

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 17, 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.

On a motion made by Bob Barnes seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the March 20th, 2023, meeting and placed them on file.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Received and Open Bids for the County Road 20 Access Road Project. Two Bids were received. Reith Riley for \$836,000.00 and Niblock for \$667,867.20. 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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Kent Myers, Highway Department, requested additional appropriation request from Motor Vehicle Highway Fund in the amount of \$130,000.00 for funds to replace the roof on CR7 maintenance facility. On motion made by Suzie Weirick seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Kent Myers, Highway Department, requested additional appropriation request from the Local Road and Street Fund in the amount of \$40,000.00 for funds to upgrade outdated radios and radio equipment. This is a planned upgrade in the budget. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, and seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Charlie McKenzie, Highway Department, requested the approval and award the 2023 Wedging Program agreement with Reith Riley Construction. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Charlie McKenzie, Highway Department, requested approval of the 2023 Wedging Performance Bond. 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 additional appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$350,000.00 for Electrical service allowance for Foraker- SouthWest-Tecumseh project. On motion made by Bob Barnes seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested additional appropriation request from Jail CAGIT fund in the amount of \$100,000.00 for building/plumbing/electrical/HVAC repairs at the jail. 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 additional appropriation request from General Fund in the amount of \$281,435.00 for sewer meter fees paid to City of Nappanee For receiving sewage from the Foraker/SW/Tech. 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 additional appropriation REDUCTION request from General/Construction Fund in the amount of \$630,000.00 for fund reduction to Corresponding appropriation for Foraker/SW/Tech electric and Foraker, Southwest, Tecumseh Acres, for Nappanee connection and sewer meter fees. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Craig Buche, County Attorney, requested approval of Fixed-Priced Contract for New Courthouse Amendment #2. 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 Elkhart County, Series 2022 Bonds Disbursement of Funds from Project Fund #1001026397 Requisition #10 Pay App #11 for the Courthouse Construction in the amount of \$3,034,158.94. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Steve Olsen, County Attorney, Request for termination of the Goshen Dam Pond Interlocal Agreement. This passed the Storm Water Board. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.
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Steve Olsen, County Attorney, Requested approval of State Water Infrastructure Fund (SWIF) Grant Agreement. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. (Page 177)

Natasha Kauffman, Planning Department, Requested approval of Additional Appropriation for CR6 and CR 17 NE TIF for \$30,000.00. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.
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Jason Auvil, Planning Department, Requested approval of an amendment to an existing DPUD A-1 known as MSSE Middlebury CR 20 Mid-States DPUD to allow for wall-mounted signs. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, and seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried the board closed the public hearing. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

Jason Auvil, Planning Department, Requested approval of an amendment to an Existing DPUD to allow for an additional building. Debra Hughes presented an 8500 sq ft. Building with stalls and an arena. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, and seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried the board closed the public hearing. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the board approved this request.
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Jason Auvil, Planning Department, Requested approval for a zone map change from A-1 to DPUD A-1 and for primary approval of a 1-lot minor subdivision to be known as Graber Custom Remodeling A-1 DPUD. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. Blake Doriot spoke in favor of this request. Glen Null Spoke on his concern of traffic issues. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, and seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried the board closed the public hearing. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, and seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried the board approved this request. (Page 180)

Jason Auvil, Planning Department, requested approval of a secondary approval of a 35-lot major subdivision to be known as Chelton Glen Phase Two in Washington Township. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.
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Monica Davis, GIS Coordinator, requested additional appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$30,000.00 for GIS data migration services to transition away from end-of-life equipment. This request will go to the County Council for approval also. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Steven Clark, Plan Commission, Requested affirmation of appointment of Mae Kratzer as Planning Director. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

Nathan Tipton, Court Services, Requested approval of 2024 IDOC Community Corrections and Justice Reinvestment Grant for \$75,597.00. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Nathan Tipton, Court Services, Requested approval of 2024 IDOC Community Corrections and Justice Reinvestment Grant for \$177,087.00. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Nathan Tipton, Court Services, Requested approval of Indiana Office of Court Services Pretrial Grant for \$60,000.00. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Jeff Siegel, Sheriff, Requested approval of Community Corrections and Justice Reinvestment Grant for \$255,649.64. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Jeff Siegel, Sheriff, requested approval of Patrol Officers Eric Dilley, Justin Yoder, and Jamie Sterling to attend North America Police Work Dog Association Workshop Conference in Eureka, Missouri. On motion made by Bob Barnes, and 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.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ropp