

**MINUTES**  
**ELKHART COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**117 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Room 104, Goshen, IN 46526**  
**May 18<sup>th</sup>2023**

The meeting of the Elkhart County Council was called to order by Sheriff Jeff Siegel at 4:00 p.m., in Room 104 of the County Administrative Building, Goshen, Indiana. Members present were Council President Thomas W. Stump, Council Vice President David L. Hess, Darryl J. Riegsecker, Randall D. Yohn, Adam M. Bujalski and Steven E. Clark. Council member Douglas S. Graham was absent. Also present were Patricia A. Pickens County Auditor, Tiara Jackson First Deputy Auditor, and Craig Buche, County Attorney.

\*\* 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 and virtually in remote real-time observation via Web-Ex.

**MINUTES:** Approval of CC Meeting Minutes: April 20<sup>th</sup> ,2023

On motion made to approve April 20<sup>th</sup>,2023 minutes by Riegsecker and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and approved the minutes as presented with a vote of 6 to 0.  
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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

COMMISSIONERS: None

COUNCIL: None

AUDITOR: Patricia A. Pickens gave the financial report.

1. Consideration and Approval of Ordinance CC-2023-10 Ordinance to transfer from the General Fund to the Rainy-Day Fund.

On motion to approve made by Riegsecker and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 6 to 0 vote.

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SHERIFF: None

**EDC MATTERS:**

Jeff Taylor:

1. Hearing on Travel Lite, INC CF-1 Forms-Determination of whether the company had made a reasonable effort to substantially comply with the Statement of Benefits.
  - (a) Travel Lite, Inc.-PP  
Innovations, LLC-Lot #8-RE (purchased by TLRV Properties, LLC.)  
Innovations, LLC-Lot #10-RE (purchased by TLRV Properties, LLC.)

Council members had questions about the number of additional employees stated in the Statement of Benefits and what the actual number of additional employees is.

Company Representative Bruce Korenstra explained to the Council that due to the RV Industry's severe slowdown, Travel Lite was not immune to the slowdown, therefore was not able to grow their production numbers as estimated in SB1. Korenstra did say they were able to retain their current workforce without layoffs like several companies in the area had and are continually working to increase those numbers.

Council member Hess pointed out that on the investment side of the abatement, Travel Lite, Inc /Innovations, LLC. exceeded the estimate on the SB1 with the purchase of land and improvements.

Stump stated the economy is down and that needs to be taken into consideration.

On motion that the company made a reasonable effort to comply with the Statement of Benefits made by Yohn and seconded by Bujalski. Stump called for a roll call vote. The Council members votes are as follows: Stump-Aye, Hess-Aye, Clark-Nay, Graham-Absent, Yohn-Aye, Riegsecker-Nay and Bujalski-Aye. With a 4 to 2 vote the motion was approved.

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2. Northern Indiana Regional Development Authority:

(a) Bethany Hartley presented the request to the Council.

(b) Consideration and Approval of Ordinance CC-2023-11 Ordinance to commit to an additional Term of Membership in the Northern Indiana Regional Development Authority.

Taxpayer Jim Kuhlenschmidt expressed his concern over the Council renewing their membership in the Northern Indiana Regional Development Authority.

On motion made to approve by Riegsecker and seconded by Bujalski, by roll call vote the Council members votes are as follows: Stump-Aye, Hess-Aye, Clark-Aye, Graham-Absent, Yohn-Aye, Riegsecker-Aye and Bujalski-Aye. With a 6 to 0 vote the Council unanimously carried and approved this request.

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Craig Buche:

1. Goshen Dam Pond:

(a) Submission of Goshen Dam Pond 2022 Annual Report

On motion to accept the Goshen Dam Pond 2022 Annual Report as presented made by Yohn and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved the motion with a vote of 6 to 0.

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(b) Consideration for Approval of Termination of Interlocal Agreement for the Goshen Dam Pond Project.

On motion to approve the termination of the Interlocal Agreement made by Riegsecker and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this motion with a 6 to 0 vote.  
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2. Consideration and Approval of Interlocal Agreement between the Elkhart County RDC and Town of Middlebury RDC for design engineering services for water tower replacement.

