 HMEP COMMODITY FLOW PHASE 1 (#8174)

1. Emergency Management (980) has requested \$15,000.00 for Indiana Department of Homeland Security 100% reimbursable grant a Commodity Flow Study on all North & South running major thoroughfares.

On motion made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, to vote on and approve the following additional appropriations together as they are for setting up funds for the 2022 year.

(T. 2022 HMEP (EMA) Training (#8173)-\$5000.00 U. 2022 HMEP Commodity Flow Phase I (#8174)-\$15,000.00 V. 2022 HMEP Commodity Flow Phase 2 (#8175)- \$15,000.00 and W. 2022 HMEP Exercise & Training (#8176)- \$14,000.00) With a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved these requests.

V. 2022 HMEP COMMODITY FLOW PHASE 2 (#8175)

1. Emergency Management (980) requested \$15,000.00 for Indiana Department of Homeland Security reimbursable grant for Phase 1 of a Commodity Flow Study on all East and West running major thoroughfares.

Jennifer Tobey presented this to the Council.

On motion made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, to vote on and approve the following additional appropriations together as they are for setting up funds for the 2022 year.

(T. 2022 HMEP (EMA) Training (#8173)-\$5000.00 U.2022 HMEP Commodity Flow Phase I (#8174)-\$15,000.00 V. 2022 HMEP Commodity Flow Phase 2 (#8175)- \$15,000.00 and W. 2022 HMEP Exercise & Training (#8176)-\$14,000.00) With a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved these requests.

W. 2022 HMEP EXERCISE AND TRAINING (#8176)

1. Emergency Management (980) requested \$14,000.00 for Indiana Department of Homeland Security reimbursable grant for LEPC 2 Hazwhopper Training courses and an Exercise with a Tier 2 facility.

Jennifer Tobey presented this request to the Council.

On motion made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, to vote on and approve the following additional appropriations together as they are for setting up funds for the 2022 year.

(T.2022 HMEP (EMA) Training (#8173)-\$5000.00 U.2022 HMEP Commodity Flow Phase I (#8174)-\$15,000.00 V. 2022 HMEP Commodity Flow Phase 2 (#8175)- \$15,000.00 and W. 2022 HMEP Exercise & Training (#8176)-\$14,000.00) With a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved these requests.

X. DENTAL PROGRAM INCOME (#8178)

1. Health (614) requested \$479,083.00 to appropriate funds for 2022 Dental Program Income Budget.

Concetta Sanfilippo presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve made by Riegsecker and seconded by Graham. With a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved the request.

~~Y. DENTAL PROGRAM INCOME (#8178)~~

- ~~1. Health (982) requested \$2,114.00 to appropriate donated funds for 2022. (Withdrawn by Health Department.)~~

Z. CARES EPIDEMIOLOGY & LAB VACCINE CLINIC (#8904)

1. Health (980) requested \$136,451.00 for carryover funds to run the COVID Clinics.

Concetta Sanfilippo presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Riegsecker and seconded by Bujalski. With a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved this request.

AA. CARES EPIDEMIOLOGY & LAB VACCINE CLINIC (#8904)

1. Health (981) requested \$100,000.00 to pay Fire Department and the Center for Healing and Hope for COVID testing.

Concetta Sanfilippo presented this to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Bujalski and seconded by Riegsecker. With a Vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved this request.

BB. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (#8951)

1. Commissioners (980) requested a total of \$1,250,000.00. Funds to do a rate study for Foraker & Southwest in the amount of \$50,000.00 and funds for Survey Design Construction Inspection for Foraker & Southwest in the amount of \$1,200,000.00.

Jeff Taylor presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker. With a vote of 5 to 0 the Council carried and approved this request.

CC. INDIANATOBACCO PROGRAM (#9104)

1. Health (982) requested \$7.00 to appropriate donated funds for 2022.

Concetta Sanfilippo presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker. With a vote of 5 to 0 the Council carried and approved this request.

DD. JDAI GRANT FUND (#9113)

1. Court Services (984) requested \$9,865.56 to setup the JDAI bonus funds that were recently awarded as part of the 2021-2022 JDAI Grant.

Nathan Tipton presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Bujalski and seconded by Clark. With a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved this request.

EE. JUVENILE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT (#9120)

1. Court Services (984) requested \$23,000.00 to setup the discretionary funds that were recently awarded as part of the 2021-2022 JCC Grant.

Nathan Tipton presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker. With a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved this request.

FF. HEALTHY BABIES HOSPITAL'S PCCS (#9122)

1. Health (980) requested \$17,498.00 to setup budget for Healthy Babies for calendar year 2022.

Concetta Sanfilippo presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Yohn and seconded by Riegsecker. With a vote of 6 to 0 the Council unanimously carried and approved this request.

GG. IDHS FOUNDATION GRANT (#9151)

1. Emergency Management (980) requested \$3,600.00 for 100 % reimbursable State Grant for mini thermal imaging cameras.

Jennifer Tobey presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Riegsecker and seconded by Clark, the Council carried and approved this request.

TRANSFER REQUESTS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION

A. GENERAL FUND (#1000)

1. Coroner (107)

From:	43080 Autopsies	2,400.00
To:	42195 Oper. Supplies	2,400.00

B. CUMULATIVE REASSESSMENT (#1188)

1. Assessors (980)

From:	43050 Data Process.	15,050.00
To:	42010 Printed Forms	2,000.00
	42030 Copy Mach.Supplies	2,650.00
	42090 Office Supplies	6,000.00
	42110 Gas & Fuel	3,100.00
	42195 Otr. Oper. Supplies	1,300.00
	Total	15,050.00

C. CUMULATIVE REASSESSMENT (#1188)

1. Assessors(980)

From:	43050 Data Processing	637.00
To:	44515 Office Furn./Fixtures	637.00

On motion to approve made by Bujalski and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Commissioners:

Craig Buche & Robert LaRoy Director of the Humane Society presented this request to the Council:

- (a) Request approval of Contract for Animal Shelter Management & Animal Control Services by and between the County of Elkhart, Indiana and The Humane Society of Elkhart County, Inc.in the amount of \$220,000.00.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council carried and approved this request.

- (b) Request approval of Interlocal Agreements with the City of Elkhart, City of Goshen, Town of Middlebury, Town of Wakarusa, Town of Bristol and Town of Nappanee for Animal Services provided by the Humane Society. Communities are responsible for the following reimbursement amounts: Elkhart - \$139,150, Goshen - \$85,400, Middlebury - \$5,940, Wakarusa - \$6,600, Bristol - \$4,400 & Nappanee - \$11,535.

On motion to approve made by Bujalski and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council carried and approved the Interlocals.

2. Board Item: Commissioner Brad Rogers requested that Tony Peffley be appointed Chief Information Officer and salary to be \$98,878.00.

On motion to approve made by Yohn and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council carried and approved this request.

AUDIENCE ITEMS

Taxpayer Glenn Null spoke on several issues he had concerns on.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion made by Graham seconded by Riegsecker, the Council carried and approved the adjournment of the meeting at 10:11am.

Cindy Chadwell
Recording Secretary

A complete recording of this meeting is available in the Auditor's Office. The recording of this meeting will be available for one year and then erased.