

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

February 7, 2022

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 was absent. 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 18th, January 24th & January 31st 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:

County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Osolo Township Fire Department Elkhart, Indiana, County of Elkhart, Indiana and Jennifer Tobey. 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 General Fund in the amount of \$1,000 for services rendered by Dawntreader Development for the months of November & December 2021. 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 Cumulative Capital Development Fund in the amount of \$300,000. During the 2022 Budget Process these funds were inadvertently omitted from the Commissioner Budget. This account is funded every year and is used for capital items for Commissioner owned buildings and other departments who do not have these monies budgeted in their accounts. 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 Ordinance Enacting Entrance Regulations on Elkhart County Highways. 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 Ordinance Enacting One-Way Regulations on Elkhart County Highways. 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 Ordinance Enacting Turning Regulations on Elkhart County Highways. 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 Ordinance Enacting Yield Regulations on Elkhart County Highways. 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 Ordinance Enacting Stop Regulations on Elkhart County Highways. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway Representative, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval to donate Survey Equipment Surplus to Valparaiso University for educational purposes. 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 NIPSCO LED Street Light Replacement Program – Jimtown. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Court Services Director, Ross Maxwell, requested approval of Out of State Travel for two (2) employees to attend Viva ProE Drug Testing Equipment Training in Newark, Delaware from 2/14/22 to 2/18/22. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

Planning & Development Director, Chris Godlewski, requested approval of additional appropriation from County Road 6 and County Road 17 NE TIF Fund in the amount of \$12,000,000 for construction of County Road 4 between County Road 17 & County Road 19. Utility costs will be reimbursed. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development Director, Chris Godlewski, requested approval of additional REDUCTION from Middlebury East TIF Fund in the amount of \$131,310 due to project closeout for Middlebury State Road 13 North Sewer Line Project. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Elkhart County Park Department Director, Ronda DeCaire, requested approval of additional appropriation from American Rescue Plan in the amount of \$4,000,000 to replace and install up to ten latrines and upgrade and install up to thirteen modern restrooms throughout the Elkhart County Parks. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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BOARD ITEMS:

County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of Agreement for Architecture and Engineering Services by and between DLZ Indiana, LLC and Elkhart County Board of Commissioners for ongoing Goshen Courthouse Repair. 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:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Mock