

MINUTES
ELKHART COUNTY COUNCIL
117 N. 2nd St. Room 104, Goshen, In. 46526
July 9th,2022

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

Also present were Patricia A. Pickens, County Auditor; Tiara Jackson, First Deputy Auditor; Craig Buche, County Attorney; and Jeff Taylor, County Administrator.

** 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 and virtually in remote real-time observation via Web-Ex.

MINUTES: Approval of CC Meeting Minutes: June 11th,2022

On motion made to approve by Yohn and seconded by Riegsecker, with a vote of 7 to 0 the Council carried and approved the June 11th,2022 minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMISSIONERS: None

COUNCIL: None

AUDITOR: - Pickens gave financial report.

SHERIFF: None

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Craig Buche:

- (a) Consideration and Approval of Ordinance CC-2022-10. Ordinance Adopting Amendment to Elkhart County Government Personnel Policy and Standard Procedure Manuel.

On motion to table until the August Council meeting by Clark and seconded by Yohn, the Council unanimously carried and approved to table Ordinance CC-2022-10 until the August Council meeting.

EDC MATTERS:

Craig Buche:

PUBLIC HEARING
Steel Harbor, LLC.

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

President Stump asks if anyone wishes to speak on this matter. President Stump asked that the record show that no-one wished to speak on this matter.

On motion made to close the Public Hearing by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved the motion to close the Public Hearing.

- (a) Commitment and Payment Agreement.

On motion made to approve by Riegsecker and seconded by Yohn, by roll call vote the Council members votes are as follows: Stump-Aye, Hess-Nay, Clark-Nay, Graham-Nay, Yohn-Aye, Riegsecker-Aye and Bujalski-Aye. With a vote of 4 to 3 the Council approved the Commitment and Payment Agreement.

- (b) For Consideration and Approval of Confirmatory Resolution CC-2022-09 for a possible Tax Phase-In. (Steel Harbor, LLC.)

On motion made to approve by Riegsecker and seconded by Yohn, by roll call vote the Council members votes are as follows: Stump-Aye, Hess-Nay, Clark-Nay, Graham-Nay, Yohn-Aye, Riegsecker-Aye and Bujalski-Aye. With a vote of 4 to 3 the Council approved Confirmatory Resolution CC-2022-09.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Craig Buche:

- (a) Consideration and Approval of Ordinance CC-2022-10 Ordinance Adopting Amendment to Elkhart County Government Personnel Policy and Standard Procedure Manuel

Craig Buche discussed the details of this amendment to the Council. Council questioned that this was added to the agenda at the last minute, and it didn't give the Council time to read over the changes.

Clark makes motion to table Ordinance CC-2022-10 until the August Council meeting seconded by Yohn, the Council unanimously carried and tabled this request until the August Council meeting with a vote of 7 to 0.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS: None

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION EXPLANATIONS:

A. GENERAL FUND (#1000)

1. Commissioners requested \$1,500,000.00 for funds to pay for cameras and related upgrades at the jail.

Jeff Taylor explained that they have made the request for these funds out of 2 different funds the General Fund and the ARP Fund. Whichever fund the Council feels this should come out of he will withdraw the other request.

Hess questioned which fund the Commissioners recommend this request be appropriated. Commissioner Weirick stated the Commissioners recommend the ARP Fund. Jeff Taylor withdrew this request in lieu of the request being approved from the American Rescue Fund. Item J on the Agenda.

On motion to approve this request to be appropriated out of the American Rescue Fund by Graham and seconded by Yohn, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request to be appropriated out of the American Rescue Fund with a vote of 7 to 0.

B. EDIT (#1112)

1. Highway (980) requested 2,500,000.00 for funds to support approved 2021 fiber budget. These funds were scheduled to be transferred in the 10-year capital plan but were never officially transferred. Funds were also approved in the 2022 Fiber Budget and these funds were never official transferred. Funds to be transferred will be budgeted in the 2023 EDIT budget.

Jeff Taylor presented this request to the Council.

Taxpayer Glenn Null expressed his disinterest on spending more money on fiber. He asked how much has already been spent on installing fiber in Elkhart County. Taylor spoke on this.

On motion made by Riegsecker and seconded by Graham, the Council carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0.

