

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

December 9, 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 of November 18, 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:

Steve Olsen, County Attorney's office, presented a request for acceptance of a Certificate of Substantial Completion for H&G Underground Utilities on the Southwest, Foraker, and Tecumseh Acres Wastewater Project. On 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 a request for acceptance of H&G Underground Utilities Maintenance Bond for the Wastewater Project. On 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 Change Order No. 7 by H&G Underground Utilities on the Wastewater Project. This is a decrease of \$1,342,667.00 with a final contract price of \$9,490,971.16. On 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 Final Pay Application No. 11 with H&G Underground Utilities on the Wastewater Project. Retainage amount final payment of \$529,347.21. 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, presented a request for Final Acceptance of Falcon's Nest at Barrington, Section 2. 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, presented a request for Final Acceptance of Falcon's Nest at Barrington, Section 3A and Section 3B. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.
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Ross Maxwell, Court Administrator, presented a request for approval of Out of State Travel for Justin Minder and Gloria Navarro to attend All Rise National Conference in Kissimmee, Florida from May 28 through May 31, 2025. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.
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Ross Maxwell, Court Administrator, presented a request for approval of Out of State Travel for a Juvenile Probation Officer to visit a juvenile in Bartlett, this request for out-of-state travel once per month as long as the juvenile is at the out-of-state facility in Tennessee per the law. 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:

Joe Leichtman, Buildings and Grounds Director, presented a Consulting Services Agreement with Core Facilities Consulting Group. They will work with them on a maintenance schedule and will provide training on the services they provide. This is a web-based program. On 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 a MOU for the annual JAG Grant for \$18,728.00. This grant is used for officer and community safety and crime control. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Suzie Weirick congratulated Patty Pickens on receiving the Commissioners Auditor of the Year award at the annual conference.

Ralph Spelbring, Elkhart spoke about a benefit walk on Ash Road.

Glen Null, Goshen, spoke about flags

Pam Keyser, Middlebury, spoke on Middlebury Public Library flyer.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ropp