On motion to approve made by Bujalski and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved the motion with a 6 to 0 vote.  
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**HUMAN RESOURCES:**

Community Corrections:

1. Request to move all fringe benefits for all positions from IDOC Grant Fund (1130-980), Community Corrections Project Income Fund (1140-614) and Community Corrections CTP Fund (4913-980) to the Commissioner's General Fund (1000-130), effective 04-23-2023.
2. Request to move three positions from Community Corrections CTP Grant (4913-980) to IDOC Grant (1130-980), as laid out in the Statement of Salaries and Wages, Form 144, effective and retroactive to 4-23-2023.
3. Request to move 4 positions from Community Corrections Program Income (1140-614) to IDOC Grant (1130-980), as laid out in the State of Salaries and Wages, Form 144, effective and retroactive to 4-23-2023.
4. Request to move one position from Community Corrections Program Income (1140-614) to Community Corrections County General Fund (1000-179) as laid out in the Statement of Salaries and Wages, Form 144, effective retroactive to 4-23 2023.

Helen Calvin presented these requests to the Council.

On motion to approve requests 1,2,3 & 4 on the agenda together by Clark and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved the motion with a 6 to 0 vote.  
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**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION EXPLANATIONS:**

**A. GENERAL FUND (#1000)**

1. Commissioners (130) requested \$160,000.00 for funds for Lincoln Center Elevator.

Jeff Taylor presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Hess and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 6 to 0. (pg. 203)

**B. JAIL CAGIT (#1114)**

1. Building & Grounds (140) requested \$200,000.00 for building/plumbing/electrical HVAC repairs at jail.

Jeff Taylor presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Riegsecker and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 6 to 0 vote. (pg. 204)

**C. PRISONER REIMBURSEMENT (#1130)**

1. Community Corrections (980) requested \$263.05 be appropriated from voided 2-year old Dock Checks to use on CY2023 Salary expenses.

Karen Chandler presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve the following agenda items together: C. Prisoner Reimbursement Grant (#1130) \$263.05, D. Prisoner Reimbursement Grant (#1130) \$224,606.46 and E. Prisoner Reimbursement Grant (#1130) \$178,123.60 made by Bujalski and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved this motion with a vote of 6 to 0. (pg. 205)

**D. PRISONER REIMBURSEMENT (#1130)**

1. Community Corrections (980) requested \$224,606.46 to cover the current employees being paid from Fund 1130.

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**\*\*See action and vote above\*\***

**E. PRISONER REIMBURSEMENT GRANT (#1130)**

1. Community Corrections (980) requested \$178,123.60 for the remainder of salary costs for 3 positions being moved out of CTP Fund into Grant per directive & Remainder of salary costs for 4 CM positions being moved out of PI Fund into Grant per directive. (pg. 207)

**\*\*See action and vote above\*\***

F. MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY (#1176)

1. Highway (204) requested \$200,000.00 for funds to purchase a tandem dump truck upfits and equipment. There is a corresponding reduction in 1176-202 of excess funds. This request is a transfer between department numbers and is net zero motor vehicle highway budget.

Kyle Wagner presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Riegsecker and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 6 to 0. (pg. 208)

G. 2022 LR BOND CONSTRUCTION (#4625)

1. Commissioners (980) requested \$6,760,062.00 for funds received from 2022 L R Bond Construction that needs to be appropriated for construction.

Jeff Taylor presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Riegsecker and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 6 to 0. (pg. 209)

H. TOBACCO PREVENTION & CESSATION (#9104)

1. Health (980) requested \$1,363.00 to correct error. Payment was made to the wrong vendor. The refund has been received, need to appropriate the money in order to issue payment to correct vendor.

Melanie Sizemore presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Clark and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 6 to 0. (pg. 210)

I. SAFETY PIN (#9148)

1. Health (981) requested \$36,416.00 to continue the collaboration to expanded home visit programs using the Community Health Worker model, alongside Social Workers to provide support education and reduce barriers to care for pregnant women in four counties, in the Northern Indiana region. (St. Joseph, Elkhart, Marshall and Laporte).

Melanie Sizemore presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Bujalski and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 6 to 0. (pg. 211)

J. SAFETY PIN GRANT (#9148)

1. Health Department (981) requested \$193.00 to continue the collaboration to expand home visit programs using the Community Health Worker model,

alongside Social Workers to provide support education and reduce barriers to care for pregnant women in four counties.

Melanie Sizemore presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Bujalski and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 6 to 0. (pg. 212)

**Total Appropriations: \$7,761,027.11**

**REDUCTIONS:**

**K. MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY (#1176)**

1. Highway Department (202) requested a reduction in the amount of -\$200,000.00. to transfer to 1176-204-44500 motor vehicles (see corresponding additional appropriation for purchase of tandem axle dump truck upfits and equipment).

