

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

February 27, 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- absent and Kelly Ropp, Clerk III.

***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 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:

Request approval of Elkhart County, Series 2022 Bonds Disbursement of Funds from Project Fund #1001026397 Requisition #9 Pay App #10 for the Courthouse Construction in the amount of \$2,620,438.30. Brad Rogers requested this be withdrawn from the agenda until a future date.

County Attorney, Craig Buche, Requested approval of Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Elkhart, Indiana Authorizing the Investment of Public Funds. 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County Attorney, Craig Buche, Requested approval of Ordinance to repeal an outdated County Code section dealing with meetings. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Elkhart County Landfill, John Bowers, Requested approval of Ordinance of the Elkhart County Commissioners Authorizing a Recycling Incentive Program. This is a curbside Recycling Program. It is a one- time application process fee of \$25.00. 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 Agreement for Engineering Services for the County Road 18, County Road 13 & County Road 115 Project with Lochmueller Group. A petition was received for pedestrian facilities and a grant was obtained from the Community Foundation for \$105,000.00. 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 LPA – Consultant Contract with GAI Consultants for the design of Bridge 385 – Hively/County Road 18 over Yellow Creek. 17-ton weight limit. 80% matching grant. 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 Request approval of Ordinance Enacting Speed Regulations on Elkhart County Highways. 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 Amendment to One-Way Regulations Ordinance. 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 to Stop Regulations Ordinance. 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 Amendment to Yield Regulations Ordinance. 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 LPA- Consultant Agreement with American Structurepoint for right of way acquisition services for Bridge 145 – County Road 26 over Baugo 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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County Highway Engineer, Charlie McKenzie Requested approval of 2022 Paving Program Maintenance Bond. 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 2022 Goshen Dam Pond Report. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Elkhart County Landfill, John Bowers, Requested approval of Out of State Travel for John Bowers to attend North American Solid Waste Associations WASTECON in Boston, Massachusetts, September 25 – 30, 2023. Funds for this are in the budget.

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BOARD ITEMS:

None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Glenn Null spoke on several issues.

Joe Mayberry, Jefferson Township, spoke on reducing speed limit on CR 20 and CR 17, from 55 mph to 45 mph.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Ropp