

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 14, 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 September 30, 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:

Kyle Wagner, County Highway requested approval of Initial Acceptance of Jimtown Crossing I and II. CR 20 east of 100. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request

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Craig Buche, County Attorney, presented a request for approval of the purchase agreement for the Wilden Avenue Archives facility. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Craig Buche, County Attorney, presented a request for approval of the Second Amendment for Interlocal Agreement between the Elkhart County RDC and the Town of Middlebury for design engineering of several intersection improvements. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Craig Buche, County Attorney, presented a request for approval of Elkhart County Contracting with Business Entity Certification Form for USI Consultants Agreement. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. Terry Wood Elkhart, IN, asked how the fees would be billed. Craig explained the fee schedule and it is in line with current rates. Pam Keiser, Middlebury, IN spoke on companies contributing to campaign finances. Brad Rogers and Jeff Taylor both explained some details of this contract and how it will be used for consulting services. On motion made by Suzie Weirick and seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. A motion made by Suzie Weirick and seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried by the board approved this certification.

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Kevin Williams, County Building Commissioner, requested to award the lowest bidders for the demolition of properties. Dana Bontrager Excavating and Trucking, Inc. from Middlebury, Indiana. 53081 Conrad Street, Elkhart, \$18,335.00. B&E Excavating from Nappanee, Indiana. 1200 E. Bristol Street, Elkhart, \$5950.00. 25134 Snyder Street, Elkhart, \$9450.00. 25167 Dunny Street, Elkhart, \$9890.00. 54385 Berkley Ave, Elkhart, \$8200.00. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved the award to the lowest bidders.

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Mae Kratzer, Planning, presented additional appropriation request from North Baugo TIF Fund in the amount of \$2,000.00 for reimbursement claims. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Mae Kratzer, Planning, presented additional appropriation request from Western Gateway TIF Fund in the amount of \$2500.00 for reimbursement claims. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Mae Kratzer, Planning, additional appropriation request from Amazon TIF Fund in the amount of \$501,763.91 for reimbursement claims. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Craig Buche, County Attorney, requested to release an RFP for a transport vehicle. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ropp