

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 3, 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.

On a motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the September 19th & September 26th, 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:

Planning & Development, Mae Kratzer, requested approval of Elkhart County for the vacation of a park known as and designated on the recorded plat of Heaton Park, a subdivision in Osolo Township, Elkhart County, Indiana, south side of Heaton Vista, 1,000 feet east of County Road 113, common address of 23100 Heaton Vista, in Osolo Township. Suzie Weirick opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. 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 County Road 6 & County Road 17 NE TIF Fund in the amount of \$25,250 for legal fees for NE TIF District and fees for continuing disclosure, TIF Neutralization, Bond Fees and partial cost of consultant to fund Unified Development Ordinance. 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 Plan Fund in the amount of \$60,000 for partial cost to hire a consultant for the Unified Development Ordinance and legal fees for Plan Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals. 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 East TIF Fund in the amount of \$2,000 for partial cost for consultant to create Unified Development Ordinance. 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 SE TIF Fund in the amount of \$2,000 for partial cost for consultant to create Unified Development Ordinance. 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 State Road 13 TIF Fund in the amount of \$2,000 for partial cost of consultant to create Unified Development Ordinance. 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 Northwest Gateway TIF Fund in the amount of \$2,000 for partial cost for consultant to create Unified Development Ordinance. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of additional appropriation from Major Bridge Fund in the amount of \$700,000 for funds required to overlay and replace the joints on the northbound Johnson Street Bridge in Elkhart. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of additional appropriation from EDIT Fund in the amount of \$900,000 for matching funds for construction costs for County Road 40 – State Road 19 to County Road 7 Buggy lanes project and funds for construction inspection services for the project. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of additional REDUCTION from EDIT Fund in the amount of \$1,700,000 for Bridge 152 – Mishawaka Road over Yellow Creek just west of US Highway 33 (construction nearing completion and under budget) and County Road 38 – County Road 31 to County Road 35 (Construction complete and under budget). On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval for Out of State Travel for Charlie McKenzie to attend Transportation Research Board Annual Conference in Washington DC January 8, 2023 thru January 12, 2023. Funds are available in the Highway Budget. 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 Cumulative Capital Development Fund in the amount of \$160,000 for funds to contribute to the Goshen Courthouse Steps to supplement the former appropriation of funds from the Cumulative Building Fund in the amount of \$185,403 approved at the August Council Meeting. 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 \$213,550 for funds for all investigative phase, design, construction inspection, etc., for the window rehabilitation at the Goshen Courthouse. 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 REDUCTION from General Fund in the amount of \$192,948.73 for parking lots that were addressed last year and the remaining funds to be returned to the General 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 REDUCTION from General Fund Skilled Craft Workers account in the amount of \$100,000 to be utilized for a corresponding additional appropriation for utilizing contract labor for various building repairs. 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 \$100,000 for funds required to pay for increased cost in hiring contract labor. Funds requested are from previous reduction. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Buildings & Grounds Director, Don Tubicsak, requested approval of additional appropriation from LIT Special Purchase Fund in the amount of \$100,000 for a water softener at the Correctional Complex that needs to be replaced. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Weights & Measurers Report for August 16th to September 15th, 2022.

Courtside Ministries requested approval of Use of the Courthouse Property in Goshen and Elkhart for the month of October. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

BOARD ITEMS:

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Doug Graham spoke on the idea of finding grants for the Historical Goshen Courthouse.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Mock