

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

March 4, 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 February 19, 2024, meeting 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:

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested to advertise for the 2024 Pavement Marking Program. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 570)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested to advertise for the CR 20 and CR 37 Improvements project. 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 to approve the appointment of Buildings and Grounds Director Joe Leichtman. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

Steve Olsen, County Attorney's office, requested approval of electrical proposals for the Foraker-Southwest Tecumseh Project. One bid received for property at 67655 CR 13 for \$2,790.10. The additional \$290.10 above the established \$2500.00 limitation placed by the Commissioners, will be in consideration for the easement. The County has been working to get a formal final easement in place at this address. The recommendation is to move forward with the electrical work and is subject to and no work being completed until the final easement is granted by the property owner. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 572)

Craig Buche, County Attorney, presented the receipt and opening of proposals for the County's five-year financial plan. One proposal was received from Baker Tilly. The recommendation is to accept the proposal and refer to the auditor for review. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this recommendation to accept the proposal and refer to the auditor for review. (Page 573)

Craig Buche, County Attorney, requested approval of an Ordinance extending the landfill's recycling incentive program. This extends the ordinance to 12/31/2025. The Ordinance is No. CO2024-10. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 574)

Craig Buche, County Attorney, recommended amending the agenda to discuss the Recycling agreement. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this recommendation.

Craig Buche, County Attorney, requested approval of Addendum extending the QRH Agreement with Borden Waste Away for the landfill's recycling incentive program. This would Extend the agreement through 12/31/2025. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 576)

Craig Buche, County Attorney, Regarding Public Hearing on Landfill Gas Rights Agreement. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. John Latino from Northern Biogas, LLC spoke in favor of this project. No other individuals wished to comment after the opportunity to do so was given. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. The agreement will be finalized and brought back for final approval. No further action required today.

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested approval of Contract for Animal Shelter Management & Animal Control Services by and between the County of Elkhart, Indiana and the Humane Society of Elkhart County, Inc. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 577)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney's Office, requested approval of the Elkhart County Stormwater Management Ordinance. Ordinance No. 2024-09. This ordinance will be effective as of March 14, 2024. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this ordinance. (Page 578)

Josh Shook, Emergency Management, requested to appoint members to the Emergency Management Advisory Board. (See attachment A) A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Jeff Siegel, Sheriff Department, requested approval of Release and Indemnification for K9 Corsa transfer. Joint Resolution between The Board of Commissioners of Elkhart County Indiana, and the County of Kosciusko, Indiana. 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:

Glenn Null 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

Attachment A

County Emergency Management Advisory Council

Indiana Code 10-14-3-17(b)(1) requires each county to maintain a County Emergency Management Advisory Council. The membership of this Council is established by Indiana Code 10-14-3-17(c). As required by this provision of the Indiana Code, the following is the list of members of the membership of the County Emergency Management Advisory Council of Ekhart County:
 Name of County

Position	Name of Individual	Title of Individual
President of the Board of County Commissioners	Suzie Weirick	Commissioner Appt
President of the County Fiscal Body	Adam Bugalski	County Council Appt
Mayor of each City Located in the County	Don Lehman	Nappanee Appt
Mayor of each City Located in the County	Danny Sink	Goshen Appt
Mayor of each City Located in the County (attach extra sheets as needed)	Kristi Sommer	Ekhart Appt
Individual representing the legislative bodies of all towns located in the County	Jill Swartz	Bristol Appt
Commander of a local civil air patrol unit in the County ^{closest to South Bend}	N/A	N/A
Representative of private and public agencies or organizations who are appointed to Council by the County Emergency Management Advisory Council	David McBurre	Goshen General Hospital
Representative of private and public agencies or organizations who are appointed to Council by the County Emergency Management Advisory Council	Rocco Rigby	Wakarusa Appt
Representative of private and public agencies or organizations who are appointed to Council by the County Emergency Management Advisory Council (attach extra sheets as needed)		

Attested By:

Jennifer Tobey
 Chair of the Emergency Management
 Advisory Council (Type or Print Name)

[Signature]
 Signature

2/20/24
 Date