

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

June 17, 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 Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the June 3, 2024, meetings and placed them on file.

On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, to pay the claims presented by Patty Pickens, with the exception of a claim for \$286.00 for vendor #005287 on page #14 of the claims report which takes the new amount to \$14,991,553.07, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Allowance of Claims as presented by the County Auditor's office.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Sean Holmes, Sheriff Department, presented a request for approval for Out of State travel for Kwau Kuntu and Charles Lipari to travel to Charleston, Missouri for extradition of a prisoner to Elkhart County. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 727)

Craig Buche, County Attorney, presented a request for approval of Amendment No. 4 for the Design Build Agreement with PSI. The total contract with these changes is \$96,661,562.00 and the substantial completion date will be moved to January 17, 2025. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 728)

Craig Buche, County Attorney, presented a request for approval of an Agreement with RQAW Corporation for professional services. This is an on-call service agreement for renovation of the old Goshen Courthouse. This is for surveyor, water, buildings and power engineering services as needed. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Lilia Eller, CIO Information Technology, requested consideration and approval of Work Order No. 002 purchase of cybersecurity compliance license software. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.
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Jason Auvil, Zoning Administrator, presented the request for approval of Shah Land Development, LLC represented by Jones Petrie Rafinski for a zone map change from DPUD E-3 to DPUD M-2 formerly known as Elkhart East Area B Phase 3 Lot 13A to be known as Elkhart East Area B-Lot 13A DPUD, northeast corner of Innovation Drive & CR 15, common address of 22447 Innovation Drive in Osolo Township. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. James Skillen, Elkhart spoke on this matter. No other audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. Below are the Elkhart East Area B Lot 13 A DPUD rezoning conditions added by the BOCC this morning. The following uses are prohibited:

Animal Processing

Bulk storage of explosives / hazardous material

Fertilizer manufacturing and storage

Heavy Industrial, Intense

Heavy Industrial, Less intense

Waste Related Service

Wrecking, junk, or salvage yard

A motion made by Suzie Weirick to approve the request with the conditions as applied, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.
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Jason Auvil, Zoning Administrator, presented the request for approval of Hitch Holdings Indiana LLC represented by Surveying and Mapping, LLC for a zone map change from M-1 to DPUD M-1 and for primary approval of a 1-lot minor subdivision to be known as Cross Trailers DPUD M-1, south side of CR 4, 1,550 ft. east of CR 39, common address of 11732 CR 4 in York Township. Ben Stanley, Elkhart spoke on this matter. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.
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Oaklawn requested permission to apply for extension on the SAMHSA Grant. This item is tabled for more information. (Page 733)

Melanie Sizemore, Health Department, requested approval of Grant for Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Fund 8119. \$25,000.00 per year. They plan to purchase updated Radios for the department. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 734)

Melanie Sizemore, Health Department, requested approval of Together We Will grant Fund 8189. This is an extension of an existing grant. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 735)

BOARD ITEMS:

Sean Holmes, Sheriff's office, presented a release and indemnification agreement for the retirement of K9 "Polaris". A motion made by Suzie Weirick to approve this agreement pending legal approval, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 736)

Sean Holmes, Sheriff's office, presented a request for construction of a Civilian Breakroom in the old records room. This money is in their budget. A motion made by Suzie Weirick to approve this request pending legal review, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ropp