

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 1, 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; Tiara Jackson, First Deputy 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 18, 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:

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested additional appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$330,000.00 for structured cable for new courthouse. 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 additional appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$278,327.00 for payment to Humane Society. 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 additional appropriation from LIT – Special Purpose Fund in the amount of \$300,000.00 for building repairs, electrical, plumbing and updates at the jail. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Craig Buche, County Attorney, requested consideration of an Ordinance for Administration of Compensation for Election Workers. Ordinance No. CO2024-13. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this ordinance. (Page 603)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney's office requested Moser Consulting – Professional Staffing Services Supplement. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Judicial Systems, Inc. – Special Purchase Resolution; Master Products and Services Agreement; Software Based Subscription Services Agreement – Supplement; and Work Order No. 001. A motion made by Bob Barnes to table this item, seconded by Suzie Weirick. and unanimously carried; the Board approved to table this.

Steve Olsen, County Attorney's office, requested consideration of an Ordinance Regarding Elkhart County Groundwater Protection. This ordinance was established in 1989. It is now time for the routine review. Ordinance No. CO2024-14. Steve Olsen reviewed the terms and changes made. No one from the public wished to comment on this. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this Ordinance.

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Jeff Siegel, Elkhart County Sheriff, requested approval of grant application for Community Corrections and Justice Re-Investment Grant. The amount is \$275,000.00. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 606)

Nathan Tipton, Director of Court Services, requested approval of grant application for IDOC Community Corrections & Justice Reinvestment Grant – Adult Probation. The amount is \$208,549.00. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 607)

Nathan Tipton, Director of Court Services, requested approval of grant application for IDOC Community Corrections & Justice Reinvestment Grant – Drug Court. This amount is \$91,357.00. The second request is for approval of grant application for Office of Court Services Problem Solving Grant – Drug Court. This amount is \$114,081.00. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved both requests. (Page 608 and 609)

Nathan Tipton, Director of Court Services, requested approval of grant application for Office of Court Services Pretrial Grant. The amount of this grant is \$60,000.00. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 610)

BOARD ITEMS:

Kyle Wagner, Highway Department, requested approval of a vehicle purchase and asset disposal. Request to purchase a 2024 Chevy Pickup for \$48,999.00, transfer a 2016 Chevy pickup into the maintenance fleet and request an asset disposal for a 2012 Ford pickup that has a higher trade in value versus getting it repaired. This is a budgeted item. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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