

MINUTES
ELKHART COUNTY COUNCIL
September 8th, 2018

The meeting of the Elkhart County Council was called to order by Sheriff Brad Rogers of the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department at 8:00 a.m., in Room 104 of the County Administration Building, Goshen, Indiana. Members present were Council President John K. Letherman, Vice President David L. Hess, David E. Foutz, Randall D. Yohn, Darryl J. Riegsecker, Thomas W. Stump and Tina M. Wenger

Also present were: Pauline Graff County Auditor; Dawn Truex First Deputy County Auditor; Craig Buche, County Attorney; Mike Yoder, Commissioner; Suzie Weirick, Commissioner and Tom Byers, County Administrator.

MINUTES: Approval of minutes for August 11th 2018.
Approval of Budget Hearing minutes for August 28th, 2018.

On motion made by Riegsecker and seconded by Wenger, the Council unanimously carried and approved the August 11th & August 28th, 2018 minutes and they were added.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMISSIONERS: Suzie Weirick reports that the Commissioners are considering a Resolution to declare October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month in our Community.

COUNCIL: John Letherman talked about the Budget Hearings and commended the Department Heads, Council, Auditor, and everyone involved for cooperating so the Council heard everyone's budget in one day.

Letherman also discussed the Major Moves Fund and tributes Councilman Hess on starting that Fund. When the Major Moves Fund was opened, starting balance was \$24,947,709.59 in 2006. 12 years later that fund has increased to over \$30,000,000.00. By the county being self-funding for major projects we are saving taxpayer's money by not paying high interest or enormous fees to outside entities and looking out for future generations.

SHERIFF: No Report

AUDITOR: Pauline Graff on Financial Report. Graff reports that today she has been employed by the County for 19 years. The council congratulated & thanked her for her years of service.

EDC MATTERS:

Mark Dobson on EDC projects for Elkhart County. Dobson states there are 2 major projects in the works currently. He discussed the possibility of having a special meeting in October due to the progression of these projects will need to get started as soon as possible.

The first project is Project Roy- This project involves a TIF District North of Middlebury, they are asking for support and possible reimbursement for infrastructure involving rebuilding of CR 2. Although no specific request is asked of the Council at this time, but the EDC and Developers would like future support of the Council going forward. Letherman states that this is a farm to market road which major machinery travels this road extensively. Letherman asks the Council if any objections to support going forward to the rebuilding of CR 2, there were no objections by the Council.

The second project Dobson discussed involves 5-7 new buildings, a possible RV Company, a Regional Distribution Company and RV Dealership. Dobson discussed this project in detail. Major concerns for this property are: the water table, drainage, infrastructure, high end architectural standards. Developers are asking for reimbursement of roads and storm sewer that will be built on private property.

Letherman has concerns about future and past developers wanting reimbursement by the County for roads on private property. Letherman also explained that it was his understanding that a 2 ditch drainage system was part of the deal and that was the selling point of this project, which is no longer included.

Commissioner Mike Yoder gives update about the drainage and explains that the Wetlands will need to mitigate for the type of drainage system that the property needs.

Hess states he feels that a bond needs to be put in place to ensure that the developers do what they propose they will do.

Attorney Craig Buche explains the benefits of this project to Elkhart County.

The Council all agreed that further discussion and more information is needed on this issue before they can fully support this project.

HUMAN RESOURCE MATTERS:

No Report

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION EXPLANATIONS:

A.GENERAL FUND (#1000)

1. Sheriff's Department requests \$7,830.00 to purchase a solid door refrigerator for storage of evidence in our crime lab.

Sheriff Brad Rogers presented this request to the Council.

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On motion made by Stump and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request.

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B. GENERAL FUND (#1000)

1. Superior Court 1 (162) requests \$15,000.00 to bring the balance of fund back to positive.

Judge Osterday presented this request to the Council.

On motion made by Yohn and seconded by Stump, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request. (pg 368)

C. EDIT (#1112)

1. Highway Department (980) requests \$428,926.00 to transfer to the Rainy Day Fund.

Jeff Taylor explains to the Council that this request is from CAGIT money.

On motion made by Wenger and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council carried and approved this request. (pg 369)

D. LIT SPECIAL PURPOSE (#1141)

1. Sheriff Department (105) requests \$45,362.00 to replace broken equipment.

Sheriff Brad Rogers explains to the Council the money is needed to purchase one 48" range with 4 burners, one 24" griddle and one combination oven and 2 floor scrubbers. He states these are all for the Correctional Complex.

On motion made by Riegsecker and seconded by Wenger, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request. (pg 370)

E. CUMULATIVE BRIDGE (#1135)

1. Highway Department (212) requests \$5000.00 for funds to meet payroll for the remainder of 2018.

Jeff Taylor presented this request to the Council.

