

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 28, 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; 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 Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the May 13, 2024, meeting 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:

Charlie McKenzie, County Highway, requested approval of INDOT-LPA Contract for the construction phase of the BR 312 – CR 142 over Turkey Creek bridge replacement project. A motion made by Suzie Weirick to approve, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 689)

Charlie McKenzie, County Highway, presented a request to award the 2024-1 CCMG Paving Program to Niblock Excavating. A motion made by Suzie Weirick to approve the award and the Contract and Performance Bond, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 690, 691)

John Bowers, Director of Solid Waste, requested an Additional appropriation from Solid Waste User Fees in the amount of \$8,626,100.00 for Closure & Capital Reserve. A motion made by Suzie Weirick to approve, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 692)

Melanie Sizemore, Health Department, requested approval to appoint Sandra McMasters to the County Health Board. A motion made by Suzie Weirick to approve, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.
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Brad Rogers, County Commissioner, presented a request for permission for New Paris businesses to have a block party on Saturday, September 14th, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A motion made by Suzie Weirick to approve, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.
(Page 694)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested approval of a \$300,000.00 transfer between funds from the Landfill Operating Fund to Other Grants and Awards for contributions to Center for Community Justice, Council on Aging and CAPS. A motion made by Suzie Weirick to approve, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.
(Page 695)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested an Additional appropriation of \$300,000.00 from the Special Projects Fund (Landfill Number) to pay \$100,000.00 each to the Center for Community Justice, Council on Aging and CAPS. A motion made by Suzie Weirick to approve, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.
(Page 696)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested an Additional appropriation from LIT Special Purpose Fund in the amount of \$300,000.00 for additional funds for the Jail HVAC Controller Project #231011. A motion made by Suzie Weirick to approve, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.
(Page 697)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested an Additional appropriation from Opioid Unrestricted Funds in the amount of \$387,195.32 for Camera and Technology Upgrades at Community Corrections. A motion made by Suzie Weirick to approve, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.
(Page 698)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney's office, presented a request for approval of MSA with Business Furniture, LLC. A motion made by Suzie Weirick to approve, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 699)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney's office, presented a request for approval of ARPA Funded Agreement – Supplement with Business Furniture, LLC. A motion made by Suzie Weirick to approve, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.
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Steve Olsen, County Attorney's office, presented a request for approval of Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment – Supplement with Business Furniture, LLC. A motion made by Suzie Weirick to approve, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 701)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney's office presented a request for approval of Work Order 001 with Business Furniture, LLC. A motion made by Suzie Weirick to approve, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 702)

Nate Tipton, Director of Court Services, presented a request for approval of a Grant for Justice Partners Addiction Response. A motion made by Suzie Weirick to approve, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 703)

The Weights & Measures Report for April 16th, 2024, to May 15th, 2024, was submitted. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this report. (Page 704)

BOARD ITEMS:

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented a request for approval of Out of State Travel for Ptl. Chad Horein, to attend Management of the K-9 Unit course, in Altamonte Springs, Florida, November 4-7, 2024. Funds are available in the budget. The approximate cost is \$5,043.00. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 706)

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Cindy Hensley, Middlebury, spoke on several topics.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ropp