

# MINUTES

## ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

December 16, 2019

President Mike Yoder 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 two (2) Board members, Frank Lucchese and Suzie Weirick, were also present. Others present were Patricia Pickens, County Auditor; Craig Buche, County Attorney; Jeff Taylor, County Administrator and Anita Mock, Executive Assistant.

On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the December 2<sup>nd</sup> & December 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 meetings and placed them on file.

On a motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Allowance of Claims as presented by the County Auditor's office.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie, received bids for the Jail Demolition Project. The following bids were received: R & R Excavating - \$1,807,305.70 million, with a potential \$300,000 reduction; Indiana Earth, Inc. - \$1,599,710.80 million, with a potential \$138,900 reduction; Green Demolition Contractors - \$2,286,681.90 million, with a potential \$53,000 reduction; E.T. MacKenzie Company - \$1,391,392.80 million, with a potential \$68,335 reduction; Homrich Demolition - \$1,594,650.66 million, with a potential \$100,000 reduction; and, E. Lee Construction – 1,646,960.00 million, with no credit. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved to accept and review the bids.

County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of Independent Contractor Agreement and Addendum with Hahn Auctioneers for the sale of 320 West High Street, Elkhart, Indiana. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of contract with Siemens for Drug Testing Equipment to be used by Court Services. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

Request approval of Independent Contractor Agreement with Blake Eckelbarger to maintain the Courthouse Clock. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Jason Auvil, requested approval for The Trustees of Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, represented by Progressive Engineering, Inc. for an Amendment to an existing DPUD R-4 known as INTERCHANGE DPUD, IVY TECH SECTION to allow for the construction of an additional building North side of County Road 18, 1,500 feet West of County Road 17, in Concord Township. Mike Yoder opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Jason Auvil, requested approval for Elkhart County 4-H Agriculture Exposition, Inc., represented by Abonmarche Consultants for a zone map change from M-2 & A-1 to DPUD B-3 and for Primary approval of a 1-lot minor subdivision to be known as ELKHART COUNTY 4-H FAIR AND AGRICULTURAL EXPO DPUD South side of County Road 34, 4,400 feet East of US Highway 33, in Elkhart Township. Crystal Welsh a representative from Abonmarche advised she was present to answer any questions in reference to the proposal. Mike Yoder opened a public hearing. Trent Hostetler spoke in favor of the proposal. Fred Jessup spoke in favor of the proposal. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Jason Auvil, requested approval for K & K Real Estate Holding, LLC for a zone-map change from B-2 to B-3 North side of Lake Drive, 300 feet East of State Road 19, in Osolo Township. Mike Yoder opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Jason Auvil, requested approval for K & K Real Estate Holding, LLC for a zone-map change from R-2 to B-2 to B-3 Southeast corner of State Road 19 & Lakewood Drive, in Osolo Township. Mike Yoder opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Health Officer, Dr. Lydia Mertz, requested approval of Dr. Randy Commenga Board of Health re-appointment for a four-year term. Term beginning January 1, 2020 and continuing through December 31, 2023. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

Health Officer, Dr. Lydia Mertz, requested approval of Mr. Bill Davis Board of Health re-appointment for a four-year term. Term beginning January 1, 2020 and continuing through December 31, 2023. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie, requested permission to advertise for 2020 supply and material bids. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie, requested permission to advertise for 2020 Paving Program CCMG. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of 20 MPH Speed Limit on Regina Road between County Road 21 and County Road 46. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements for Kent Myers, Jeff Hershberger and Mike Pennington. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

**BOARD ITEMS:**

County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of a Resolution of the Elkhart County Commissioners for a Special Purchase for Body Scanners for the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department and the Elkhart County Community Corrections Department.

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**AUDIENCE ITEMS:**

On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned their meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Mock