

MINUTES
ELKHART COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
117 N. 2nd St. Room 104, Goshen, IN 46526
November 16th, 2023

The meeting of the Elkhart County Council was called to order by Sheriff Jeff Siegel at 4:00 p.m., in Room 104 of the County Administrative Building, Goshen, Indiana. Members present were Council President Thomas W. Stump, Council Vice President David L. Hess, Darryl J. Riegsecker, Randall D. Yohn, Douglas S. Graham, Steven E. Clark Adam M. Bujalski. Also present were Patricia A. Pickens County Auditor, Tiara Jackson First Deputy Auditor, and Craig Buche, County Attorney.

** 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 and virtually in remote real-time observation via Web-Ex.

MINUTES: Approval of CC Meeting Minutes:

2024 Budget Public Hearing-September 11th,2023

On motion made to approve 2024 Budget Public Hearing Minutes September 11th,2023 by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved the minutes as presented with a vote of 7 to 0. (pg. 436,437)

2024 Budget 1st Reading Minutes October 18th,2023

On motion made to approve 2024 Budget 1st Reading Minutes October 18th,2023 by Riegsecker and seconded by Graham, the Council unanimously carried and approved the minutes as presented with a 7 to 0 vote. (pg. 438,439)

County Council Meeting & 2024 Budget 2nd Reading & Approval October 19th,2023

On motion made to approve the October 19th,2024 County Council Meeting & the 2nd Reading & Budget Approval Minutes by Riegsecker and seconded by Graham, the Council unanimously carried and approved the minutes as presented with a 7 to 0 vote. (pg. 440)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMISSIONERS: None

COUNCIL: Graham on Election, Yohn on New Courthouse tour. Stump and Council members congratulate Judge Gretchen Lund on being nominated for Federal Judgeship.

AUDITOR: Patricia A. Pickens gave the financial report.

SHERIFF: Invited the Council members to see photos of their experience at the Southern Border.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION EXPLANATIONS:

A. GENERAL FUND (#1000)

1. Sheriff (105) requested \$19,980.00 to pay SRI invoices for Sheriff's Sale administration fees through 2023.

Sheriff Jeff Siegel presented the request to the Council.

On motion made to approve made by Yohn and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0. (pg.441)

B. GENERAL FUND (#1000)

1. Planning & Development/ Code Enforcement (131) requested \$25,000.00 for legal fees to cover the costs of completing unsafe structure demolitions.

Mae Kratzer presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Hess and seconded by Graham, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0. (pg. 442)

C. EDIT (#1112)

1. Highway (980) requested \$1,000,000.00 for funds to pay for Right of Way acquisition and associated costs for the Super 2 Improvement of CR 17 between CR 40 and CR 142. This is a portion of the funds necessary to acquire the necessary property for the project. More funds will be requested in 2024. This project is federally funded, and funds will be reimbursed at 80% as they are spent.

Charlie McKenzie presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Riegsecker and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 7 to 0 vote. (pg. 443)

D. LIT SPECIAL PURPOSE (#1114)

1. Building & Grounds (140) requested \$145,000.00 for funds needed to pay for Electrical service for the remaining months at the jail.

Jeff Taylor presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Hess and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0. (pg. 444)

E. CUMULATIVE BRIDGE (#1135)

1. Highway (980) requested \$100,000.00 for funds to clear trees in advance of utility relocations bridge replacement project. Bridge 145 is scheduled to be replaced in 2025, following utility relocations in 2024.

Charlie McKenzie presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve made by Bujalski and seconded by Clark, the Council, unanimously carried and approved this request with a 7 to 0 vote. (pg. 445)

F. CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT (#1138)

1. IT (141) requested \$355,000.00 for required IT upgrades for software and services as listed in the Capital Outlays Project # 231019.

Lilia Eller presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Riegsecker and seconded by Yohn, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0. (pg. 446)

G. CUMULATIVE DRAINAGE (#1141)

1. Surveyor (980) requested \$70,000.00 for maintenance and/or reconstruction projects on County Regulated Drains.

Phil Barker presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Riegsecker and seconded by Yohn, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0. (pg. 447)

H. CUMULATIVE ELECTION & VOTING (#1143)

1. Election Board (190) requested \$35,000.00 for Maintenance Contracts-Express Votes & DS200 Voting Equipment.

Christopher Anderson presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Bujalski and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0. (pg. 448)

I. MISDEMEANANT (#1175)

1. Sheriff (105) requested \$105,960.00 to pay for 2 vehicles and higher than expected jail supply costs.

Sheriff Jeff Siegel presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Riegsecker and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0. (pg. 449)

J. ~~MIDDLEBURY SE TIF (#4509)~~

- ~~1. Planning & Development (980) requested \$300,000.00 for construction of water tower and affected utility.~~

~~** Withdrawn by Mae Kratzer Planning & Development
(pg. 450)~~

K. ~~MIDDLEBURY EAST TIF (#4510)~~

- ~~1. Planning & Development (980) requested \$480,000.00 for construction of water tower & affected utility.~~

