

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 4, 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, Administrative Manager.

***This meeting commenced pursuant to public notice under the Indiana open door law. 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.

County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Amended Agenda to add under County Highway Item 7 C.) Receipt of Bids for Road Striping. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

On a motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the March 21st & March 28th 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 Attorney, Craig Buche, requested to table the approval of 2022 Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Committee Members. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board tabled this request.

County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Interlocal Agreement between Elkhart County and the Town of Middlebury for Intersection Improvements at State Road 13 and York Drive. 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 to table the approval for Full Notice to Proceed under Progressive Design-Build Agreement with Performance Services, Inc. and bring the request back at a later date. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board tabled this request.

Redevelopment Program Coordinator, Natasha Kauffman, requested approval of additional Right-Of-Entry for “Adams Street Water Project.” 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 appropriation from County Road 6 & County Road 17 NE TIF Fund in the amount of \$2,855,000 to cover additional road/utility cost of County Road 4 construction per bid. Utility cost reimbursed by developer during project construction. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development Director, Chris Godlewski, requested approval of additional appropriation from Middlebury Ag TIF Fund in the amount of \$256,211.44 for design and construction cost of improvements to County Road 20 and County Road 37 in conjunction with Middlebury closeout costs of TIF in effort to go to zero balance. Project costs include proposal of fence along County Road 37 which is subject to project approval and TIF qualification.

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Sheriff Department, Sean Holmes, requested approval of Grant Application Review Form for STAR AOD Grant. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Sheriff Department, Sean Holmes, requested approval of additional appropriation from Star Grant Fund in the amount of \$52,464 for funds for 2022 and 2021 carryforward amount. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Sheriff Department, Sean Holmes, requested approval of Service Delivery Agreement for Elkhart County Drug-Free Community Fund. 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 EDIT Fund in the amount of \$500,000 for funds to repair a major erosion and slope failure on County Road 19 between County Road 21 (Indiana Avenue) and County Road 26 where County Road 19 meets the Elkhart River. These funds are for design engineering, right of way, construction and associated costs. 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 Indiana Department of Transportation Construction Change Order and Time Extension Summary RE: B-40097 Bridge 152 Mishawaka Road Replacement Project. 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, received Bids for County Highway Striping Program. One Bid was received from The Airmarking Company, Inc. in the amount of \$582,786.86. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved to accept and have Highway review the Bid.

Landfill Director, John Bowers, requested to award the Bid for Cell Expansion/Construction to C & E Excavating in the amount of \$2,644,543.00. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

Landfill Director, John Bowers, requested to award the Bid for Gas Well Expansion to Blue Flame Crew in the amount of \$966,170.00. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of additional appropriation from General Fund in the amount of \$1,595.09 for funds needed to zero out the COVID-19 CARES CRF Fund. 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 \$63,926.30 for funds required to close out the remaining payment for the jail demolition 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 General Fund in the amount of \$86,000 for funds required to complete the necessary remodeling to utilize the additional space leased last year in the DRTY Building (Prosecutor's Office Location.) 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 American Rescue Plan in the amount of \$375,000 for funds required to pay for construction inspection for the new courthouse. 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 American Rescue Plan in the amount of \$300,000 for funds to be used to acquire the home and parcel at the southeast corner of the new courthouse parcel. The acquisition will be combined with the rest of the courthouse parcel. 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 the American Rescue Plan in the amount of \$50,000 for funds to pay for legal services associated with the Foraker Southwest sewer 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 Segment Agreement between the County of Elkhart and New Paris Telephone for connecting point at 19747 County Road 38, Goshen, Indiana. (Transport US) On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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National Day of Prayer requests approval of Use of the Courthouse Lawn in Goshen on May 5, 2022 for worship and prayer for the event. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request with restrictions of no use of PA systems during business hours and/or when court is in session.

BOARD ITEMS:

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