

# MINUTES

## ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

**February 5, 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-absent, 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.

A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes to approve the minutes with the required corrections for December 26, 2023, was unanimously carried by the Board. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes to approve the minutes with the required corrections for January 3, 2024, was unanimously carried by the Board.

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 to receive quotes for tree clearing for the Bridge 145 – CR 26 West of SR 19 over Baugo Creek project. (See Attachment A with quotes listed) A motion made by Suzie Weirick to receive and review the quotes, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried by the Board. (Page 523)

Charlie McKenzie, County Highway, Recommended the award of 2023-2 CCMG Paving Program. A recommendation made to award the low bid to Reith Riley in the amount of \$797,126.15, and for the execution of the Contract and Performance Bond. A motion made by Suzie Weirick to award the low bid to Reith Riley and approve the execution of the Contract and Performance Bond. Seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 524 and 524a)

Charlie McKenzie, County Highway, requested Appropriation Reduction from Edit Fund in the amount of \$237,000.00 due to request of additional appropriation to fund this same amount from the Economic Development Fund (Fund 1149). 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 Additional appropriation from Edit Fund in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for matching funds for construction costs for the Bridge 312 – CR 142 over Turkey 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 Additional appropriation from Edit Fund in the amount of \$300,000.00 for construction inspection services for the Bridge 312 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 Additional appropriation from Major Bridge Fund in the amount of \$12,500,000.00 for construction and associated costs for County's match to the Sunnyside Overpass 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 Additional appropriation from Major Moves Fund in the amount of \$4,000,000.00 for construction and associated costs for County's match to the Sunnyside Overpass 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 Additional appropriation request from Cumulative Bridge Fund in the amount of \$60,000.00 for Right of Way Acquisition and associated costs for the replacement of BR 233 – CR 36 over Yellow Creek, just west of CR 11. 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 Recommendation for Acceptance Form for the CR 40 – SR 19 to CR 7 project. This was the buggy lane widening project. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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

Commissioners presented a Request for approval of reappointment of Randall Jacobs to the Goshen Library Board. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Commissioners requested Additional appropriation from LIT Special Purpose Fund in the amount of \$550,000.00 for building repairs. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Craig Buche, County Attorney, requested Additional appropriation from Commissioners Fund in the amount of \$250,000.00 to pay for consulting services for Information Technologies. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Craig Buche, County Attorney, requested Additional appropriation from Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$234,199.00 for contributions to the Greater Elkhart Chamber's NCI program and to the Economic Development Corporation. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Helen Calvin, Community Corrections, Requested approval of Grant application for CY2025 Community Corrections & Justice Reinvestment Funding (IDOC). 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

**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,

Kelly Ropp

# Attachment A



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## DES 1902829 Bridge 145 on CR 26 Over Baugo Creek Tree Clearing Quote Results As Read February 5, 2024

### Bam Tree Service

Base Bid Clearing:	\$30,000.00
Alternate Bid Clearing:	<u>\$58,000.00</u>
Total Quote:	\$88,000.00

### KC Tree, Inc.

Base Bid Clearing:	\$74,500.00
Alternate Bid Clearing:	<u>\$74,500.00</u>
Total Quote:	\$149,000.00

### Ellis Hardwoods, LLC

Base Bid Clearing:	\$29,500.00
Alternate Bid Clearing:	<u>\$49,500.00</u>
Total Quote:	\$79,000.00

### Homer Tree Service

Base Bid Clearing:	\$95,000.00
Alternate Bid Clearing:	<u>\$65,000.00</u>
Total Quote:	\$160,000.00