

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

March 18, 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 March 4, 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:

Steve Olsen, County Attorney's office requested approval of electrical proposals for the Foraker-Southwest Tecumseh Project. There are seven proposals. One is for 66095 CR 11, this address will be identified to terminate the previous contract and for permission to enter into a new agreement with the lowest bidder for \$910.61. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. The additional six properties were presented and the recommendation to accept the lowest bidder on these properties. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Brad Rogers presented the request by New Paris Park Board to close Market Street, between Main Street and Clinton Street on the evenings of May 10th, May 11th, & June 14th, 2024, for a tractor pull. Brad asked for any public comments on this, no one wished to speak. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented the names to be appointed to the CCAB that are appointed by the Commissioners. (Community Corrections Advisory Board). Nathan Tipton (Probation Officer), Nathan Henderson (Juvenile Probation Officer), Sean McCrindle (Educational Administrator), and Rachel Wolvos (Private Correctional Agency) A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 592)

Mae Kratzer, Planning Director requested additional appropriation from Middlebury East TIF Fund in the amount of \$200,000.00 for Gap funding for construction of River Mill Trail. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 593)

Natasha Kauffman, Redevelopment Coordinator, requested consideration and requested approval of Interlocal Agreement between RDC and Town of Middlebury for water tower construction. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 594)

Ronda DeCaire, Parks, requested to accept a grant from the Community Foundation of Elkhart County for \$10,200.00 for the Ox Bow Disc Golf renovations. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 595)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney's office, presented an Ordinance to allow alcohol at Elkhart County Park co-sponsored events of Dogapalooza on Saturday, May 11, 2024, and the Grand Opening of the renovated disc golf course on Friday, August 16, 2024. Ordinance No. CO2024-11. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this ordinance (Page 596)

Melanie Sizemore, Health Department, presented a proclamation for Commissioner signature for the 75th Anniversary of the Health Department. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this proclamation. (Page 597)

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