

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Aug 21, 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. 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 Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the July 10, 2023 meeting and placed them on file.

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:

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested approval of Elkhart County, Series 2022 Bonds Disbursement of Funds from Project Fund #1001026397, Requisition #14, Pay App #15 for the Courthouse Construction in the amount of \$ 1,736,712.00. 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 electrical proposals for the Foraker-Southwest Tecumseh Project. Six bids were presented for approval. Suzie Weirick moved to accept the six proposals with the lowest bid, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested consideration of a bond rider with Performance Services. The scope of the work changed, and the bond amount is increased By \$2,113,850.00. 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 consideration of addendum to an agreement with Lochmueller for Foraker-Southwest-Tecumseh project. Administrative work increased in the Lochmueller contract. 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 consideration of appointments to the Northern Indiana Regional Development Authority. This is retention and continuation for the next eight years. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. (Page 309)

Charlie McKenzie, Highway, requested approval of Speed Regulations Ordinance Amendment. Ordinance CO 2023-40. There are three items identified in this ordinance. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. (Page 310)

Brad Rogers, Commissioner, announced a request from Frank Films to close Walorski Parkway August 29th-30th, has been withdrawn by the requester.

Melanie Sizemore, Health Department, requested approval of Grant Application Review Form – Safety PIN Grant -MCH grant. The dollar amount is \$5,000.00 at \$2500.00 for two years. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. (Page 311)

Jason Auvil, Planning, represented by Surveying and Mapping LLC is requesting a zone map change from A-1 to GPUD B-3 to be known as North Trace RV Resort GPUD B-3. Steve Showalter was present to answer any questions anyone might have. He clarified a few changes based on the concerns presented. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. Andrew Rumpfelt, adjoining property owner expressed concerns about a private shooting range that he has. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, 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 with the comment to make sure and move the pool. (Page 312)

Jason Auvil, Planning, presented Swank & White LLC represented by Abonmarche Consultants is requesting a zone map change from R-1 to R-3, the location is the northwest side of SR 120. 3,105 ft northeast of CR 19, common address of 20551 SR 120 in Washington Township. Plan commission made no recommendation. Brad Rogers opened a Public hearing. Chris Godlewski spoke on behalf of Abonmarche about the project. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, 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.

BOARD ITEMS: None

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