

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

September 18, 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 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 August 14th, 2023, meetings and placed them on file.

On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes 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 are three proposals to be considered and awarded to the lowest bidder. 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, Electrical RFQ for Sewer Project – Contractor Approval. This is a request for qualification. Commissioners encourage contractors to submit a request to be considered. Another contractor has submitted their name. Energy Solutions LLC, DBA Traeger, LLC. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Brad Rogers, Commissioner, Appointment of Board member to the Goshen Public Library Board. The recommendation to approve Randall Jacobs to the Goshen Public Library Board. 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 approval of Elkhart County, Series 2022 Bonds Disbursement of Funds from Project Fund #1001026397, Requisition #15, Pay App #16 for the Courthouse Construction in the amount of \$2,465,756.00. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. (Page 324)

Craig Buche, County Attorney requested approval of a Resolution granting authority to the County Administrator to approve meal and food expenditures. This allows the Commissioners to delegate authority to the County Administrator to approve these expenditures. Resolution No. CO 2023-45. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. (Page 325)

Craig Bushe, County Attorney, requested approval of Interlocal Agreement with the City of Goshen for the reconstruction of CR 36 on the southeast side of Goshen. This is a small project that is on the border line of county and city lines on the southeast side of Goshen. The cost of the project is \$260,709.00 and the counties portion is about 1/3 based on the jurisdictional lines, the counties portion would be \$78,819.00. This is in the existing funds and budgeted by the Highway Department. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. (Page 326)

Brad Rogers, Commissioner, explained the request by the Sheriff for approval of the Grant Application Review Form for the CHIRP Grant. This grant is to help reduce traffic fatalities due to dangerous driving. This grant is in effect from October 2023 through September of 2024. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. (Page 327)

Mae Kratzer, Planning, requested additional appropriation request from Northeast Corridor TIF Fund in the amount of \$89,337.74 for spring installment of Love's allocation area pursuant to Bond Purchase Agreement with reduction request from the refund & other account to administrative fees in the amount of \$4,763.37. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. (Page 328)

Mae Kratzer, Planning, requested additional appropriation request from the North Baugo TIF Fund in the amount of \$3,731.05 for spring installment of Redevelopment Commission pledge of 80% of TIF revenues. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. (Page 329)

Mae Kratzer, Planning, requested additional appropriation request from Western Gateway TIF Fund in the amount of \$6,341.47 for spring installment of Redevelopment Commission pledge of 95% of TIF revenues. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Jason Auvil, Planning, Requested approval of Paul Alvey, Robert Deering & Deanna Deering, & Marion Schrock & Brenda Schrock for a zone map change from DPUD R-4 to A-1, south end of the easement, east of Crossview Ln, 730 ft south of Refuge Dr, east of Ash Rd., common address of 58490 Crossview Ln. in Baugo Township. This was a DPUD of the name of Voice Ministries. This property was sold and split up between the requestors. Mr. Paul Alvey, Wants to convert back to A-1 to build a single-family home. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. 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.

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John Bowers, Landfill, requested permission to advertise, Notice to Bidders for Landfill Cell Expansion of Elkhart County Landfill. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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John Bowers, Landfill, requested permission to advertise, Notice to Bidders for Landfill Gas System Expansion of Elkhart County Landfill. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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BOARD ITEMS:

Brad Rogers presented a request for Suzie Weirick as a County Commissioner to travel Outside of Indiana, to Pittsburgh to the Regional Economic Development session with a \$500.00 expense that is in the budget for travel and expense. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Glenn 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