

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

November 4, 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 October 21, 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:

Craig Buche, County Attorney, presented a request for consideration of the Opioid funding agreement with Oaklawn. 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 \$320,000.00 for continued contract labor through Moser Consulting for IT needs. 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 \$96,639.00 for renewal of LOW Payroll and Financial Software. 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 Opioid Unrestricted Funds in the amount of \$83,115.00 for camera project at Elkhart County Community Corrections. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Steve Olsen, County Attorney's office, presented for Consideration a License Agreement with 2000 Middlebury Street-Elkhart LLC. The Board discussed that this agreement is necessary to mitigate damages associated with general contractor delays on the new County Courthouse. A motion made by Suzie Weirick to approve, subject to final legal review, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this agreement subject to final legal review.

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Steve Olsen, County Attorney's office, presented for Consideration an Amendment to Work Order No. 6 with Moser Consulting. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this amendment.

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Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented Resolution CO2024-32 for Consideration of the Commissioners Tax Certificate Sale. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this resolution.

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Patty Pickens, County Auditor, requested a Public Hearing to consider Amendment & Recertification of the 2025 CNAV Report. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. Cassandra Nelson, Chief Deputy Assessor, explained the reasons for the amendment and recertification. Glen Null commented on the recertification. Cindy Hajicek requested clarification. Cathy Searcy, Assessor, provided some additional information. A motion made by Suzie Weirick and seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried by the board, the Public Hearing was closed. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, for the Auditor to proceed with the Recertification, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, requested approval of MACOG Call for Projects FY 2025 – 2031 Grant Application for Bridge 126 on CR 6 over Christiana Creek Project. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Kyle Wagner, County Highway, requested approval of Stop and Yield Ordinance Amendments. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 926)

Jeff Siegel, Sheriff, requested to open and review the receipt of Proposals for the Inmate Transport Vehicle. Proposals were received and opened from Hight Level Enterprises and Midwest Transit Equipment. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, to accept and review the proposals and come back with a recommendation, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 927)

Jeff Siegel, Sheriff, requested approval of Spark Good grant application for community relations & safety. Offered by Walmart Corporation. The amount is \$8,000.00. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 928)

Joe Leichtman, Building and Grounds, Requested approval of a contract with Beary's Landscaping for snow removal at the Goshen Work Release. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this contract. (Page 929 & Page 930)

Danielle Richards, Planning department, presented a request for approval of Ability Center Inc. represented by Land and Boundary LLC for the vacation of a portion of an east-west county alley known as Rosen Court, 275 ft. east of Best Avenue, 150 ft. north of old US 33 W., common address of 28423 Old US 33 in Baugo 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. (Page 931)

BOARD ITEMS:

None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Glen Null spoke about lost rights of the people.

Cindy Hajicek asked for a policy on the bid process.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ropp