

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

January 8, 2024

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. Two Bids were submitted for approval. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved the lowest bids. (Page 464)

Jan Noble, 906 Trout Creek Road, requested an additional appropriation from the Drug Free Community Fund in the amount of \$254,012.00 for funds on programming for Criminal Justice, Prevention, and Treatment. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved the request. (Page 465)

Craig Buche, County Attorney, requested approval of the County Attorney Engagement Agreement for 2024. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved the request. (Page 466)

Craig Buche, County Attorney, requested approval of the County Code Ordinance Update. Ordinance No. CO2024-01. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 467)

Charlie McKenzie, County Highway, presented a Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure form for Kathryn Niblock. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Charlie McKenzie, County Highway, presented a Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure form for Jeff Hershberger. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Charlie McKenzie, County Highway, requested an Additional Appropriation from Motor Vehicle Highway Fund in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for paving, construction, and associated costs. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Charlie McKenzie, County Highway, requested an Additional Appropriation request from Road Maintenance and Construction Fund in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for paving, construction, and associated costs. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Charlie McKenzie, County Highway, requested an Additional Appropriation request from Cumulative Bridge Fund in the amount of \$15,000.00 to increase bridge repairs budget from \$100,000.00 to \$115,000.00 for deck sealing, crack sealing, general maintenance, and repairs of County bridges. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Charlie McKenzie, County Highway, requested approval to advertise for bids for the 2023-2 CCMG Paving Program. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Charlie McKenzie, County Highway, requested approval to apply for the 2024-1 Community Crossings Matching Grant Program. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Charlie McKenzie, County Highway, requested approval of CR 17 Multi Use Path Bridge Construction Change Order No. 1. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Charlie McKenzie, County Highway, requested approval of CR 17 Multi Use Path Bridge Railroad Construction Contract Addendum. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 476)

BOARD ITEMS

Charlie McKenzie, County Highway, requested approval of the Railroad Agreement regarding the Sunny Side Overpass. This is a three-party agreement with Elkhart County, the Railroad and INDOT. This also defines future maintenance responsibility. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 477)

PRILEGE 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