~~** Withdrawn by Mae Kratzer Planning & Development
(pg. 451)~~

L. ~~CR 6 & CR 17 NE TIF (#4511)~~

- ~~1. Planning & Development (980) requested \$1,500,000.00 for the PCR Water Utility Project, to focus on Phase 3A Berry St. & open up water access to 30+ homes.~~

~~Note 1: Estimate is based on water main with road reconstruction. If we can avoid the road, the cost will be much less. We will not know for a few months. if we will be able to avoid the roadway.~~

~~Note 2: A different appropriation for the same project will be made from a different fund later on in 2024 to appropriate Community Partner Funds to cover private property expenses.~~

~~** Withdrawn by Mae Kratzer Planning & Development
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M. EDWARD BRYNE JAG GRANT (#8149)

1. Sheriff (981) requested \$67,921.00 to appropriate awarded grant funds for 2023 JAG Grant to purchase a new fingerprint and photo system for inmates at the jail and equipment items for Goshen Police Department.

Sheriff Jeff Siegel presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Riegsecker and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0. (pg. 453)

N. EDWARD BRYNE JAG GRANT (#8149)

1. Sheriff (982) requested \$36,138.00 to appropriate awarded grant funds for 2020 JAG Grant to pay claims for Sheriff's Office and EPD.

Sheriff Jeff Siegel presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Graham and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0. (pg. 454)

Total Appropriations: \$1,959,999.00

TRANSFER REQUESTS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION:

A.	GENERAL FUND (#1000)		
	Treasurer (103)		
	From: 42010 Printed Forms	5,000.00	
	41105 Deputies	10,000.00	
	To: 43050 Data Processing Svc.	5,000.00	
	43090 Other Prof. Svc.	10,000.00	
		Total	15,000.00
B.	GENERAL FUND (#1000)		
	County Assessor (109)		
	From: 43510 Repairs & Maintenance	1,125.00	
	To: 44520 Office Equipment	1,125.00	
C.	GENERAL FUND (#1000)		
	Concord Twp. Assessor's (114)		
	From: 43050 Data Process Srvcs.	1,000.00	
	43110 Sustenance & Travel	1,000.00	
	43120 Postage	750.00	
	43130 Mileage	250.00	
	43510 Maint./Srvcs Contracts	2,000.00	
	To: 42090 Otr. Office Supplies	5,000.00	
D.	GENERAL FUND (#1000)		
	From: 43210 Publications Legal	1,000.00	
	To: 42010 Printed Forms	1,000.00	
E.	GENERAL FUND (#1000)		
	Emergency Management (137)		
	From: 43830 Ed. Conf. Cost	245.00	
	43510 Maint./Srvcs Contracts	1,220.00	
	43090 Otr. Prof. Srvcs.	800.00	
	To: 42195 Otr. Oper. Supplies	2,020.00	
	42110 Fuel/Gas	245.00	
		Total	2,265.00
F.	GENERAL FUND (#1000)		
	Public Defender (175)		
	From: 43830 Ed. & Conf. Costs	7,000.00	
	42110 Gas, Fuel & Diesel	2,000.00	
	42060 Law Books	2,000.00	
		Total	11,000.00

G	PRISONER REIMBURSEMENT/INCOME (#1130)		
	Community Corrections (980)		
	From: 42090 Office Supplies		17,370.07
	To: 43090 Professional Services		17,370.07
H.	PRISONER REIMBURSEMENT -PROJECT INCOME (#1140)		
	Community Corrections (614)		
	From: 41130 Protective Services		2,500.00
	To: 43850 Refunds		2,500.00
I.	HEALTH (#1159)		
	From: 43110 Sustenance		750.00
	43130 Travel		750.00
	To: 44535 Data Process. Hard.		1,500.00
		Total	39,390.00

On motion made by Bujalski to approve transfers above together and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved the transfers with a vote of 7 to 0.

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TRANSFER REQUESTS NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION:

(Available in the Auditor's office)

OTHER BUSINESS:

Craig Buche:

1. Consideration and Approval of Resolution CC-2023-35 Resolution Authorizing the Loaning of Money from the Local Major Moves Construction Fund for the New Elkhart County Courthouse Roadway Improvements Benefiting the Northeast Corridor TIF District.

Craig Buche explained the details of this Resolution to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved Resolution CC-2023-35 with a vote of 7 to 0. (pg. 456)

AUDIENCE ITEMS:

Glenn Null expressed points of interest and disinterest.

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Council Member Randy Yohn discussed Council Appointments and wanted to come up with a policy & process for those appointments. Council members agree to have an application and upcoming openings along with the qualifications for the Board opening, term and dates posted on the Council webpage for the public. Bujalski asked the Secretary to come up with a format and application.

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ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion to adjourn made by Riegsecker seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved the adjournment of the meeting at 4:50 pm.

Cindy Chadwell
Recording Secretary

A complete recording of this meeting is available in the Auditor's Office. The recording of this meeting will be available for one year and then erased.