

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

March 13, 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, 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 February 20th, February 27th, and March 6, 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:

County Highway Engineer, Charlie McKenzie, requested to receive bids for the 2023 CCMG Paving Program. Two bids were received for approximately 12 miles of paving. One from Niblock and one from Reith Riley. On motion made by Suzie Weirick and seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried by the board, to accept and review the bids.

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County Highway Engineer, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of a vehicle purchase be tabled until additional information is received.

County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of appropriation REDUCTION from American Rescue Plan Fund in the amount of \$1,729,375.00 to shift funds to Foraker-Southwest-Tecumseh 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 permission to release Request for Proposals for Electrical Upgrades for Foraker-Southwest-Tecumseh project. 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 Interlocal Agreement between the city of Wakarusa and Elkhart County for Animal Control Services with the Humane Society. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Landfill, John Bowers, requested to issue RFP for Landfill Gas project. This is an option of Selling Landfill Gas. No cost to the County. Possible source of revenue. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

GIS Coordinator, Monica Davis, requested Additional Appropriation from GIS Fund in the amount of \$19,000.00 for additional funds to cover contracted services. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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GIS Coordinator, Monica Davis, requested Additional appropriation request from GIS Fund in the amount of \$23,000.00 for additional funds to cover contracted services from Abonmarche Consultants related to GIS. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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GIS Coordinator, Monica Davis, requested Additional appropriation request from GIS Fund in the amount of \$5,000.00 for additional funds for a GIS Intern. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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GIS Coordinator, Monica Davis, requested Additional appropriation request from MS4 GIS Fund in the amount of \$15,000.00 for cost for contracted services from Abonmarche Consultants related to GIS for MS4. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Health Department, Melanie Sizemore, requested Request Approval of Out of State Travel for Johana Morales and Nancy Madrigal Ramirez to New Orleans, Louisiana to attend conference for Disease Intervention Specialists "STD Engage 2023: Coming Back Stronger" May 15th to May 19th 2023. There is money in the budget for this. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Nathan Tipton, requested Approval for Michael Malooley to travel to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to attend the Safariland OC Aerosol Instructor Certification Course. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Nathan Tipton, requested permission to serve lunch during the monthly JDC staff meetings beginning March 2023. There is money in the budget for this request. Total cost would be \$750.00 for the year. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Nathan Tipton, requested Permission to submit 2023 IOCS Problem-Solving Court Grant Application. 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