On motion made by Riegsecker and seconded by Stump, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request. (pg 371)

F. CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT (#1138)

1. Commissioners (980) requests \$150,000.00 for equipment purchases.

Tom Byers, County Administrator explains to the Council, as this request is being submitted the uncommitted balance in the account for capital items is approximately \$4,000.00. This account is used to buy capital items for various county departments. Byers explains that currently he is working with the Parks Department to finalize some equipment purchases. In addition, funds are needed for any office equipment that fails before the end of the year. (pg. 372)

On motion made by Stump and seconded by Riegsecker, the council unanimously carried and approved this request. 355

G.CUMULATIVE DRAIN (#1141)

1. Surveyor (980) requests \$27,000.00 for maintenance on County Regulated Drains. Steve Schweisberger presented this request to the Council.

On motion made by Riegsecker and seconded by Stump, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request. (pg 373)

H.CUMULATIVE DRAIN (#1141)

1. Surveyor (980) request \$227,000.00 for maintenance on County Regulated Drains.

Steve Schweisberger presents this request to the Council for consideration.

On motion made by Stump and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request. (pg 374)

I. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FEE (#1149)

1. Highway Department (980) requests \$50,000.00 for funds to install fiber to Bristol.

Jeff Taylor explains that this is the last request that he has for the total funds needed for this project. Previously he has asked for \$200,000-RDC, \$100,000-EDIT and this request from the Economic .Dev. Fee for a total cost of \$350,000.

On motion made by Riegsecker and seconded by Wenger, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request. (pg 375)

J. COUNTY EXTRADITION (#1155)

1. Sheriff's Department (980) requests \$642.00 to fund the appropriate account regarding the transport of prisoners.

Sheriff Brad Rogers presents this request to the Council.

On motion made by Riegsecker and seconded by Stump, the Council unanimously carried and approves this request. (pg 381)

K.MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY (#1176)

1. Highway Department (201) requests \$20,000.00 for funds needed to meet project additional hours required for work load. (pg. 378)

Jeff Taylor explains this request is to fund engineering additional hours.

On motion made by Stump and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request. 356

L. MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY (#1176)

1. Highway (202) request \$240,000.00 for funds needed to meet payroll needs.

Jeff Taylor presents this request to the Council.

On motion made by Stump and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved the request. (pg 377)

M. MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY (#1176)

1. Highway Department (980) requests \$5,000.00 for funds to be used to repair damaged areas by NIPSCO.

Jeff Taylor explains to the Council that NIPSCO paid \$5000.00 for damaged to county roads from cross country power line installation. He explained that NIPSCO has already paid the \$5000.00 that he needed the appropriation approved to get the funds in the proper account.

On motion made by Riegsecker and seconded by Stump, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request. (pg 376)

N. LOIT SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION (#1229)

1. Highway Department (980) requests \$428,926.00 for funds for paving from LOIT Special Distribution. Corresponding to EDIT transfer to Rainy Day Fund. This closes out the Special Distribution Fund.

Jeff Taylor presented this request to the Council.

On motion made by Riegsecker and seconded by Stump, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request. (pg 379)

O. LOIT SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION (#1229)

1. Highway Department (981) requests \$1,117,502.00 for funds for paving and road maintenance (chip seal).

Jeff Taylor explained these funds will be used for all costs associated with construction. This amount will be deducted from the EDIT portion of the LOIT distribution. This closes out the Special Distribution Fund.

On motion made by Stump and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request. (pg 380)

P. NORTHEAST CORRIDOR TIF DISTRICT (#4511)

1. Planning & Development (980) requests \$210,000.00 for Fiber optic infrastructure from CR 17 to Bristol. Reimbursement to highway for construction inspection for Love's Drive.

Natasha Kauffman presents this request to the Council.

On motion made by Foutz and seconded by Stump, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request. (pg. 382)

Q. REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION(#4911)

1. Planning & Development (980) request 1,875.00 for expenses associated with the Conferences.

Natasha Kauffman explains to the Council this was for expenses incurred to traveling to conferences and a meal in December that was catered for RDC members. And also to upgrade computer software.

On motion made by Foutz and seconded by Stump, the Council unanimously carried and approves this request. (pg. 383)

R. WOMAN, INFANT & CHILD GRANT (#8101)

1. Health Department (612) requests \$1,163,660.00 for funds to set up FY 2019 Budget for the WIC Grant.

Dr. Lydia Mertz explains to the Council the Grant year runs October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. The total amount of the WIC Grant is \$1,163,660.00. (pg. 384)

S. BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELORS (#8102)

1. Health Department (981) requests \$114,556.00 for funds to set-up FY 2019 Budget for the Breastfeeding Peers Counselors Grant. Grant Year October 1, 2018- September 30, 2019. (pg. 385)

T. PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS & EMERGENCY (#8119)

1. Health Department (980) requests \$2000.00 for PHEPCA funds. (pg. 381)

U. MATERNAL CHILD & HEALTH GRANT (#8127)

1. Health Department (615) requests \$19,351.00 for funds to set up FY 2019 budget for the Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Grant. October 1, 2018- September 30,2019 (pg. 388)

V. MATERNAL CHILD & HEALTH GRANT (#8127)

1. Health Department (615) requests \$50,000 to set up the FY 2019 Budget for the Baby and Me Tobacco Free Grant. Grant Year is October1, 2018 – September 30, 2019.
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W.HEALTHY BABIES DONATIONS FUND (#9122)

1. ECHS-Healthy Beginnings (980) requests \$45,604.00 for funds to set-up FY 2019 Budget for Healthy Babies Services Grant. Grant Year October 1, 2018- September 30, 2019.
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X. JAIL TREATMENT HEA GRANT (#9125)

1. Sheriff's Department (980) request \$223,240.00 for funds to set-up FY 19 Jail Treatment Grant.

Sheriff Brad Rogers presented this request to the Council.

