

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 10, 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 Allowance of Claims as presented by the County Auditor's office.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Aaron Kingsley requested permission to use the Courthouse lawn for the Arbor Day event on May 5, 2023. Time will be from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. The approval is subject to some restrictions and conditions spelled out on the request. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, and seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request with the restrictions listed.

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Jeff Taylor, County Administrator requested approval of the Interlocal Agreement between Elkhart County, Indiana and the Town of Bristol, Indiana for animal control services. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

Ronda DeCaire, Director of Parks, requested approval of Grant Application for the IDNR Bicentennial Pass- through Grant Reimbursement request for \$35,000.00. (Pumpkinvine Nature Trail) On motion made by Suzie Weirick, and seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Ronda DeCaire, Director of Parks, requested approval of the Community Foundation of Elkhart County Sweet Cycle Rides Grant. This will be used to purchase water, ice cream, and

reflective stickers for helmets and bicycles. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Ronda DeCaire, Director of Parks, requested approval of a special Ordinance exception to the Park Ordinance to host a beer garden during the Humane Society of Elkhart's Paws for a Cause and Elkhart County Parks Dogapalooza co- hosted event on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at Ox Bow County Park. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. Ordinance No. CO 2023-23.

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Melanie Sizemore, Health Department, requested approval of the Grant Application for the Safety PIN Grant for \$58,722.24. This is a 2- year grant to help reduce infant mortality. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Melanie Sizemore, Health Department, requested to table the request for the LHD School Grant request for \$110,000.00. More information is needed. This request was tabled.

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BOARD ITEMS:

None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ropp