

MINUTES
ELKHART COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
117 N. 2nd St. Room 104, Goshen, In. 46526
March 21st 2024

The meeting of the Elkhart County Council was called to order by Sheriff Jeff Siegel at 4:00 p.m., in Room 104 of the County Administrative Building, Goshen, Indiana. Members present were Council President Thomas W. Stump, Council Vice President David L. Hess, Darryl J. Riegsecker, Douglas S. Graham, Adam M. Bujalski and Steven E. Clark. The member absent was Randall D. Yohn. Also, present were Patricia A. Pickens County Auditor, Tiara Jackson First Deputy Auditor, and Craig Buche, County Attorney.

** 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 and virtually in remote real-time observation via Web-Ex.

MINUTES:

(a) Approval of CC Meeting Minutes: February 15th,2024

On motion made to approve February 15th,2024 minutes by Bujalski and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved the minutes with a vote of 6 to 0.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMISSIONERS: None

COUNCIL: Graham talks about Poll workers, the importance of volunteering and how rewarding it is. He encouraged people to contact their party chair or the Clerk's office to volunteer in the upcoming Primary.

SHERIFF: None

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION EXPLANATIONS:

A. GENERAL FUND (#1000)

1. Information Technology (141) requested \$101,250.00 to pay for Service Now asset management consulting services.

Jeff Taylor presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker to appropriate \$101,250.00, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 6 to 0.

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B. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS-PROJECT INCOME (#1122)

1. Community Corrections (980) requested \$23,861.50 to transfer cash from Project Income to CTP 4913-980 to cover the negative cash balance.

Helen Calvin presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Riegsecker and seconded by Graham, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 6 to 0 vote. (pg. 123)

C. CONCORD TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR (#1131)

1. Concord Township Assessor (114) requested \$3,736.00.

1. Additional Appropriation request from Sales Disclosure Fund for 2024 budget, copy machine rent needed for Sales Disclosure validation & retention.
2. Additional Appropriation request from Sales Disclosure fund for 2024 budget. Will be used for MLS to maintain access ensuring accuracy and assessments.

No one from the Concord Assessor's Office was at the meeting to present the request to the Council.

On motion to deny the request due to no one from the Concord Assessor's office being at the meeting to present it to the Council by Hess, and seconded by Graham, the Council unanimously carried and approved the motion to deny with a vote of 6 to 0.

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D. PRISONER REIMBURSEMENT -PROJECT INCOME (#1140)

1. Community Corrections (#1140) requested \$249,064.76 Transfer of cash balance from old PI fund number to new PI fund number 1122-980 per IDOC Directive.

Helen Calvin presented this to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Bujalski and seconded by Graham, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 6 to 0.

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E. CUMULATIVE VOTING SYSTEM (#1143)

1. Election Board (190) requested \$66,000.00 for Mandatory battery replacement for Election equipment per VSTOP/Indiana Election Division for equipment certification. (Every 5 years minimum).

Christopher Anderson presented this request to the Council. Graham asked why this wasn't put in the budget. Anderson stated this was new and it is mandatory for 2025.

On motion made to approve by Riegsecker, and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 6 to 0. (pg. 126)

F. MIDDLEBURY EAST TIF (#4510)

1. Planning & Development (980) requested \$200,000.00 for gap funding for construction of the River Mill Trail in Middlebury.

Mae Kratzer presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Clark, President Stump asks for a roll call vote, the Council members votes are as follows: Bujalski-Aye, Clark-Aye, Graham-Aye, Hess-Aye, Riegsecker-Nay and Stump-Aye. With a roll call vote of 5 to 1 the Council carried and approved this request. (pg. 127,128)

G. STOP GRANT (#8108)

1. Prosecuting Attorney (980) requested \$29,202.84 to fund DPA salary of \$20,006.00 annually & FICA, PERF & DPA training, printed forms & supplies. DPA is assigned to domestic battery cases. STOP grant awarded annually over 20 years. to appropriate all donated funds.

Vicki Becker presented this request to the Council.

On motion made by Clark and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and approved the request with a vote of 6 to 0. (pg. 129)

H. ITPC (#9104)

1. Health Department (980) requested \$5,735.00 to carry over from 2023.

Melanie Sizemore presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Clark and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 6 to 0. (pg. 130)

I. STAR GRANT (#9119)

1. Sheriff's Office (105) requested \$50,633.00 to appropriate approved STAR AOD Interdiction Grant from the Elkhart County Drug Free Partnership for calendar year 2024.

Sheriff Jeff Siegel presented this request to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Hess and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 6 to 0. (pg. 131)

I. JUVENILE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT (#9120)

1. Elkhart County Judiciary (981) requested \$.06 the IDOC overpaid our grant fund by .06 in 2022 and upon completion of audit we were allowed to keep the funds. With that said the funds must be transferred out of the grant fund and into our project income fund.

