

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

November 18, 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, and seconded by Bob Barnes unanimously carried, the Board tabled the Minutes of November 4, 2024, meeting for corrections and will be presented at the next meeting.

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:

Steve Olsen, County Attorney's office presented for consideration the Second Amended Work Order No. 11 with Moser Consulting Incorporated. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request (Page 945)

Craig Buche, County Attorney presented for consideration the approval of the appointment of Tim Jackson to the position of Interim County Engineer. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request (Page 946)

Mae Kratzer, Planning, requested approval of receipt of demolition proposals for US 20 property. There was one bid submitted from B & E Excavating of Nappanee, for \$5300.00. On motion made by Suzie Weirick and seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried by the board, to receive and review the bid and come back with a recommendation.

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Mae Kratzer, Planning, presented an Additional Appropriation request from CR 6 & CR 17 Improvement TIF Fund in the amount of \$7,500.00 for access road design & redesign for Commissioner owned property off CR 20 east of CR 17. On motion made by Suzie Weirick and seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried by; the Board approved this request. (Page 948)

Mae Kratzer, Planning, presented an Additional Appropriation request from Middlebury SE TIF Fund in the amount of \$42,900.00 for Lochmueller CR20/SR13 Intersection Improvement addendum. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 949)

Mae Kratzer, Planning, presented an Additional appropriation request from Code Enforcement Fund in the amount of \$30,000.00 for funds to cover legal fees through the end of the year. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 950)

Danny Dean, Planning, presented the request for approval of Premier Property Company LLC for a zone map change from A-1 to M-1, south side of US 20, 1,745 ft. east of CR 33 in Middlebury 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. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. (Page 951)

Melanie Sizemore, Health Department, requested approval for the WIC lease for the Nappanee Space. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick to approve the request pending legal approval, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request pending legal approval. (Page 952)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, requested approval of INDOT Rural Call Grant application for replacement of Bridge #143 - CR 3 over Baugo Creek. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 953)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, requested approval of Additional Appropriation request from EDIT Fund in the amount of \$100,000.00 for Design and Survey cost for CR 6 - John Weaver to Ash Road project. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request. (Page 954)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, requested approval of Additional Appropriation request from Local Road and Street fund in the amount of \$25,000.00 to supplement Labor cost for Equipment repair. On 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 an Additional Appropriation request from Fiber Fund in the amount of \$20,000.00 for Excess Hours. On 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 an Additional Appropriation request from EDIT Fund to cover on call fees from USI Consulting. The amount requested is \$25,000.00. On 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 2024-2025 Snow plow contracts. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

The following contractors have requested contracts: Accu-Dig Excavating, Alliance Contractors, BAM Tree Service, C&E Excavating, C&S Construction, Darrell Martin, Dually Depot, Jonathon Zimmerman, Masters, LLC, Mike's Fencing, Rain Drain, R-Jay's Earthworks, Thompson Landscape.

(Pages 958-970)

BOARD ITEMS:

None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Glen Null spoke on several issues

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ropp