

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

February 12,2024

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 January 8, 2024, meeting and placed them on file. A motion made by Suzie Weirick to approve the minutes for January 16th, 2024, with the required correction, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes 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:

Charlie McKenzie, County Highway requested consideration of additional quote received for the BR 145 – CR 26 West of SR 19 over Baugo Creek tree clearing. This quote was received late, but it was verified that it was mailed in time. A motion was made by Suzie Weirick To accept the quote and seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, to accept the quote. The quote was from Cut Rite Services. The Base bid was \$33,900.00, Alternate Bid was \$58,500.00 for a total bid of \$92,400.00. A motion was made by Suzie Weirick to accept the quote and consider it with the other submitted quotes, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, to accept the quote. (Page 538)

Charlie McKenzie, County Highway, requested award of BR 145 – CR 26 West of SR 19 over Baugo Creek tree clearing quote. The low quote was given by Ellis Hardwoods. The recommendation to move forward with the base quote of \$29,500.00 at this time. A motion made by Suzie Weirick to award the quote, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, to accept the quote.

Steve Olsen, County Attorney's office, requested approval of Foraker-Southwest Tecumseh electrical Project Change Orders #3 and #4. A motion was made by Suzie Weirick to approve Change order #3, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, to approve change order #3. (Page 539)

Change order #4 was explained by Steve Olsen. A motion was made by Suzie Weirick to approve Change order #4, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, to approve change order #4. (Page 540)

Craig Buche, County Attorney, requested Consideration and approval of Major Moves Loan Resolution for the Dunlap/Sunnyside Avenue Overpass Project. Resolution #CO2024-05. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this resolution. (Page 541)

Craig Buche, County Attorney, requested Consideration and approval of retirement plans authorization ordinance. This will confirm, authorize and ratify the existing retirement and welfare benefit plans that are in place for Elkhart County. Ordinance No. CO2024-06. A motion made by Suzie Weirick to confirm, authorize and ratify the ordinance, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this ordinance. (Page 542)

Craig Buche, County Attorney, requested Consideration and permission to release RFP for financial consultant services for the 5-year financial plan. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board authorized the release of the RFP. (Page 543)

Craig Buche, County Attorney, requested Consideration and approval of Termination and Transition Agreement regarding fiber consultant services. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 544)

Andrew Bylsma, Health Department, Requested approval of Health SAMHSA Grant application. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 545)

BOARD ITEMS:

Steve Olsen, County Attorney's office, presented a Resolution for the Health Department Establishing local health officer staff hiring policy. Resolution No. CO2024-04. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this resolution. (Page 546)

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR;

Gabriel Camarena, 988 E. Beer Rd. Milford, Indiana 46542 spoke on several issues.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ropp