

# MINUTES

## ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

July 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, 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 Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Allowance of Claims as presented by the County Auditor's office.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

Melanie Sizemore, Health Department, Requested approval of Grant Application Review Form for Fetal and Infant Mortality Review grant. \$75,000 a year for two years. 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, Requested approval of LPA Consultant Contract for 2024-2028 Bridge Inspection and Inventory Program. This is a four- year contract. \$557,011.00. 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, requested approval to apply for 2023-2 Community Crossings Matching Grant. 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, Requested Final Acceptance of Winding River Estates Phase II. CR 10 and CR 37. 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, Requested Final Acceptance Winding River Estates Phase III. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. (Page 257)

Melanie Sizemore, Health Department, requested Brad Rogers open a Public Hearing to consider opt-in to receive funding from SEA 4. Public Hearing opened. Paul Shetler Fast, Jim Kuhlenschmidt, Liliana Quintero, Susan Stiffney, Phyllis Miller, Bekah Schrag, Glenn Null, Tara Norris, Cindi Hajicek, and David Toney all expressed their concerns, both positive and negative. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the public hearing was closed. On motion made by Suzie Weirick to opt into the program, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried the board approved this request. Resolution CO 2023-33. (Page 258)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney Requested approval of electrical proposals for the Foraker-Southwest-Tecumseh Project. There were 42 property proposals presented. On motion made by Bob Barnes to approve all of the Homeowners listed with the lowest bid presented for the project. Seconded by Suzie Weirick, and unanimously carried the board approved this request. (Page 259)

Brad Rogers presented a request from Courtside Ministries to utilize Goshen Courthouse lawn in July. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. (Page 260)

Brad Rogers presented a request from Jason Hill to utilize Parking Lot & Grass Area of old jail area in August. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board denied this request.

#### **BOARD ITEMS:**

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, requested to receive bids for the audio visual information Technology for the Elkhart County Court Campus. Two Bids were received. One bid from BIS Digital (Business Information Systems, Inc.) and one bid from New Era Technology. Steve recommended these bids be sent to the County Administrator to work with the IT Department to review. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

#### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR;**

Glen Null spoke on several issues.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ropp