

MINUTES
ELKHART COUNTY COUNCIL
117 N. 2nd St. Room 104, Goshen, In. 46526
September 10th,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, 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, 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: August 13th,2022

On motion made to approve by Riegsecker and seconded by Clark, with a vote of 7 to 0 the Council carried and approved the August 13th,2022 minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMISSIONERS: None

COUNCIL: Graham talked about the Goshen Theater which was bought and restored by Premier Arts. This weekend The Odd Couple is playing. He said it was very entertaining and worthwhile to see. He encouraged everyone to get out this weekend to see it and to support the local arts.

Yohn- Gave a brief report on 2 tours of local companies he took this week.

Brinco-The Bristol Indiana Corp. is a foundry that manufactures running gears for railcars. He discussed the process, the money they have invested and the current challenge of hiring employees.

Entech is a tire grinding facility that also produces rubber parts. He discussed the process and the different products they make with the recycled materials.

Stump stated he wanted to go on those tours, but they were on a date that he couldn't attend.

Bujalski stated that he reached out the Elkhart County Humane Society regarding a negative story on a social community site to see if they could do anything to help. Bujalski reported a positive discussion and was thanked that he reached out to get the whole story. Bujalski stated they are overwhelmed with cats and dogs. With a staff of 27 they could probably double the staff with the number of animals they have. He encouraged everyone that has animals to do the right thing by them and not just dumped them along side the road.

AUDITOR: - Pickens gave financial report.

SHERIFF: None

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Jeff Taylor:

- (a) Consideration and Approval of Amended Salary Ordinance CC-2022-13-Landfill.

On motion made to approve by Yohn and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved Ordinance CC-2022-13, with a 7 to 0 vote.

- (b) Consideration and approval of Amended Salary Ordinance CC-2022-14 Health Department.

On motion to approve by Bujalski and seconded by Yohn, the Council unanimously carried and approved Ordinance CC-2022-12, with a 7 to 0 vote.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS:

Craig Buche:

President Tom Stump resigned as the Elkhart County Council's appointment to the Elkhart County Plan Commission.

On motion made to appoint Steven E. Clark to the Elkhart County Plan Commission by Riegsecker and seconded by Graham, the Council unanimously carried and approved the appointment of Steven E. Clark to the Elkhart County Plan Commission, with a vote of 7 to 0.

1. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION EXPLANATIONS:

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

- ~~1. Commissioners requested \$1,100,000.00 for funds to pay for camera upgrades at the jail.~~

On motion to withdraw the request made by Riegsecker and seconded by Bujalski, the council carried and approved to withdraw the request, with a vote of 7 to 0.

B. AMERICAN RESCUE FUND (#8951)

1. Commissioners requested \$1,100,000.00 for funds to pay for camera upgrades at the jail.

Jeff Taylor presented this request to the Council.

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

C. GENERAL FUND (#1000)

1. Commissioners (130) requested \$253,025.00 for funds to be paid to the Humane Society on behalf of the communities who will reimburse the County in (2) installments. Communities are responsible for the following reimbursement amounts: Elkhart-\$139,150.00, Goshen-\$85,400.00, Middlebury-\$5,940.00, Wakarusa-\$6,600.00, Bristol-\$4,400.00 and Nappanee-\$11,535.00.

Jeff Taylor presented this to the Council.

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

D. GENERAL FUND (#1000)

1. Emergency Management (137) requested \$3,000.00 for fuel for the remaining 6 months of 2022.

Jennifer Tobey 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. CLERK PERPETUATION (#1119)

1. Clerk (980) requested \$3,000.00 for additional funds needed for document shredding service that was added to the Clerk's office.

Stump called for a roll call vote.

On motion made to approve by Hess and seconded by Yohn, the Council's votes are as follows: Stump-Aye, Hess-Aye, Clark-Aye, Graham-Nay, Yohn-Aye, Riegsecker-Aye and Bujalski-Nay. With a vote of 5 to 2 the Council approved the request.

F. CUMULATIVE DRAINAGE (#1141)

1. Surveyor (980) requested \$2,000.00 for maintenance and/or reconstruction projects on County Regulated Drains.

Phil Barker presented this request to the Council.

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

G. CR 6 & 17 NE TIF (#4511)

1. Planning & Development (980) requested \$1,000.00 for PCR lot restoration for RDC owned properties-funds are for equipment where highway will serve as labor.

Chris Godlewski presented this request to the Council.

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

H. SR 13 TIF (#4514)

1. Planning & Development (980) requested \$75,000.00 for Middlebury wastewater treatment plant expansion.

Chris Godlewski 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.

I. DATA ACTION MINI GRANT (#8167)

1. Elkhart County Judiciary (980) requested \$2,000.00 to appropriate a grant that was awarded from Oaklawn through the Data Action Mini Grant. This is to assist with any veterinary costs for the JDC trauma support dog.

Nathan Tipton presented this request to the Council.

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

J. ELEVATED BLOOD LEAD LEVEL REDUCTION (#8183)

1. Health (980) requested \$226,735.00 to appropriate awarded grants money to the program.

Concetta Sanfilippo 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.

~~K. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (\$8951) Withdrawn~~

- ~~1. Commissioners (980) requested \$2,700.00 for funds required to pay for a generator for the new courthouse. This is an upgrade from the original plan to fully power the courthouse during an outage with natural gas.~~

L. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (#8951)

1. Commissioners (980) requested \$2,000,000.00 for funds required to pay for construction of wastewater treatment facilities.

Jeff Taylor 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. CRRP DRUG COURT (#9130)

1. Elkhart County Judiciary (982) requested \$1.71 to transfer the grant, carry over funds from grant year 2020 for them to be expended.

Nathan Tipton presented this request to the Council.

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

REDUCTIONS:

TRANSFER REQUESTS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION

A. GENERAL FUND (#1000)

1. Veterans Services (134)

From:	43925 Burl, Std,Sail, Etc	2,500.00
To:	42195Otr. Oper. Svcs.	2,500.00

B. GENERAL FUND (#1000)

1. Weights & Measures(135)

From:	43140 Telephone	400.00
	43540 Vehicle Repair	500.00
To:	42110 Fuel	900.00

C. GENERAL FUND (#1000)

1. Extension (145)

From:	42090 Office Supplies	828.00
To:	44535 Comp. Hardware	828.00

D. AUDITOR INELIGIBLE FUND (#1216)

1. Auditor (102)

From:	43870 Tax Refunds	6,000.00
	44545 Otr. Office &	
To:	Equip.	6,000.00

E.	AUDITOR INELIGIBLE FUND (#1216)		
	1. Auditor (102)		
	From:	43870 Tax Refunds	2,000.00
	To:	42160 Clothing	2,000.00
		Total	12,228.00

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Craig Buche:

1. Consideration and Approval for Ordinance CC-2022-12 Ordinance of the Elkhart County Council Establishing the 21.027 Elevated Blood Lead Level Grant Fund for the Elkhart County Health Department.

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

AUDIENCE ITEMS

Glenn Null expressed points of interest and disinterest.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion to adjourn made by Clark seconded by Riegsecker, the Council carried and approved the adjournment of the meeting at 9:00 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.