

# MINUTES

## ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

**November 20, 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. Kelly Ropp, Administrative Manager, was absent, and the minutes were recorded by Amy Deters.

\*\*\*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 Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the October 16, 2023, meeting with the required corrections 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:**

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, request approval of electrical proposals for the Foraker-Southwest Tecumseh Project. One proposal presented. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request for the low bidder. (Page 398)

Craig Buche, County Attorney, requested approval of Deeds of Dedication for two locations. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 399 & 400)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested approval of Elkhart County, Series 2022 Bonds Disbursement of Funds from Project Fund #1001026397, Requisition #17, Pay App #18 for the Courthouse Construction in the amount of \$2,426,151.95. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 401)

Jason Auvil, Planning & Development, requested approval of SCM Properties LLC represented by B. Doriot & Associates, Inc. for an amendment to an existing DPUD M-1 known as A Replat and First Expansion of Smart M-1 DPUD Lot 1 A on the northeast corner of CR 23 and CR 50, common address of 70680 CR 23 in Jackson Township. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. One audience member spoke in favor of this. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by

Bob Barnes and unanimously carried; the Board closed the public hearing. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.  
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Jason Auvil, Planning & Development, requested approval of Jurek Todd represented by B. Doriot & Associates, Inc. for a zone map change from PUD B-1/PUD R-2 to DPUD B-1 and for primary approval of a 2-lot minor subdivision to be known as Lot 73 and 74 Replat DPUD B-1 at the northwest corner of Modrell Ave. & Adams St., 910 ft. east of CR 9, common address of 25813 Modrell Ave. in Osolo Township. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried; the Board closed the public hearing. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.  
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**BOARD ITEMS:**

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, Addendum #3, Change to Article 5, of the RFQ for Foraker, Southwest, Tecumseh Project. Date change request on time of completion. Tecumseh Community must be completed no later than December 1, 2023. Foraker Community must be completed no later than January 19, 2024, and Southwest Community must be completed by March 1, 2024.  
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Craig Buche, County Attorney, received a letter from Abonmarche in regard to the Elkhart County Parks Restroom Improvements bid Award Recommendation. They received 3 bids, Brown & Brown General Contractor, Inc., R. Yoder Construction and C & E Excavation, Inc. Brown & Brown withdrew their bid. So, the recommendation is to go with the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest bidder, R. Yoder Construction. In the amount of \$3,928,491.43 Suzie Weirick made a motion to approve and award the bid to R. Yoder Construction, Bob Barnes seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

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**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,

Amy Deters