

MINUTES
ELKHART COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
117 N. 2nd St. Room 104, Goshen, IN 46526
December 21st, 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 and Adam M. Bujalski. Also, present were Patricia A. Pickens County Auditor, Tiara Jackson First Deputy Auditor, and Steven Olsen, County Attorney's Office.

** 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: November 16th,2023.

On motion made to approve the November 16th,2023 minutes by Graham and seconded by Yohn, the Council unanimously carried and approved the minutes as presented with a vote of 7 to 0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Rogers announced and congratulated Charlie McKenzie for being awarded the "County Highway Engineer of the Year Award" by the Indiana County Commissioners. Commissioner Rogers presented a project report of all the projects for 2023 and discussed the phases of each project. He also announced that the Commissioners named ChoiceLight, INC. to manage Elkhart County's dark fiber network.

COUNCIL:

Graham gave a follow up report on the Amazon Project.

Yohn thanked Commissioner Rogers for his report on the 2023 projects and weighed in on the progress made at the Amazon site.

Hess discussed the financial status of the county.

All the Council members congratulated Charlie McKenzie on his award.

AUDITOR: Patricia A. Pickens gave the financial report.

SHERIFF: None

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Steven Olsen:

- (a) Request Consideration and Approval of CC-2023-38 Ordinance Adopting Amendment to Elkhart County Government Personnel policy and Standard Procedure Manuel.

On motion made to approve Ordinance CC-2023-38 by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved Ordinance CC-2023-38 with a 7 to 0 vote.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS:

Regional Sewer District:

- (a) Request Consideration and Approval for Mae Kratzer to replace current member Chris Godlewski on the Regional Sewer District Board. 4(four)term, Term Expires 01/05/28.

On motion made to Appoint Mae Kratzer to the Elkhart County Regional Sewer Board by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: None

TRANSFER REQUESTS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION:

A.	GENERAL FUND (#1000)		
	Public Defender (175)		
	From : 42090 Office Supplies		4,000.00
	To: 43830 Ed & Conf. Costs		4,000.00
B.	PRISONER REIMBURSEMENT (980)		
	From: 41115 Super & Otr. Admin.		6,798.80
	41120 Professional		19,800.00
	41125 Technicians		625.00
	41130 Protective Services		6,900.00
	41165 Excess Hours		11,740.00
	To: 43090 Professional Services		45,863.80
		Total	49,863.80

On motion made to approve the above transfer by Graham and seconded by Yohn, the Council unanimously carried and approved the transfers with a vote of 7 to 0.

TRANSFER REQUESTS NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION:

(Available in the Auditor's office)

OTHER BUSINESS:

Steven Olsen:

- (a). Consideration and Approval of Resolution CC-2023-36 Ordinance of the Elkhart County Council Establishing the FIMR State Grant Fund (9164) for the Elkhart County Health Department.

Steven Olsen explained the details of this Ordinance to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Bujalski and seconded by Yohn, the Council unanimously carried and approved Ordinance CC-2023-36 with a vote of 7 to 0.

- (b). Request Consideration and Approval of CC-2023-37 Ordinance of the Elkhart County Council Establishing the 97.067 SHSP Cybersecurity Grant Fund (8192) for the Elkhart County Emergency Management and Information Technology Departments.

Steven Olsen explained the details of this Ordinance to the Council.

On motion made to approve made by Yohn and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved Ordinance CC-2023-37 with a 7 to 0 vote.

- (c). Request Consideration and Approval of Landfill Gas Purchase Agreement.

Steven Olsen explained to the Council additional matter needed to be added to the Agreement and he requested the request be removed from the agenda.

On motion made to approve removing the agreement from the Agenda by Riegsecker and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved the motion with a 7 to 0 vote.

AUDIENCE ITEMS:

President Tom Stump asked if any member of the Audience wished to speak and there was no request to speak from the Audience.

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 4:30 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.