

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 16, 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 September 11th, 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:

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested approval of electrical proposals for the Foraker-Southwest Tecumseh Project. Two proposals were presented to approve the lowest bid received. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 351)

Tom Boomershine, PMSI, received bids for Structured Cable for the New Courts Project. The bids received were as follows: Martell Electric, South Bend for \$414,115.00, Herman & Goetz for \$588,372.00 and TDI Technologies of Goshen for \$458,500.00. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved to accept and review the bids. (Page 352)

Craig Buche, County Attorney, requested approval of Resolution for online publications. Resolution No. CO 2023-48. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 353)

Brad Rogers, Commissioner, requested approval of appointment to the Wakarusa Public Library Board. Jane Mestach was the recommendation. The term is October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2027. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

Mayor of Goshen Gina Leichty, presented a progress report on the Peddler/ Reliance Road project. (Page 354)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested approval of Surplus Items to be sold at the upcoming County Auction. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 355)

John Bowers, Landfill, requested approval to revise his travel request from Sept. 24th through October 1st, 2023, to Boston, Massachusetts to accommodate travel day to and from the conference held September 25th through September 30th, 2023. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 356)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested approval of Elkhart County, Series 2022 Bonds Disbursement of Funds from Project Fund #1001026397, Requisition #16, Pay App #17 for the Courthouse Construction in the amount of \$1,784,015.00. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 357)

Charlie McKenzie, Highway, requested approval to advertise for bids for the Courthouse Redundancy Fiber Optic Project. Bids will be due on November 13, 2023. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, The Board approved this request. (Page 358)

Charlie McKenzie, Highway, requested approval of Vehicle Weight Limits Ordinance for various Elkhart County Bridges. This includes six bridges. Ordinance No. CO2023-49. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 359)

Mae Kratzer, Planning, requested Additional Appropriation from CR 6 & 17 NE TIF in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 for Reliance Road Project to back the associated Major Moves Loan. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 360)

Mae Kratzer, Planning, Additional Appropriation request to Code Enforcement Fund in the amount of \$100,000.00 for Unsafe Structures to be demolished. Ten structures are included in this demolition. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 361)

Jason Auvil, Planning, requested approval of Paul R. Royer & Rose E. Royer Joint Revocable Trust, The Dented Can, LLC represented by B. Doriot & Associates, Inc. for a zone map change from A-1 to DPUD A-1 and for primary approval of a 3-lot minor subdivision to be known as The Dented Can Market DPUD A-1 at the northeast corner of SR 119 & CR 9, common address of 25743 CR 119 in Harrison Twp.

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 Bob Barnes seconded by Suzie Weirick, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 362)

BOARD ITEMS:

Craig Buche, County Attorney, the proposals for the Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment were received on September 5, 2023. Six proposals were received. After review by the consultant, the Best Value proposal recommended is Business Furniture. A motion made by Suzie Weirick to award the contract to Business Furniture subject to successful contract negotiations. Seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried; the board approved this request.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR;

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ropp