

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

March 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 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.

Minutes for February 20th, and February 27th, 2023 Meetings will be approved at the March 6, 2023 Meeting.

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:

County Highway Engineer, Charlie McKenzie, requested Additional appropriation request from EDIT Fund in the amount of \$250,000 for Right of Way acquisition and associated costs for replacement of Bridge 145. 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 contract amendment with Lochmueller Group for the CR 17 – CR 38 to CR 142 project. 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 \$7,129,375 for Foraker-Southwest-Tech Project costs. 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 Commissioners General Fund in the amount of \$253,025 for Humane Society usage. 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 request from Cumulative Capital Development Fund in the amount of \$160,000 for Hudson Street Clinic roof replacement. 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 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. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Community Corrections, Helen Calvin, requested approval of Grant Application Review Form for CY2024 Community Corrections and Justice Reinvestment Funding (IDOC). 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 introduced John Snyder who presented Elkhart County with a Plaque for 35 years of membership with the Elkhart Chamber of Commerce.

County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of the Interlocal Agreement between Elkhart County, Indiana and the City of Elkhart, Indiana for Animal Control Services. 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 the Interlocal Agreement between Elkhart County, Indiana and the City of Nappanee, Indiana for Animal Control Services. 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 the Interlocal Agreement between Elkhart County, Indiana and the Town of Middlebury, Indiana for Animal Control Services. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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BOARD ITEMS:

None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Glenn Null spoke on several issues.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ropp