

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 8, 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, was absent and Bob Barnes was also present. Others present were Craig Buche, County Attorney; Patricia Pickens, County Auditor; Jeff Taylor, County Administrator and Kelly Ropp, Administrative Manager.

***This meeting commenced pursuant to public notice under the Indiana open door law and Governor Holcomb's Executive Orders. 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 Brad Rogers 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 Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the March 27th, 2023, meeting and placed them on file.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

John Bowers, Landfill, requested receipt of Proposals for Landfill Gas Recovery Project. The proposals will be ranked in order and consideration will be taken for a long-term commitment. Five proposals were received. On motion made by Bob Barnes and seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried by the board, to accept and release the bids to the Energy Committee, to review the bids and accept the proposals.

(Page 203)

Charlie McKenzie, County Highway, requested approval to advertise for the 2023 Paving Program. On motion made by Brad Rogers and seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried by the board, the Board approved this request.

(Page 204)

Charlie McKenzie, County Highway, requested approval of 123 E. Hively Permit for Fence Encroachment. On motion made by Bob Barnes and seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried by the board, the Board approved this request.

(Page 205)

Kevin Williams, Planning and Development, requested to Award Bids for Demolition of two properties. One on Mississippi Street and one on Fenmore Street. Ron Davidhizer, Goshen, owner of the properties, spoke on the subject. Roman Troyer, contractor from Shipshewana, spoke on the plans for improvements to these two properties. Brad Rogers moved to approve the demolition of the two properties and award the job to the lowest bidder. Seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried by the board, the board approved this request.

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator requested Additional appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$160,000.00 for Lincoln Center Elevator. On motion made by Bob Barnes and seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried by the board, the Board approved this request.
(Page 206)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested additional appropriation from Jail CAGIT in the amount of \$200,000.00 for Building and Equipment Repair. On motion made by Bob Barnes and seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried by the board, the Board approved this request.
(Page 207)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested additional appropriation from Lease Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$6,760,062.00 for Courthouse Construction. The money needs to be appropriated to be spent from these bonds. On motion made by Bob Barnes and seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried by the board, the Board approved this request.
(Page 208)

BOARD ITEMS:

Brad Rogers made an announcement that CR 40 in Wakarusa will have a full closure for the installation of culverts from May 15 for two weeks, and then will reopen to west bound traffic only between CR 7 and State Road 19.

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested approval of the appointment of Kyle Wagner as Manager of Transportation for the Highway Department. On motion made by Brad Rogers and seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried by the board, the Board approved this request.

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, requested the approval of the approved list of qualified Electricians as identified by Lochmueller group, to do the required work on the Foraker-SouthWest Sewer Project. Herman & Goetz, Inc., Cable Electric, LLC, Timpi Electrical Solutions LLC, Mechanical Man, L & M Electric, Inc. and Anglin Electric. On motion made by Bob Barnes and seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried by the board, the Board approved this request.

(Page 209)

Craig Buche, County Attorney, requested approval of the requirements to comply with Title 6 to agree and commit to no discrimination of the receipt of funds. It has been updated for the new year. On motion made by Bob Barnes and seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried by the board, the Board approved this request.

Brad Rogers made an announcement on the upgrades being made to the War Memorial at the Courthouse in preparation for Memorial Day.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR;

Glen Null spoke on several issues.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Ropp