C. EDIT (1112)

1. Highway (980) requested \$50,000.00 for funds to pay for various services related to on going right of way and real estate matters, including legal fees, appraising, title work, etc.

Jeff Taylor presented this to the Council.

On motion made by Riegsecker and seconded by Graham, the Council carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0.

D. CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT (1138)

1. Commissioners requested \$75,000.00 for funds for Demolition of Properties.

Chris Godlewski presented this to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0.

E. MIDDLEBURY EAST TIF (#4510)

1. Planning & Development (980) requested \$30,000.00 for a Preliminary Engineering report for the water treatment plant expansion.

Chris Godlewski presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Riegsecker and seconded by Graham, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 7 to 0 vote.

F. SR 13 TIF (#4514)

1. Planning & Development (980) \$6,500.00 for SR 13 Interchange Water Utility Preliminary Rate Study.

Chris Godlewski presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council carried and approved this request with a 7 to 0 vote.

G. JCC PROJECT INCOME (#4924)

1. Elkhart County Judiciary (980) requested \$61,000.00 for funds to set up FY 2022-2023 JCC Project Income Budget.

Ross Maxwell presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Bujalski and seconded by Yohn, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with 7 to 0 vote.

H. PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS (#8119)

1. Health (981) requested \$25,000.00 to set up FY July 1,2022 through June 30th,2023. The purpose of this grant is to enhance State and Local preparedness to better respond to public health and healthcare emergencies.

Melanie Sizemore presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Riegsecker and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0.

I. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (#8951)

1. Commissioners (980) requested \$1,500,000.00 for funds to pay for cameras and related upgrades at the jail.

Jeff Taylor presented this to the Council along with Item A.
(See vote and action with Item A).

J. INDIANA TOBACCO PREVENTION/CESSATION (#9104)

1. Health (981) requested \$159,500.00 To build partnerships with Elkhart County School Districts to support and implement comprehensive strategies against all tobacco use. To provide prevention and cessation messaging to students and staff to encourage quitting.

Melanie Sizemore presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Riegsecker and seconded by Bujalski the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0.

K. DIGITAL DENTAL EQUIPMENT (#9108)

1. Health (981) requested \$3,970.00 to purchase high speed handpieces for the Dental Office.

Melanie Sizemore presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve made by Yohn and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried with a 7 to 0 vote and approved this request.

L. JDAI GRANT (#9113)

1. Elkhart County Judiciary (#981) requested \$57,134.00 to set-up the fiscal year 2022-2023 JDAI Budget.

Ross Maxwell presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Riegsecker and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0.

M. JDAI GRANT FUND (#9120)

1. Elkhart County Judiciary (981) requested \$151,802.00 to set-up FY 2022 JCC Grant Award.

Ross Maxwell presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Riegsecker and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0.

N. IMMUNIZATIONS & VACCINES FOR CHILDREN (#9149)

1. Health (981) requested \$185,253.00 to provide vaccination services to the general population and offer evening and weekend vaccination clinics and to offer 2 vaccination clinics for each school corporation in Elkhart County. FY 07/01/2022- 06/30/2023.

Melanie Sizemore presented this to the Council.

Taxpayer Jim Kulenschmidt asks if any of this money is going towards COVID vaccinations for children. Melanie Sizemore answered it is for regular immunizations. Mr. Kulenschmidt requests that if any of the County money goes for COVID vaccinations for children that it be discussed with the public.

On motion to approve made by Riegsecker and seconded Graham, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0.

O. FSSA/DMH COMMUNITY COORDINATION GRANT (#8180)

1. Community Corrections (981) requested 67,500.00 to set-up new grant fund account awarded to Community Corrections. FY 2022- 02/28/2023.

Jeff Taylor presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Yohn and seconded by Riegsecker. The Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0.

REDUCTIONS:

P. CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT (#1138)

1. Commissioners (980) requested a reduction in the amount of -\$144,763.64. for project #202612 to be closed out.

Q. CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT (#1138)

1. Commissioners (980) requested a reduction in the amount of -\$16,863.06 to close out project #202613.

R. CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT (#1138)

1. Commissioners (980) requested a reduction in the amount of -\$47,643.53 to close out project #202606.

On motion made to approve reductions P thru R together from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138) by Riegsecker and seconded by Yohn, the Council carried and approved these reductions with a vote of 7 to 0.

