

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

March 11, 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 26, 2024, meetings 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:

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

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested consideration of Gibson agreement for Risk Management Services. This is a safety and loss prevention program, for \$41,800.00 per year. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 582)

Melanie Sizemore, Health department, requested approval of Grant Application for Safety Pin (Protecting Indiana's Newborns) Grant. This is a two-year grant for \$500,000.00. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 583)

Shelly Murphy, Prosecutor's office, requested approval of Victim Assistance Grant Application for VOCA 2024-2026 in the amount of \$360,860.45. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 584)

Natasha Kauffman, Redevelopment Coordinator, requested approval of the Prairie Creek Run Water Main Bid Award. The lowest bidder was Niblock Excavating at \$1,079,635.50. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 585)

Mae Kratzer, Planning and Development, requested approval for Out of State Travel for Jason Auvil to attend the Floodplain Administrator Training required by INDNR in Emmitsburg, Maryland. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 586)

Mae Kratzer, Planning and Development, requested approval for Out of State Travel for Mae Kratzer to attend the National Planning Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. April 12-16, 2024. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 587)

BOARD ITEMS:

None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Pam Keyser- Middlebury, spoke on several topics.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ropp