

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

November 12, 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 28, 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 the best value proposal for the award of the inmate transport vehicle to High Level Enterprises. This was determined to be the best value proposal, by an appointed committee of five people, but is still subject to negotiation for the purchase agreement. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this award subject to final negotiations.

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Craig Buche, County Attorney, presented a request for consideration for the extension of the food and laundry service agreement with Summit. The recommendation is to table this for further review. A motion to table this request was made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved to table this request.

Mae Kratzer, Planning Director, presented the request for approval of a Grant Application for Sowing Enriched and Enhanced Datasets (SEED) Grant. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, The Board approved this request.

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Joe Leichtman, Director of Buildings and Grounds, presented a request for approval of a contract from Ashers for lawn care and snow removal for 2025. There is no change in the cost. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 935)

Joe Leichtman, Director of Buildings and Grounds, presented a request for permission to issue an RFP to replace the jail kitchen flooring. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 936)

Vicki Becker, Prosecutors Office, presented the request for approval for Out of State Travel for Jade Murphy to attend GK200 Graykey Examinations Training in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania from December 9th to December 13th, 2024. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 937)

Andrew Bylsma, Health Administrator, presented a request for approval of a Grant from Beacon Maternal Health. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 938)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented the request for approval of the Final Acceptance of Horizon Place Section II being added to the county highway system. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 939)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented the request for approval of the Final Acceptance of Winding Rivers Estates Phase IV. being added to the county highway system. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 940)

Rhonda DeCaire, County Parks, presented the request for approval of a READI 2.0 Grant for DeFries Homestead Renovation Project. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 941)

Rhonda DeCaire, County Parks, presented a request for approval of a Grant from the Mishler Brown Fund for moving and the restoration of a donated log cabin. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 942)

Rhonda DeCaire, County Parks, presented the request for approval of a Community Foundation of Elkhart County unsolicited grant. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.
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Rhonda DeCaire, County Parks, presented the request for approval of a Elkhart County Community Foundation Grant for DeFries Homestead Renovation Project. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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BOARD ITEMS:

None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Cindy Nisley, Middlebury, thanked the Sheriff's department and the local Police department for their assistance.

Pam Keyser, Middlebury, expressed concerns regarding the General Election.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ropp