

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 9, 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 Suzy Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the September 5, 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. Six proposals were presented for approval of the lowest bid. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. (Page 345)

Mayor of Goshen, Gina Leichty, updated the Commissioners on the Peddler/ Reliance Road project. (Page 346)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested Additional Appropriation for \$250,000 to seal cracks, asphalt, and pave parking lots. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 347)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested Additional Appropriation for \$270,000 to replace washers and dryers at the jail. This is six washers and eight dryers. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 348)

Melanie Sizemore, Health Department, requested approval of Commercial Lease of the address 109 East Market Street, Nappanee, IN 46550 for Women, Infant, & Children (WIC) Office. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 349)

Kevin Williams, Planning and Development, requested release of a request for Quote for Demolition of 55067 Cobus Lane, Elkhart. Bids due October 20,2023. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 350)

Charlie McKenzie, Highway, requested approval of temporary closure to the bridge carrying East County Line Road over the Indiana Toll Road for purposes of a traffic study, beginning on October 16, 2023, and ending on November 17, 2023. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

Charlie McKenzie, Highway, requested approval of amendment to speed regulations ordinance of School Zone near Concord High School. CR 13 and Minuteman Way. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 351)

BOARD ITEMS:

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested change order for the paving at the Sheriff's office drive south, work will be done by Niblock. \$89, 932.00. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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