

# MINUTES

## ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

June 29, 2020

President Mike Yoder called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the County Administration Building, 117 North Second Street, Goshen, Indiana. Board members Frank Lucchese and Suzie Weirick was also present. Others present were Patricia Pickens, County Auditor; Jeff Taylor, County Administrator; Craig Buche, County Attorney and Anita Mock; Executive Assistant.

On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Allowance of Claims, as presented by the County Auditor's office.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

Director of Landfill, John Bowers, requested approval of Special Purchase 826K Compactor. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Director of Landfill, John Bowers, requested approval to advertise Cell "E" Part 2. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

County Highway Engineer, Tom Rushlow, requested approval of 2020 Paving Program CCMG-1 Contract and Performance Bond. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway Engineer, Tom Rushlow, requested approval of a speed study for the speed limit on County Road 111 between County Road 36 and County Road 32/County Road 13. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway Engineer, Tom Rushlow, requested approval of the LPA Consulting Contract for the project of the Multi-Use Bridge over US Highway33 R/W Contract with Lochmueller Group. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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**BOARD ITEMS:**

County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of Sheriff's Office to purchase a UV Disinfectant Device from the JAG Grant in which \$58,008 was awarded for the purchase. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, advised of a request from 4US Group to use Goshen Courthouse Property to host a peaceful, silent demonstration on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 from 5-10pm in support of the Black Lives Matter movement. Following much discussion a motion was made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese for a conditional approval if a pre-approved plan by the Health Officer is obtained by the close of the business day on Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The 4US Group must provide a detailed plan to the Health Officer by the close of the business day on Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Restrictions also include 6 feet social distancing and no more than 50 people in attendance. This request is also subject to the Indiana Governor announcement on Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

Discussion on the use of Face Masks in Elkhart County. Dr. Box, Indiana State Department of Health shared her recommendations. Elkhart County Health Officer shared an Ordinance from her office requiring the use of face masks. Hospital Administrators, Beacon – Karl Risk and Goshen Health – Randy Christophel shared their recommendations. Mayors, Elkhart- Rod Robertson, Goshen – Jeremy Stutzman & Nappanee – Phil Jenkins shared their recommendations.

On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned their meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Mock