

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

July 3, 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:

On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the May 22nd, and May 30, 2023 meetings and placed them on file.

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BOARD ITEMS:

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested Additional Appropriation from Commissioners General Fund in the amount of \$50,000.00 for funds needed to remove log jam from river near Ox Bow Park. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. This will be sent to the County Council.

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Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested Additional Appropriation from Buildings & Grounds LIT Special Purpose Fund in the amount of \$180,000.00 for landfill methane gas compressor service & repair. 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 Buildings & Grounds LIT Special Purpose Fund in the amount of \$350,000.00 for funds required to update the jail HVAC controllers. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the board approved this request. (Page 249)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested transfer of funds from the Landfill operating fund into the Environmental Special Projects Fund, Center for Community Justice project in the amount of \$100,000.00 for funds for Center for Community Justice. Kathy Royer, Chairman of the CCJ Board spoke in support of this project. This request also includes an additional appropriation request due to the transfer of funds. 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 transfer of funds from the Landfill operating fund into the Environmental Special Projects Fund, for the Council on Aging project in the amount of \$100,000.00 for funds for Council on Aging. David Toney, CEO of the Council on Aging spoke in support of this project. This request also includes an additional appropriation request due to the transfer of funds. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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BOARD ITEMS:

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, requested approval of work order #5 for quick Security Assess with cyber insurance security review with Moser Consulting for a fee of \$1200.00 with a completion date of July 14, 2023. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ropp