

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

March 20, 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 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:

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented the final notice of Award and Agreement for Construction Bid on Southwest, Foraker, and Tecumseh Acres Wastewater project. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

County Highway Engineer, Charlie McKenzie, requested to Receive bids for the 2023 Wedging Program. This is an ongoing maintenance activity. Approximately 16 miles of road will be done on this project. Two bids were received, 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.

County Highway Engineer, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of No Thru Trucks Ordinance. Ordinance Number CO2023-17. Locations on CR2, CR4, and two on East County Line Road and 750 North. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. (Page 135)

County Highway Engineer, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of weight limit Ordinance for Bridge 312-CR 142 over Turkey Creek. A 24 ton bridge weight limit will be adopted. Load Ratings are reviewed during inspections. Ordinance Number CO 2023-18. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. (Page 136)

County Highway Engineer, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of Emergency Vehicle Weight Limit on Bridge 145-CR26 over Baugo Creek, Bridge 312- CR 142 over Turkey Creek, and Bridge 332-CR 142 over the Elkhart River. Ordinance CO2023-19. On a 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 Out of State Travel For Charlie McKenzie to attend TRB-Transportation Research Board, Annual Low Volume Roads Conference. Held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. There is money in the budget for this. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.
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Jeff Taylor, County Administrator requested permission to bid the CR20 Access Road. This is at CR17 and CR 20. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

Kent Myers-Highway Department requested the approval to Purchase two 2023 Tandem Axle Truck Chassis. JX Peterbuilt-Fort Wayne was a qualifying bidder at a price Of \$199,679 per unit. Funds for this purchase are in the budget. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.
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Charlie McKenzie, County Highway Engineer, requested approval of the INDOT-LPA Contract for the Right of Way phase for the Bridge 145-CR26 over Baugo Creek. 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 No. CO 2021-16B Amending The Ordinance Establishing the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Grant Fund. The County Council has approved this already. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.
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John Bowers, Landfill, Requested approval of Interlocal Funding Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal Fee Funds from the Elkhart County Landfill. 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 Service Agreement with the Elkhart County Drug Free Partnership for the Positively Elkhart County program. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.
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BOARD ITEMS:

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested approval of the Interlocal Agreement with Elkhart County and the City of Goshen, Indiana for Animal Control Services. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.
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Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested approval of the Hudson Clinic Center Roof Replacement. The County Council approved this last week. Three quotes were obtained. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR;

None.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ropp