

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

December 19, 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, 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 December 5th & December 12th, 2022, meetings 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:

On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the request for approval of Elkhart County, Series 2022 Bonds Disbursement of Funds from Project Fund #1001026397 Requisition #7 Pay App #8 for the Courthouse Construction in the amount of \$3,635,698.68 was tabled.

Approval was requested of Independent Contractor Agreement by and between the Board of Commissioners and Blake Eckelbarger to maintain the Elkhart County Courthouse Tower Clock. Blake Eckelbarger explained the history of the contract and his family's involvement in maintaining the Courthouse Clock. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Mae Kratzer, requested approval of Richardson's Enterprises of Middlebury LLC represented by Surveying & Mapping LLC for a zone map change from A-1 to M-2, west side of State Road 13 (Main Street), 1,850 feet south of County Road 12, common address of 55357 State Road 13, in Middlebury Township. Suzie Weirick opened a public hearing. Surveying & Mapping Representative, Debra Hughes explained this project. No other 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 Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Mae Kratzer, requested approval of Big River LLC represented by Land & Boundary LLC for a zone map change from B-1 and PUD B-1 to DPUD B-3 and for primary approval of a 2-lot minor subdivision to be known as **HARTWOOD TREE CARE DPUD**, northwest corner of Adams Street & Bristol Street, common address of 1130 East Bristol Street, in Osolo Township. Suzie Weirick opened a public hearing. Big River Representative, Levi Rettenour, explained this project and stated that the plans did not include the removal of any trees. No other 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 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 Unified Development Ordinance Award to Abonmarche Consultant. 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 Agreement by and between Elkhart County Board of Commissioners and R. Yoder Construction for the Elkhart County Courthouse West Exterior Stair Reconstruction. 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 Sheriff Sale Program Agreement by and between SRI Incorporated and Elkhart County Sheriff. 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 approval of Ordinance of the Elkhart County Commissioners Regarding Mortgage Foreclosure Sales Conducted by the Elkhart County Sheriff. 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 receipt of proposals for Tax Sale Certificates for parcels located at 318 W. Washington, Elkhart, Indiana & 301 N. Second Street, Elkhart, Indiana. Received was an application to Acquire Tax Sale Certificates from Habitat for Humanity. Representative from Habitat for Humanity, Greg Conrad, was present for questions and discussion. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved to accept and review the proposal. Suzie Weirick opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing.

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Director of Court Services, Ross Maxwell, requested approval of Grant Application Review Form for 2023 Court Reform Grant. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried the Board approved this request.

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Director of Court Services, Ross Maxwell, requested approval of Grant Application Review Form for 2023 Court Interpreter Grant. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Director of Court Services, Ross Maxwell, requested approval of Grant Application Review Form for 2023 Justice Partners Addictions Response Grant (JPARG). On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Court Services Assistant Director, Nate Tipton, requested approval of Grant Application Review Form for FY23-24 Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative Grant (JDAI). On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Court Services Assistant Director, Nate Tipton requested approval of Grant Application Review Form for FY23-24 Indiana Department of Correction – Juvenile Community Corrections Grant. 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 Concord Township Assessor Building located at 59462 County Road 7, Elkhart, Indiana, BZA Special Use Result/Commitment Letter. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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BOARD ITEMS:

County Attorney, Steve Olsen, requested approval of Independent Contractor Agreement for Professional Services by and between the Elkhart County Regional Sewer District and the County of Elkhart, Indiana. 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 Amendment to Independent Contractor Agreement for Services by and between the Board of Commissioners and Miles Truck Services, Inc. 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 Amendment #1 to the Indiana Department of Transportation Local Public Agency Project Coordination Contract for Road Reconstruction County Road 40 from State Road 19 to County Road 7. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR;

Glenn Null spoke on several issues.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Mock