

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 21, 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 October 7, 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 to open bids for the 2024-2 Paving Packet. Three Bids were received Monday morning before the start of the meeting. Milestone Contractors out of South Bend IN submitted a bid of \$1,738,452.80, Reith Riley out of South Bend IN submitted a bid of \$1,306,820.00, and Niblock Excavating submitted a bid of \$1,325,687.05. A motion made by Suzie Weirick and seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried by the board, to accept and review the bids.

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Robert Kelly, Purdue Extension, requested approval of the 2025 Extension Contractual Services Agreement between Purdue University and Elkhart County Government. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented an additional appropriation request from ARPA Fund in the amount of \$156,796.00 for Foraker engineering and construction inspection services. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Jeff Taylor, County Administrator presented an additional appropriation request from ARPA Fund in the amount of \$807,882.38 for Courthouse Construction. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request

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Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented an additional appropriation request from ARPA Fund in the amount of \$1,211,073.00 for Courthouse Construction. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Jeff Taylor, County Administrator presented an additional appropriation request from General Fund in the amount of \$792,347.54 for Parks Latrine work. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Jeff Taylor, County Administrator presented an additional appropriation request from General Fund in the amount of \$25,954.89 for Parks Latrine project expenses. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Jeff Taylor, County Administrator presented an additional appropriation request from Non-Reverting Capital Fund in the amount of \$25,954.89 for Parks Latrine project expenses. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Jeff Taylor, County Administrator presented an appropriation reduction request from Commissioners/ARPA Fund in the amount of \$1,413,403.84 for other projects to close out the ARP funds by the end of 2024. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented an appropriation reduction request from Commissioners/ARPA Fund in the amount of \$762,347.52 to shift to other ARPA project accounts. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Kirt Hunsberger, HR Manager, requested approval of the Holiday schedule for 2026, 2027, & 2028. 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, requested to release RFP for Planning/RDC Demolition. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Danielle Richards, Planning, presented the request for approval of Aurelio C. & Lucia Valle Montufar Barrera for a zone map change from R-1 to A-1, north side of CR 108, 1,945 ft. east of CR 101, common address of 29379 CR 108 in Cleveland Township. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. The homeowners had a question and used a translator to ask if he could have chickens in addition to one rooster. The restriction is to allow only one rooster, but he could have chickens. 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, with the following restrictions to remove the junk and debris on the property and to allow only one rooster which unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Danny Dean, Planning, presented the request for approval of Jolene M. Weaver for a zone map change from R-1 to R-2, southeast corner of CR 40 and SR 15, common address of 18884 CR 40 in Elkhart Township. 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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Danielle Richards, Planning, presented a request for approval of James Leroy & Dawn R. Wise, husband & wife for a zone map change from PUD M-1 to A-1, southwest corner of CR 17 and US 6, common address of 72057 CR 17 in Jackson Township. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. James Wise spoke about returning it to its original zoning, he will be putting up a building for storage of farm equipment. 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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Jason Auvil, Planning, presented a request for approval of Giada Holdings, LLC for an amendment to an existing DPUD B-3 known as CR 10 Mini Storage Minor DPUD Amendment Lot 1, north side of CR 10, 3,250 ft. west of John Weaver Parkway, common address of 28443 CR 10 in Cleveland Township. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. Cory White, Elkhart was available for comments. 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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Jason Auvil, Planning, presented a request for approval of George E. Vernasco & David Vernasco (seller) represented by Insite Real Estate Investment Properties, LLC (buyer) for a zone map change from B-1/B-3 to DPUD B-3 and for primary approval of a 1-lot minor subdivision to be known as Aldi Food Market DPUD, southeast corner of Corwin St. and Old US 20, common address in Cleveland Township. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. Andrew Johnson, project manager from Illinois, was available for any questions. 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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IT Department consideration and request approval of purchase order with Carahsoft Technology Corporation for ServiceNow offering (previously tabled). A motion was made by Suzie Weirick to table this agenda item; seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board tabled this item.

The Weights & Measures Report for September 16th, 2024, to October 15th, 2024, was submitted. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this report. (Page 905)

BOARD ITEMS:

None

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