TRANSFER REQUESTS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION

A.	GENERAL FUND (#1000)		
	1. Sheriff (105)		
	From:	44500 Motor Vehicles	61,000.00
		44520 Office Equip.	31,000.00
	To:	43090 Otr. Professional	92,000.00
B.	GENERAL FUNDS(#1000)		
	1. Sheriff (105)		
	From:	42090 Otr. Office Supplies	48,117.00
	To:	43090 Otr. Prof. Services	48,117.00
C.	GENERAL FUND (#1000)		
	1. Extension (145)		
	From:	42380 Capital Supplies	250.00
	To:	44515 Office Furn/Fixtures	250.00
D.	WOMEN, INFANT & CHILDREN (#8101)		
	1. Health (312)		
	From:	43510 Main/Service	840.00
		43830 Education/Conf. Costs	132.00
		44530	
	To:	Copier	972.00
E.	PROGRAM INCOME (#8178)		
	1. Health (614)		
	From:	42180 Medical Supplies	3,700.00
		44545 Otr. Office Equip.	3,700.00
		Total	145,039.00

On motion made to approve transfers by Yohn and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved these transfers with a 7 to 0 vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Jeff Taylor:

1. Consideration for Approval for Substantial Compliance of CF-1 Forms:

- (a) The Bristol Indiana Corporation -PP
The Bristol Indiana Corporation -RE

County Administrator Jeff Taylor explained there has been some changes with the company and The Bristol Indiana Corporation couldn't be at this meeting but will be at the August meeting.

On motion to table The Bristol Indiana Corporation CF-1 until the Council's August meeting made by Graham and seconded by Bujalski, by roll call vote, the Council members votes are as follows: Stump-Aye, Hess-Aye, Clark-Aye, Graham-Aye, Yohn-Aye, Riegsecker-Aye, Bujalski-Aye. With a vote of 7 to 0 the Council approved the motion to table.

Jeff Taylor:

- (b) General RV Center, INC. -RE
- General RV Center, INC. -PP

At the July Council meeting the Council tabled this CF-1 and asked that a company representative come before the Council and answer a few questions the Council had before finding the company in substantial compliance. Troy Bechtel representative for General RV appeared before the Council and addressed the Council concerns pertaining to: Salaries, number of employees, discussed the big gap in the dollar amounts reported versus actual dollars.

Bechtel explained to the Council there was a change in leadership of the company, and he discussed the new operation. Bechtel stated they currently employ 96 with an average salary of \$20.00 per hour. He talked about the future for the company.

Chris Stager from EDC also discussed the strides the company has made with the new leadership.

On motion made by Yohn to find the company in substantial compliance and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and founds the company in substantial compliance.

Craig Buche:

1. Consideration and Approval of Ordinance CC-2022-07 An Ordinance of Elkhart County Council Establishing the 93.354 Coop Emergency Response Grant Fund for the Elkhart County Health Department.

On motion made to approve by Graham and seconded by Yohn, the Council unanimously carried with a vote of 7 to 0 and approved ordinance CC-2022-07.

2. Consideration and Approval of Ordinance CC-202208 An Ordinance of the Elkhart County Council Establishing the 93.959 Community Coordination FSSA/DMH Grant Fund for the Elkhart County Community Corrections Department.

On motion made to approve by Graham and seconded by Yohn, the Council unanimously carried with a vote of 7 to 0 and approved ordinance CC-2022-08.

AUDIENCE ITEMS

Robert Kelly from the Purdue Extension spoke on the Elkhart County 4H Fair and invited all the Council to come out and enjoy the activities.

Taxpayer Glenn Null spoke on several issues such as: agenda, budget and elected officials need to come to the podium when they are speaking instead of speaking from their seats. He discussed not for-profit groups.

Council President Stump spoke if a company has a representative at the meeting moving them up on the agenda instead of having them sit through the whole meeting.

Chris Stager, Yohn and Clark spoke on scoring system used for abatements.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion made by Clark seconded by Riegsecker, the Council carried and approved the adjournment of the meeting at 9.33 am.

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.