

MINUTES  
ELKHART COUNTY COUNCIL  
2021 Budget - First Reading  
September 11th, 2020

The Elkhart County Council was called to order by Council President John K. Letherman at 8:30 a.m., in Room 104, County Administration Building, and Goshen, Indiana. Members present were Council Vice President, David L. Hess, Randall D. Yohn, Douglas S. Graham, Tina M. Wenger, Darryl J. Riegsecker, and Thomas W. Stump. Also present were Patricia A. Pickens, Auditor; Fred Avery, First Deputy Auditor; Jeff Taylor, County Administrator Mike Yoder, Commissioner; and Craig Buche, County Attorney.

2. Budget Matters:

Budget Hearings: September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Date of Work Sessions & Reductions: None needed  
Date of Public Hearings: August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Date of Adoption: September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

3. Avery read the advertised Notice to Taxpayers of the 2021 Proposed Budget Estimates and Tax Levies for each fund for Elkhart County and for the Elkhart Public Library.  
(Budget Form No.3)

4. Avery then read the Proposed Budget requests of each Elkhart County Department made before the budget hearings for 2021 for Elkhart County and for the Elkhart Public Library. (Form 4)

5. Auditor Pickens read the levies and rates as advertised. These are the first figures that were submitted to her and advertised. This is the levies and the rates that would have been required. (17-Line Statement) This reading is for Elkhart County.

6. County Attorney Craig Buche presented Ordinance CC-2020-22 for consideration. The Council entered Ordinance CC-2020-22 entitled Ordinance of the Elkhart County Council authorizing the issuance of bonds to provide funds to pay the costs of the acquisition of real estate and the construction and equipping of Court and other Criminal Justice Facilities and other costs related thereto, and appropriating the proceeds of such bonds on the record for introduction.

7. County Attorney Craig Buche presented Resolution CC-2020-23 for consideration. The Council entered Resolution CC-2020-23 entitled Bond Appropriation Resolution of the County Council, of Elkhart County, Indiana on the record for introduction.

President Letherman asked for a motion to close the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. On motion made by Riegsecker and seconded by Stump the 1<sup>st</sup> reading was closed. President Letherman asked for a motion to recess the meeting, which will reconvene tomorrow morning at 8:30am for the second reading/adoption of the budget. On motion made Hess and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request.

Cindy Chadwell

Recording Secretary

Secretary's Note: The complete recording of this Budget Reading is available in the Auditor's Office. The recording of this meeting will be available for 1 year then will be erased.

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