

MINUTES
ELKHART COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
117 N. 2nd St. Room 104, Goshen, IN 46526
February 20, 2025

The meeting of the Elkhart County Council was called to order by Council President, Thomas W. Stump at 4:00 p.m., in Room 104 of the County Administrative Building, Goshen, Indiana. Members present were Council President Thomas W. Stump, Council Vice President David L. Hess, Adam M Bujalski, Steven E. Clark, Douglas S. Graham, and Darryl J. Riegsecker. Councilman Randall D. Yohn was absent. Also, present were Patricia A. Pickens County Auditor, Tiara Jackson First Deputy Auditor, and Steven Olsen, County Attorney's Office.

** 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 and virtually in remote real-time observation via Web-Ex.

MINUTES: Approval of CC Meeting Minutes: January 16, 2025.

On motion to approve the January 16, 2025, minutes by Riegsecker and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved the minutes as presented with a vote of 6 to 0. (pg. 66)

Elkhart County Budget/Budget Hearing Schedule: Auditor Pickens presented the Council Budget/Budget Hearing Schedule and noted the September Finance Meeting would be canceled to accommodate the budget hearings. On motion made by Riegsecker and seconded by Hess, the Council unanimously carried and approved the Elkhart County Budget/Budget Hearing Schedule as presented with a vote of 6 to 0. (pg. 67)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMISSIONERS: None

COUNCIL: Clark and Bujalski briefly touched on Senate Bill 1 currently being discussed in the legislative session.

SHERIFF: None

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION EXPLANATIONS:

A. GENERAL FUND (#1000)

1. Commissioners (130) requested \$50,000.00 for consulting expenses.

Jeff Taylor presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, the

Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 6 to 0.
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B. GENERAL FUND (#1000)

1. Information Technology (141) requested \$193,500.00 for subscription renewals.

Jeff Taylor presented this request to Council.

On motion to approve made by Riegsecker and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 6 to 0 vote.

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~~C. GENERAL FUND (#1000)~~

- ~~1. Information Technology (141) requested \$140,500.00 two IT projects.~~

~~Jeff Taylor withdrew appropriation and will bring it back after he obtains additional information.~~

D. GENERAL FUND (#1000)

1. Information Technology (141) requested \$609,677.00 subscription services, licensing for data transfers, and printer security licenses.

Jeff Taylor presented this request to Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 6 to 0 vote.

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E. GENERAL FUND (#1000)

1. Community Corrections (179) requested \$5,000.00 donation received from Jail Ministries to purchase winter clothing for participants.

Karen Chandler presented this request to Council.

On motion to approve made by Hess and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 6 to 0 vote.

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F. EDIT (#1112)

1. Highway (980) requested \$2,000,000.00 for right of way acquisition and associated costs for the Super 2 improvement of CR 17 from CR 38 to CR 142.

Kyle Wagner presented this request to Council.

On motion to approve made by Clark and seconded by Graham, the Council

unanimously carried and approved this request with a 6 to 0 vote.
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G. EDIT (#1112)

1. Highway (980) requested \$15,000.00 for boiler replacement at their Steury Ave. office building.

Kyle Wagner presented this request to Council.

On motion to approve made by Riegsecker and seconded by Graham, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 6 to 0 vote.
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H. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CTP (#1123)

1. Community Corrections (980) requested \$34,200.00 transfer to Fund 1122 to use for the new year.

Karen Chandler presented this request to Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 6 to 0 vote.
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I. SHERIFF DONATION FUND (#4101)

1. Sheriff's Office (105) requested \$26,790.00 to appropriate donations to use in 2025.

Jeff Siegel presented this request to Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 6 to 0 vote.
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J. NORTHWEST GATEWAY TIF FUND (#4504)

1. Planning & Development (980) requested \$600,000.00 to cover resurfacing cost of 3 Highway projects in the Northwest Gateway TIF area.

Mae Kratzer presented this request to Council.

On motion to approve made by Clark and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 6 to 0 vote.
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K. PARK & RECREATION DONATIONS (#4909)

1. Park & Recreation requested \$88,609.42 for renovation project at DeFries House at the DeFries Gardens.

Ronda DeCaire presented this request to Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 6 to 0 vote.

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L. HEALTHY START INITIATIVE (#8202)

1. Health Department (980) requested \$45,833.00 to cover a half-time person and supplies to assist with reducing infant mortality rates in Elkhart county.

Melanie Sizemore presented this request to Council.

On motion to approve made by Hess and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 6 to 0 vote.

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M. JAIL TREATMENT HEA GRANT (#9125)

1. Sheriff's Office (105) requested \$230,199 to set up grant budget for FY2025.

Jeff Siegel presented this request to Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 6 to 0 vote.

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N. PRETRIAL GRANT (#9152)

1. Elkhart County Judiciary (980) requested \$1,159.56 to be used for payroll expenses for the January 10, 2025 payroll.

Ross Maxwell presented this request to Council.

On motion to approve made by Clark and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 6 to 0 vote.

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O. TOBACCO PREVENTION ECDFP FUND (#9168)

1. Health (980) requested \$40,000.00 for tobacco prevention and cessation work.

Melanie Sizemore presented this request to Council.

On motion to approve made by Riegsecker and seconded by Graham, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 6 to 0 vote.

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REDUCTION EXPLANATIONS: NONE

TRANSFER REQUESTS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION:

A. GENERAL FUND (#1000)	
Extension (145)	
From 42030 Copy Supplies	500.00
43140 Telephone	1,500.00
43400 Electric	1,500.00
43510 Maint Contracts	218.00
To: 44520 Office Equipment	<u>3,718.00</u>
	Total 3,718.00
B. GENERAL FUND (#1000)	
Community Corrections (179)	
From: 43090 Professional Services	5,000.00
To: 44520 Office Equipment	5,000.00
	Total
	Transfers 8,718.00

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 6 to 0 vote.

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TRANSFER REQUESTS NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION:

(Available in the Auditor's office)

OTHER BUSINESS:

Steven Olsen:

- (a). Request Consideration and Approval of Ordinance CC-2025-05 to Establish the JDAI Performance Based Grant Fund (#9172) for Court Services.

Steven Olsen explained the details of this Ordinance to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved Ordinance CC-2025-05 with a vote of 6 to 0. (pg. 85)

- (b). Request Consideration and Approval of Ordinance CC-2025-06 An Ordinance Amending Procedures Related to Abandoned Vehicles.

Steven Olsen explained the details of this Ordinance to the Council.

On motion made to approve by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved Ordinance CC-2025-06 with a 6 to 0 vote. (pg. 86)

- (c). Request Consideration and Approval of Ordinance CC-2025-07 An Ordinance Restating the Abandoned Vehicle Fund.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and confirmed support of CC-2025-07 with a vote of 6 to 0. (pg. 87)

AUDIENCE ITEMS:

Gene Gibson, Goshen, spoke.

Lloyd Chupp, Goshen, spoke.

David Hagen, Goshen, spoke.

Glenn Null, Goshen, spoke.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion to adjourn made by Graham seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved the adjournment of the meeting at 5:05 pm.

Patricia A. Pickens
Elkhart County Auditor

A complete recording of this meeting is available in the Auditor's Office. The recording of this meeting will be available for one year and then erased.