

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

November 27, 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 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, requested approval of electrical proposals for the Foraker-Southwest Tecumseh Project. There was one property submitted. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request for the low bidder. (Page 406)

Community Members Call to Action group requested use of the Courthouse Lawn in Goshen on Saturday, December 2nd, 2023, at 2:00 pm. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 407)

Craig Buche, County Attorney, requested Consideration of Lease Addendum Renewal of the Archives Facility located on Wilden Avenue, Goshen. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 408)

John Bowers, Landfill, requested Consideration of Special Purchase Resolution for a compactor for the Landfill. Resolution #CO 2023-52. In budget for 2024. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 409)

John Bowers, Landfill, requested Contract award for gas well work to Blue Flame Crew in the amount of \$261,660.00. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 410)

John Bowers, Landfill, requested Contract award for cell construction to Fox Contractors Corporation in the amount of \$2,290,079.00. In the budget for 2024. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 411)

Charlie McKenzie, Highway, requested award of Courthouse Redundancy Fiber Optic Project. The bid was recommended to Hoosierland Excavating in the amount of \$483,372.50. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Charlie McKenzie, Highway, requested approval of INDOT-LPA contract for the 2023-2 Community Crossings Matching Grant. This will be used for 2024 paving. The amount is \$308,005.57. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 413)

Charlie McKenzie, Highway, requested initial acceptance of subdivision, Chelton Glen Phase II. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

Charlie McKenzie, Highway, requested initial acceptance of subdivision, Deerfield Phase V. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

Charlie McKinzie, Highway, requested initial acceptance of subdivision, Prairieview Farm Phase II. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

Charlie McKenzie, Highway, requested approval of resolution adopting the 2023 Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan: Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right of Way. Every three years this plan needs to be updated and renewed. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On 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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The Weights & Measures Report for October 16th, 2023, to November 15th, 2023, was submitted. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board accepted this report.

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BOARD ITEMS:

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested award to Martell Electric for the Structured Cabling Bid. There are some known changes and a change order coming. The bid is \$414,115.00. A motion made by Suzie Weirick to award the bid subject to receiving the performance bond and certificate of insurance. Seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the board approved this request. (Page 417)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, requested work change directive 001 it is a Lateral Sewer Connection. 238 linear ft of sewer lateral from barn to house. It will be an increase in the overall cost of \$13,857.00 but there will be a decrease in cost coming later. In the end it will be a cost-savings. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 418)

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Pam Keyser – Middlebury, spoke on Covid vaccines and provided a handout.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ropp