

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 13, 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 was absent, and Bob Barnes was 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 Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the April 29th, 2024, meeting and placed them on file.

On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Allowance of Claims as presented by the County Auditor's office.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Charlie McKenzie, County Highway, received bids for the 2024 CCMG Paving Program. Three bids were received. Reith Riley, South Bend, Base bid is \$3,088,426.64, Alternate Bid is \$263,299.95 for a total of \$3,351,726.59. Niblock Excavating, Bristol, Base bid is \$2,987,420.90, Alternate Bid is \$259,730.20 for a total of \$3,247,151.10. Milestone Contractors, L.P., South Bend, Base bid is \$3,996,000.00, Alternate Bid is \$382,000.00 for a total of \$4,378,000.00. A motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved to accept the bids and have staff review them. (Page 663)

Charlie McKenzie, County Highway, requested approval of an Ordinance Regulating Compression Release Engine Brakes on CR 17 between Walorski Parkway and CR 10 / CR 8. Ordinance No. CO2024-19. No public comments were received. A motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried; the Board approved this ordinance. (Page 664)

Charlie McKenzie, County Highway, requested an additional appropriation from EDIT Fund in the amount of \$158,178.67 for 2023 Year End Major Moves Transfer for Road Maintenance. (This was item C on the agenda) (item D on the agenda is as follows) Additional appropriation request from Major Moves Fund in the amount of \$158,178.67 for 2023 Year End Major Moves Transfer for Road Maintenance. A motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers, and unanimously carried,

the Board approved both of these appropriations in one vote.
(page 665 & 666)

Mae Kratzer, Planning and Development, requested an Additional appropriation from Middlebury East TIF Fund in the amount of \$200,000.00 for Middlebury Paving Projects. A motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, The Board approved this request. (Page 667)

Mae Kratzer, Planning and Development, requested an Additional appropriation from Middlebury SE TIF Fund in the amount of \$300,000.00 for Middlebury Paving Projects. A motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, The Board approved this request. (Page 668)

Mae Kratzer, Planning and Development, requested an Additional appropriation from Middlebury South Ag TIF Fund in the amount of \$6,379.89 for Middlebury Paving Projects. A motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, The Board approved this request. (Page 669)

Mae Kratzer, Planning and Development requested an Additional appropriation from Northwest Gateway TIF Fund in the amount of \$5695.00 for NWG Bond Arbitrage Compliance Rebate & Yield Report. A motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried; The Board approved this request. (Page 670)

Craig Buche, County Attorney, requested Consideration and approval of interlocal agreement for Pumpkinvine trail project with Goshen. A motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried; The Board approved this request. (Page 671)

Craig Buche, County Attorney, requested Consideration and approval of amended and restated Major Moves Fund Ordinance. Ordinance No. CO2024-20. A motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried; The Board approved this request. (Page 672)

Craig Buche, County Attorney, requested Consideration and approval of interlocal agreement for River Mill trail project with Middlebury. A motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried; The Board approved this request. (Page 673)

Concord High School Students Service-Learning Project Presentation. Katie Niblock, Project Engineer with County Highway, has been working with two students from Concord High School Kaiya Newburn and Sydney Olmstead with the first hour Government Class. They presented an idea with several alternatives.

BOARD ITEMS:

Cindy Hajicek requested the use of the Courthouse Lawn on 5-15-2024 for a press conference. Brad Rogers has been in correspondence with her, and she needs to fill out the required form. Once the form is received, Brad Rogers moved to approve the use of the Courthouse Lawn on 5-15-2024 from 11:30 am until 1:30pm. Restrictions will be no amplification with sound system and to use the west steps. Seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ropp