On motion made by Stump and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved the request. (pg. 390)

Y. BABY BOX GRANT (#9140)

1. ECHD-Healthy Beginnings (980) request \$12,000.00 for Funds to set-up Baby Box Grant. FY 2019.
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Dr. Lydia Mertz presented items R through W and item Y to the Council. Letherman asked for a motion to vote on these items together since all the requests were for funds needed to set- up Grants for FY 2019.

On motion made by Riegsecker and seconded by Foutz, the council unanimously carried and voted on these items together

On motion made by Foutz and Seconded by Stump, the Council unanimously carried and approved requests R through W and item Y.

REDUCTIONS:

Z. CUMULATIVE DRAIN (#1141)

1. Surveyor (980) request a reduction of -\$154,644.72 for unused Cumulative Drain Funds.

Steve Schweisberger presented this reduction to the Council.

On motion made by Foutz and seconded by Stump, the council unanimously carried and approved the reduction. (pg. 392)

TRANSFER REQUESTS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION

A. Solid Waste User Fees (1194)

1. Solid Waste (338)

From:	44200 Buildings	5,000.00
	44300 Land Improvements	25,000.00
	44310 Impts. OTR then Building	5,000.00
	44400 Machine & Equipment	<u>20,000.00</u>
	Total	55,000.00
To:	43090 Other Prof. Services	40,000.00
	43500 Building Repairs	<u>15,000.00</u>
	Total	55,000.00

B. WIC

(#8101)

1. Health (312)

From:	43090 Other Professional	750.00
To:	42180 Medical Supplies	750.00

C. WIC (8101)

1. Health (312)

From :	43570 Cleaning	1,805.00
To:	44310 Impt. Other than Building	1,805.00

D. Maternal & Child Health (8127)

1. Health (614)

From:	43570 Cleaning	450.00
To:	44310 Impts other than Building	450.00

E. Equipment Sustainment Maintenance(8154)

1. Emergency Management (981)

From :	44510 Other Equipment	2,822.00
	42270 Other Repairs/ Mant Sup.	<u>341.00</u>
	Total	3,163.00
To:	43550 Office & OTR Equip. Repairs	3,163.00

F. Indiana Tobacco Prevention (9104)

1. Health (980)

From:	43130 Mileage	87.00
To:	42110 Gasoline	87.00

On motion made by Wenger and seconded by Stump, the council unanimously carried and an approved the request. (pg. 394)

TRANSFER REQUESTS NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION:

(Available in the Auditor's office)

OTHER BUSINESS

a. Approval of CF1 for Diversified Machine Bristol, LLC-

Tom Byers asked the Council to table this request in the July County Council meeting, to give company representative an opportunity to come and talk to the Council about the status of the company. Diversified Machine Bristol representative Julie Samson explains to the Council that the company filed for Bankruptcy in 2015. With some issues including increased product demand and production difficulties leading up to this. The company has reduced their job force and plan on closing the Bristol plant in December 2018 that will lay off 116 workers. Company Representative Steve Niemoeller discusses with the Council they are working with WorkOne to assist workers in obtaining future positions. Also present was Company representative Flint Miller.

Tom Byers explains in reference to the CF-1 for Personal Property is for the year 2017 and after he reviewed the CF-1 submitted, that Diversified Machine Bristol, LLC was in compliance for the year 2017. He states that we will deal with this year's circumstance's and plant closure in the spring when the CF-1 are due for 2018.

Foutz discussed the length of the abatement and the amount of money that is involved.

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On motion made by Riegsecker and seconded by Stump, the Council unanimously carried and approved the CF-1 for 2017.

b. Elkhart County Solid Waste District request the County Council approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$85,000.00.

John Bowers explains the funds are needed for the Leaf Burning Alternative Program and Recycling Education Development Program.

On motion made by Riegsecker and seconded by Foutz the Council unanimously carried and approved this request. (pg. 404)

AUDIENCE ITEMS:

Mary Ann Lienhart-Cross of the Purdue Extension brought us a Peach Crisp Dessert. She handed out healthy stir-fry recipe along with some others. She discussed 4-H fair numbers stating there was 3,450 4-H members involved this year with 7,100 4H projects and 197,000 in attendance. She stated that after the first part of the fair with the rain, it turned out to be a successful fair.

Glenn Null, resident of Goshen, expressed concerns on the building of new buildings when there are so many empty buildings that are not being utilized.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 am on motion made by Foutz, seconded by Yohn, and unanimously approved by the Council.

Cindy Chadwell
Recording Secretary

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.

