

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

September 8, 2020

President Mike Yoder 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, Frank Lucchese and Suzie Weirick, were present. Others present were Patricia Pickens, County Auditor; Craig Buche, County Attorney; Jeff Taylor, County Administrator and Anita Mock, Executive Assistant.

On a motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the August 17th, August 24th & August 31st, 2020 meetings and placed them on file.

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:

County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of additional appropriation request from Cumulative Capital Development Fund for \$30,000. There was an overpayment to Command Sourcing for Body Scanners. The refund was received and needs to be re-appropriated. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of additional appropriation from Solid Waste User Fees/Landfill Fund for \$150,000. Monies will be moved from Solid Waste User Fees/Landfill to Environmental Special Projects. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of additional appropriation from Environmental Special Projects Fund for \$150,000 for funds to support Horizon Education Alliance and Ivy Tech Scholarship Program. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Natasha Kauffman, requested approval of additional appropriation from County Road 6 & County Road 17 NE TIF Fund for \$700,000 for design funds for County Road 4 extension/toll road exchange. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Natasha Kauffman, requested approval of additional appropriation from County Road 6 & County Road 17 NE TIF Fund for \$32,000 for construction funds for water main project in Prairie Creek Run. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Natasha Kauffman, requested approval of additional appropriation from Middlebury Ag TIF Fund for \$22,021 for refund payments for the Conservation Easement to 3 landowners. Mike Yoder recused himself from the vote. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Natasha Kauffman, requested approval of additional appropriation from Middlebury East TIF Fund for \$785,580 for reimbursement to Town of Middlebury for sewer and water fees and Middlebury State Road 13 sewer line project – north section. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Natasha Kauffman, requested approval of additional appropriation from Western Gateway TIF Fund for \$60,417 for reimbursement to landfill fund for sewer/water project. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Natasha Kauffman, requested approval of additional appropriation from North Baugo TIF Fund for \$12,694 for reimbursement to landfill fund for sewer extension project. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Natasha Kauffman, requested approval of additional appropriation from South Benton TIF Fund for \$8,282 for reimbursement to the Town of Syracuse for sewer/water extension. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Natasha Kauffman, requested approval of additional appropriation from LOVE'S TIF Fund for \$74,804 for reimbursement payment to Love's for road and sewer improvements. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Natasha Kauffman, requested approval of additional appropriation from State Road 13 TIF Fund for \$182,750 for reimbursement payment to Grand Design for County Road 2 intersection project. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of additional appropriation from EDIT Fund for a total of \$650,000. Request \$50,000 to repair guardrails when damaged in an accident. Request \$200,000 for funds to purchase right-of-way and associated costs for the County Road 17 multi-use path over US Highway 33. Request \$400,000 for funds to purchase right-of-way and associated costs for the County Road 18, County Road 13 and County Road 115 intersection project. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of additional appropriation from Motor Vehicle Highway Fund for \$15,000 for funds needed for buggy plates, stickers, supplies and paying Lake City Bank for sales. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of Segment Agreement between County of Elkhart and Lippert Components, Inc. with numerous connecting points. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of Dark Fiber Network Subscription Agreement for Enterprise Facilities between County of Elkhart, Indiana and Lippert Components, Inc. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval for Ben Hudson to sign (including e-signature) all the "FTTH" Subscription Agreements. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Information Technology Department requested approval of additional appropriation from Cumulative Capital Development Fund for \$10,000 for funds needed for mileage for the remainder of 2020. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Information Technology Department requested approval of additional appropriation from Cumulative Capital Development Fund for \$35,000 for funds needed for excess hours for the remainder of 2020. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Amendment to Contract by and between Jerry Reed Excavating, LLC and the County of Elkhart. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Weights & Measures Report for July 16th to August 15th, 2020.

BOARD ITEMS:

AUDIENCE ITEMS:

The following people spoke in opposition of the Face Mask Declaration:

Katrina Miller
Juanita Chupp
Sam Slabach
Michelle Bontrager
Cindi Hajicek
Joy Lee
Julian Bontrager
Bob Moore
Angela Brew
Veronica Halum
Mary Drinkwine
Susie Chilburg

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

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Mock