Ross Maxwell presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Hess and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously approved this request with a vote of 6 to 0. (pg. 132)

K. JCC DISCRETIONARY GRANT (#9143)

1. Elkhart County Judiciary (981) requested \$1.35 these funds remained from our 2022 JCC Discretionary grant. After the completion of our audit, we were instructed that we could keep the remaining funds, however they need to be moved out of the grant fund,

Ross Maxwell presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Hess and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously approved this request with a vote of 6 to 0. (pg. 133)

Total Appropriations: \$725,748.51

TRANSFER REQUESTS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION:

A.	GENERAL FUND (#1000)		
	Community Corrections (179)		
	From: 43090 Professional Srvcs.	10,000.00	
	To: 44520 Office Equip.	10,000.00	
B.	LEPC (#1152)		
	Emergency Management (980)		
	From: 43090 Other.Prof. Srvcs.	10,000.00	
	44535 Data Hardware	5,000.00	
	To: 42380 Capital Supply	15,000.00	
C.	WIC (#8101)		
	Health Department (312)		
	From: 42195 Otr. Oper.Supplies	440.00	
	To: 44510 Otr. Equip.	440.00	
D.	WIC (#8101)		
	Health Department (312)		
	From: 41200 PT. Professional	2,402.00	
	To: 43110 Sustenance	1,304.00	
	43830 Education	1,098.00	
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	Total	2,402.00	
E.	PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS (#8119)		
	Health Department (980)		
	From: 42030 Office Supplies	750.00	
	43830 Ed. & Conf.	1,175.00	
	43130 Mileage	750.00	
	To: 44505 Radio Equip.	2,675.00	
F.	IMMUNIZATIONS & VACCINES FOR CHILDREN (#9149)		

Health Department (980)		
From:	43090 Otr. Svcs.	7,000.00
	42380 Capital Supplies	7,000.00
	42180 Medical Supplies	7,000.00
To:	44510 Otr. Equip.	21,000.00
	Total	
	Transfers	51,517.00

On motion to approve transfers made by Hess and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously approved the request with a vote of 6 to 0. (pg. 134)

TRANSFER REQUESTS NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION:
(Available in the Auditor's office)

OTHER BUSINESS:

Elkhart County Extension -Robby Kelly

- (a) Presentation on the Spring Programming at the Elkhart County Extension.

Robby Kelly introduced their New Animal Production Extension Educator Kathryn Jennings. He also discussed an event coming up Grill Masters March 28th, 2024 & April 11th & 20th, 2024. Robby asked the Council members to have a couple volunteers to judge the Grill Off. Clark & Bujalski both volunteered. He gave the Council a flyer that had other events and valuable information. (pg. 137)

1. Ordinances:

- (a) Consideration and Approval of CC-2024-12 An Ordinance of the Elkhart County Council Establishing the 93.323 Enhancing Detection JDC Grant Fund for the Elkhart County Court Services Department.

Craig Buche explained the details of the Ordinance to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved Ordinance CC-2024-12 with a 6 to 0 vote. (pg. 138)

- (b) Consideration and Approval of CC-2024-13 Establishing the 16.548 Continuum Care Grant Fund for the Elkhart County Court Services Department.

Craig Buche presented the request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Hess and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved Ordinance CC-2024-13 with a 6 to 0 vote. (pg.139)

- (c) Consideration and Approval of CC-2024-14 An Amendment to the Encumbrance Ordinance CC-2024-01.

Craig Buche presented the request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved Ordinance CC-2024-14 with a 6 to 0 vote. (pg. 140)

2. Interlocal Agreement:

- (a) Consideration and Approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the Elkhart County RDC and the Town of Middlebury for the Water Tower Project.

Craig Buche discussed the details of the Agreement to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Bujalski and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved the Interlocal Agreement with a vote of 6 to 0. (pg. 141)

AUDIENCE ITEMS:

Taxpayer Glenn Null thanked Councilman Steven Clark for clarifying the abbreviations on an appropriation. He gives kudos to the Council for responsible spending. (pg. 119)

Pam Keyser presented her concerns on redevelopment incentives and the Vibrant Communities initiative and how they seem to tie into the UN Agenda. She expressed concern over the Middlebury Comprehensive Plan. She handed out a pamphlet to the Council titled “The Future of Local Agenda 21 in the New Millennium”. Clark questioned how these programs tie into the UN’s Agenda? Keyser said the same terminology and goals are in line with the UN’s Agenda. Clark went on to discuss Public Private Partnership and the development of TIF Districts. President Stump weighed in on the topic and believes Keyser’s concerns should be considered. (pg. 119,142)

President Stump announced that the Elkhart County Soil and Water Conservation District named Vice President David Hess as Conservation Farmer of the Year 2023 at their Annual Banquet. Congrats to David Hess. (pg. 119)

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion to adjourn made by Graham seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved the adjournment of the meeting at 4:50 pm.

Cindy Chadwell
Recording Secretary

A complete recording of this meeting is available in the Auditor’s Office. The recording of this meeting will be available for one year and then erased.