

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

January 9, 2023

President Brad Rogers 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, Suzie Weirick and Bob Barnes 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 and Governor Holcomb's Executive Orders. 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 Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Allowance of Claims as presented by the County Auditor's office.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested 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 \$3,706,183.69. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of Shah Land Development Warehouse 200 Major Variance Request. Vice President of Shah Properties, James Skillen, explained the history of the project and the request for the variance. Anchor Construction representing Shah Land Development, Bob Weaver, further explained the project and the request for the variance. County Attorney, Steve Olsen, explained the legal processes needed for the request. Following lengthy discussion, on motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the request was tabled for two weeks.

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County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval to apply for the 2023-1 Community Crossings Matching Grant. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of Recommendation for Acceptance for Bridge 152 – Mishawaka Road over Yellow Creek bridge replacement project. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Commissioners request approval for Out of State Travel for Suzie Weirick to attend National Association Regional Councils in Washington D.C. from January 22nd to January 25th, 2023. Expenses to be paid by MACOG. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement for Steven Clark was tabled.

County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Agreement for Engagement of Elkhart County Attorney. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Resolution of the Elkhart County Commissioners Under Indiana Code 6-1.1-24-6.7 Authorizing Transfer of Tax Sale Certificates to Habitat for Humanity of Elkhart County, Inc. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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BOARD ITEMS:

County Attorney, Steve Olsen, requested approval of Independent Contractor for Services for GIS Consulting Services by and between Marc Watson and Elkhart County, Indiana. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried pending legal review.

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PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Glenn Null discussed several issues.

On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned their meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Mock