

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

July 31, 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.

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:

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, Requested approval of electrical proposals for the Foraker-Southwest Tecumseh Project. There were 7 properties presented with the recommendation be awarded to the lowest bidder of these properties. 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, requested approval of Foraker-Southwest-Tecumseh Project Change Order number two. AIS valves are not available, and they need to move forward with the project so they are changing the requirement to a non AIS valve. In addition, there are some field tile that needs repair that they have found. There will be a reduction in cost of the valves with this change of \$16,840.88. The cost to repair the tile is \$5856.53. With the net savings on this change being \$10,984.35. 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, requested approval of Foraker, Southwest, Tecumseh, Pay Application #1 and #2. H & G Underground Utilities for \$613,744.52 and \$706,072.68. 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 Credit Card Ordinance for Commissioners on the 2nd reading. This week a majority vote is needed to approve. Bob Barnes moved to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Brad Rogers. Motion carried by a majority vote. Brad Rogers-yes, Bob Barnes-yes, Suzie Weirick-no. Ordinance No. CO2023-37.

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Craig Buche, County Attorney, requested approval of Updated Agreement for Center for Community Justice funding. This is a one- year agreement. 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 Updated Agreement for Council on Aging. This is for \$100,000.00. Agreement runs from July1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Commissioner Brad Rogers, Requested Road closure for October 14, 2023, between 8am-3pm, for Baked by Vi, LLC for a partial city block on Main Street, between Market Street and Third Street in New Paris, for hosting a town block party. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, The Board approved this request.

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Nathan Tipton, Court Services, requested approval of Grant Application Review Form for Indiana Department of Health Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) for Infectious Disease Detection & Mitigation of COVID-19 in Confinement Facilities. Grant to be used for Tech 84 Body Scanners and 30 tablets to be used by the people in the program. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Prosecutors Office, Request approval of Grant Application Renewal for STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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BOARD ITEMS:

Craig Buche, County Attorney, request approval of License for Access to Conduct Mallard Research on CR 20 South of CR17 on County property. This is a natural wetland. Research will be conducted by Franklin College, August of 2023 thru August of 2024. 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 a Maintenance Agreement with Trane for HVAC for several county properties. This is a three-year agreement. Approximate cost is \$33,000.00 - \$34,000.00 per year. This will be for 2023, 2024, 2025. On motion made by Bob Barnes seconded by Suzie Weirick, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.
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Craig Buche, County Attorney, requested approval of authorized lease agreement for four vehicles for the Prosecutors office with a fleet manager through a program for government Purchases, these lease payments will be processed through 1st Source as they have in the past. This is budgeted for within their accounts. This is also authorizing the Prosecutor or the Chief Deputy be authorized to sign the agreement. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

Brad Rogers, Commissioner, announced that the Library Board Applications are online for the Commissioner appointments. These applications will soon transition to an application for all Board appointments.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR;

Glenn Null spoke on credit card usage.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ropp