

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

February 6, 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, 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 Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the January 17th, January 23rd & January 30th 2023 meetings and placed them on file.

On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Allowance of Claims as presented by the County Auditor's office.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Planning & Development Director, Chris Godlewski, requested approval of additional REDUCTION from Cumulative Capital Development Fund in the amount of \$46,987 for project closeout for Middlebury Church Demolition. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development Director, Chris Godlewski, requested approval additional REDUCTION from County Road 6 & County Road 17 NE TIF Fund in the amount of \$500,000 for partial reduction of County Road 4 Construction Project between County Road 17 & County Road 19. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of additional appropriation from County Road 6 & County Road 17 NE TIF Fund in the amount of \$750,000 for County Road 20 stub road construction. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway Engineer, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of additional appropriation from County Road 6 & County Road 17 NE TIF Fund in the amount of \$1,500,000 for County Road 17 bike bridge partial road construction costs. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Redevelopment Program Coordinator, Natasha Kauffman, requested approval of additional appropriation from Middlebury SE TIF Fund in the amount of \$33,000 for State Road 13/County Road 20 change order request for design. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development Director, Chris Godlewski, requested approval of additional appropriation from General Fund in the amount of \$131,000 for costs for Code Enforcement and costs for maintenance of Tyler-Energov software licensing. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway Engineer, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of Deerfield Estates Section IV Initial Acceptance. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Deputy Prosecutor, Joel Williams, requested approval of Out of State Travel for Kathleen Bowers to attend Comprehensive Bereavement Skills Training in Scottsdale, Arizona from April 24th – April 27th, 2023. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of additional appropriation from General Fund in the amount of \$100,000 for funds required to pay Moser Consulting. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick 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 \$2,561,862 for funds required for the balance of the Courthouse Construction Project. ARP interest earned. 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 additional appropriation from American Rescue Plan Fund in the amount of \$11,929,687 for funds required for the balance of the Courthouse Construction Project. ARP portion only. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Humane Society Operations Manager, Ben Matthews, requested approval of Contract for Animal Shelter Management & Animal Control Services by and between the County of Elkhart, Indiana and The Humane Society 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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County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Ordinance of the Town of Bristol, Indiana Delegating Municipal Authority for Planning and Zoning, Subdividing of Real Estate Building Control and Unsafe Buildings to the County of Elkhart, Indiana and Addition to Town Ordinance Land Usage. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Ordinance of the Town of Middlebury, Indiana Delegating Municipal Authority for Planning and Zoning, Subdividing of Real Estate, Building Control and Unsafe Buildings to the County of Elkhart, Indiana. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Ordinance of the Town of Millersburg, Indiana Delegating Municipal Authority for Planning and Zoning, Subdividing of Real Estate, Building Control and Unsafe Buildings to the County of Elkhart, Indiana. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Ordinance of the Town of Wakarusa, Indiana Delegating Municipal Authority for Planning and Zoning, Subdividing of Real Estate, Building Control and Unsafe Buildings to the County of Elkhart, Indiana. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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BOARD ITEMS:

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR;

Glenn Null spoke on several issues.

Bruce Hardy spoke on the CR115, CR18 & CR13 roundabout project. Paperwork submitted placed on file per speakers request.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Mock