

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 23, 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 18th, 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:

Commissioners request approval of electrical proposals for the Foraker-Southwest Tecumseh Project. Nothing to approve this week.

Mayor Gina Leichty from the City of Goshen updated the Commissioners on the Peddler/Reliance Road project. (Page 364)

Bob Barnes, Commissioner, requested approval of proposal from Conserv to integrate the Juvenile Detention Center to the Jail Conserv building automation system. This is to update the HVAC controls at the jail. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, The Board approved this request. (Page 365)

Charlie McKenzie, Highway, requested approval to apply for the 2023 Rural Call for Projects for the replacement of Bridge 335, located on CR 31 north of CR 46. This bridge is Fifty years old. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 366)

Kyle Wagner, Highway, requested approval of vehicle purchase and declaration of surplus vehicle. This is a replacement of a 2006 ¾ ton to be used as a trade in of \$6500.00 on a 2023 Chevy ¾ ton with a value of \$57,637.51. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 367)

A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Weights & Measurers Report from September 16th, 2023, to October 15th, 2023.

BOARD ITEMS:

Craig Buche, County Attorney, Structured Cable Bid Award. The consultant has reviewed the bids and recommends the award to the low bidder of Martell Electric in the amount of \$414,115.00. A motion to award the bid was 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