

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 2, 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 Bob Barnes, and seconded by Suzie Weirick, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of the August 21, 2023 with amendments and August 28, 2023, meetings 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:

Brad Rogers, Commissioners, request approval of electrical proposals for the Foraker-Southwest Tecumseh Project. No proposals were presented today.

Brad Rogers, Commissioners, considered request for use of Courthouse Lawn in Goshen & Courthouse Property in Elkhart by Courtside Ministries. Every Wednesday from 9am to 11am in October at Goshen location, and every Monday from 8:30am to 11:30am in October at Elkhart location. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 346)

Kevin Williams, Building Commissioner, requested acceptance of bids for the Demolition of Unsafe Buildings. Recommendation to accept the lowest bids submitted by B & E Excavating: \$13,400.00 for Sapphire, \$8750.00 for Fenmore, \$8700.00 for Mars, and \$7900.00 for Mississippi. Ron Davidhizar spoke about the properties being considered for demolition. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. Roll Call vote was taken. Bob Barnes, yes, Brad Rogers, yes, Suzie Weirick, yes.

Craig Buche, County Attorney, requested authorization to execute deed to complete real estate transfer with the City of Elkhart RDC. Two parcels on Indiana Avenue and one parcel on York Street. They are all vacant. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Adam Coleson, Planning and Development requested approval of Wakarusa Produce Auction Inc. represented by Innovative Communities, Inc. for a zone map change from A-1 to DPUD A-1 to be known as Wakarusa Produce Auction DPUD, northeast corner of CR 9 and CR 138, common address of 65460 CR 9 in Harrison Township. 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. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Brad Rogers, Commissioner, presented a request for approval for Out of State Travel for Ashley Mendez, Paralegal Trainer and Tami Christy, Executive Administrative Manager to attend the 2023 National Youth Apprenticeship Summit October 18th to October 20th, 2023 in New York City to represent Prosecutor Vickie Becker. There are funds in the budget for this. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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BOARD ITEMS:

Mayor of Goshen, Gina Leichty presented an update on the Peddler/Reliance Road Project. She reviewed the status of the timeline for the project.

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