Auditor read this reduction to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Clark and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 6 to 0. (pg. 214)

**Total Reductions: -\$200,000.00**

**TRANSFER REQUESTS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION:**

A.	GENERAL FUND (#1000) Surveyor (106)	
	From: 43590 Other	20,000.00
	44400 Machinery &	
	To: Equipment	20,000.00
B.	GENERAL FUND (#1000) Veteran Services (134)	
	From: 43090 Otd. Prof. Services	2,500.00
	To: 42195 Otr. Oper. Supplies	2,500.00
C.	PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS (#8119) Health (981)	
	From: 42195 Oper. Supplies	1,210.00
	To: 43830 Education	1,210.00

D.	COMMUNITY COORDINATION (#8180)		
	Community Corrections (981)		
	43830 Conf. &		
	From: Ed.		132.00
	To: 41400 PERF		132.00
E.	JDAI GRANT FUND (#9113)		
	Elkhart County Judiciary (981)		
	From: 41210 Prot. Svcs. P/T		4,000.00
	41300 Social Security		500.00
	41305 Medicare		400.00
	43110		
	Sustenance		1,200.00
	43130 Mileage		126.00
	To: 43090 Otr. Prof. Svcs.		4,900.00
	42350og.		
	Supplies		<u>1,326.00</u>
	Total		6,226.00
	Total Between Transfers:		30,068.00

On motion made to approve transfers between funds together by Yohn and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and approved these transfers with a vote of 6 to 0. (pg. 217)

**TRANSFER REQUESTS NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION:**

(Available in the Auditor’s office)

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Jeff Taylor:

1. Consideration for Approval of CF-1 Forms:

(a) Three Limes, LLC. (Barletta Boat Company, LLC. Operating Entity) -RE

On motion made by Bujalski to find Three Limes, LLC. in substantial compliance according to the CF-1 and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 6 to 0 vote. (pg. 218)

Barletta Boat Company, LLC. 2017-21; 2017-15-PP

On motion made by Bujalski to find Barletta Boat Company, LLC. in substantial compliance according to the CF-1 and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 6 to 0 vote. (pg. 219)

Barletta Boat Company, LLC. CC-2020-13-PP

On motion made by Bujalski to find Barletta Boat Company, LLC. in substantial compliance according to the CF-1 and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 6 to 0 vote. (pg. 219A)

(b) Alliance Sheets, LLC. CC-2014-05 RE  
Alliance Sheets, LLC. CC-2014-05-PP

On motion made by Bujalski to find Alliance Sheets, LLC. -RE & Alliance Sheets, LLC. -PP in substantial compliance according to the CF-1 and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved these requests with a 6 to 0 vote

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(c) Detweiler Real Estate, LLC. CC-2019-06 & CC-2019-11-RE

On motion made by Bujalski to find Detweiler Real Estate, LLC. in substantial compliance according to the CF-1 and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 6 to 0 vote.

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Jomar Machining & Fabricating, INC. CC-2019-06 & CC-2019-11-PP

On motion made by Bujalski to find Jomar Machining & Fabricating, INC. in substantial compliance according to the CF-1 and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 6 to 0 vote.

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(d) Furrion, LLC & Spirit Realty, Way Innovation Park, LLC. CC-2021-14-RE  
Furrion, LLC. (Way Interglobal Network, LLC.) CC-2021-14-PP

On motion to table item d. until the June Council meeting to ask company representative to come before the Council by Bujalski and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and tabled the request until the June Council meeting with a 6 to 0 vote.

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(e) Furrion, LLC. CC-2015-14-RE

On motion made by Bujalski to find the company in substantial compliance according to the CF-1 and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved the request with a vote of 6 to 0. (pg. 224)



**AUDIENCE ITEMS:**

Taxpayer Cindi Hajicek addressed the Council and the Community concerning some books that are in the Public Libraries, that some people deem as inappropriate for minors to access. Hajicek stated she was just wanting to bring awareness to the Council and the Community.

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**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion to adjourn made by Yohn seconded by Clark the Council unanimously carried and approved the adjournment of the meeting at 5:17pm.

Cindy Chadwell  
Recording Secretary

A complete recording of this meeting is available in the Auditor's Office. The recording of this meeting will be available for one year and then erased.