

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

January 22, 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 Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the November 20, 2023, November 27th, 2023, December 4th and December 11th meetings 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:

Commissioners request approval of electrical proposals for the Foraker-Southwest Tecumseh Project. No proposals were submitted for approval.

Craig Buche, County Attorney, requested Consideration of RDC Expense Reimbursement Agreement for 2024. This has been in place since 1997. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 495)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney's office, requested approval of Master Products and Services Agreement with Lowery Corporation d/b/a Applied Innovation. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Steve Olsen, County Attorney's office, requested approval of Copier and Printer Maintenance and Service Agreement – Supplement with Lowery Corporation d/b/a Applied Innovation.

This item was tabled for more information.

Steve Olsen, County Attorney's office, requested approval of Interlocal Agreements with Elkhart County Regional Sewer District. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested Consideration of a proposal from Trane for the overhaul of the jail chiller. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested Consideration of a Resolution for a Commissioners Tax Certificate Sale for unsold parcels. Resolution #CO2024-02. Seventy-three properties are included in this sale. 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 INDOT-LPA contract for the right of way phase of the Bridge No. 233 – CR 36 over Yellow Creek Replacement project. 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 final acceptance of Kennedy Manor Fourth. This is one half mile of a subdivision road. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Natasha Kauffman, Redevelopment Coordinator, requested additional appropriation from PCR Adams Street Community Fund in the amount of \$75,000.00 for infrastructure in PCR funds from Community Foundation and Osolo Township. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Natasha Kauffman, Redevelopment Coordinator, requested additional appropriation from CR 6 & 17 NE TIF in the amount of \$1,550,000.00 for PCR Water Utility Project. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Mae Kratzer, Planning and Development requested Additional appropriation from Middlebury East TIF in the amount of \$480,000.00 for construction of water tower & affected utility. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Mae Kratzer, Additional appropriation request from Middlebury SE TIF in the amount of \$300,000.00 for construction of water tower & affected utility. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Mae Kratzer, Planning and Development requested Additional appropriation from Middlebury East TIF in the amount of \$500,000.00 for Warren Street utility & road improvements. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Mae Kratzer, Planning and Development requested Additional appropriation from Middlebury SE TIF in the amount of \$69,000.00 for SR 13 Watermain & affected utility engineering. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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BOARD ITEMS

None

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None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ropp