

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

August 7, 2017

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 Pauline Graff, County Auditor; Gordon Lord, County Attorney; Tom Byers, 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 July 17th, July 24th and July 31st 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 Auditor, Pauline Graff, opened the bids for the Love's Drive County Road 17 and US Highway 20 EB Ramps Intersection Improvement. Bids were received from Reith Riley for \$2,163,093.52, Selge Construction for \$1,822,658.56, Phend & Brown Inc. for \$1,826,765.94, Niblock Excavating Inc. for \$1,757,587.70 and HRP Construction Inc. for \$1,748,000.10. On motion made Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried the bids were accepted and will be brought back to the board at a later date.

Planning & Development, Jason Auvil, requested approval for Niblock Excavating, Inc. for Secondary approval of a 32-lot major subdivision to be known as **SANDYCREEK SECTION TWO**, East side of State Road 219, 2,295 feet North of County Road 2, in Cleveland Township. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the board approved this request.

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County Auditor, Pauline Graff, requested approval of Property Transfer Card Proposal Contract between the County Auditor and SBS Portals Group. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the board approved this request.

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County Highway Manager of Transportation, Jeff Taylor, requested approval to accept the highest bid of \$5,000.00 for a 2012 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup Truck that was totaled in a vehicle accident. On motion made by Susie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the board approved this request.

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County Highway Manager of Transportation, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of the plans for rehab of Bridge 102. This bridge is on County Road 35 over the Little Elkhart River. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the board approved this request.

County Highway Manager of Transportation, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of the Change Order #1 for County Road 38 from County Road 17 to State Road 15 road reconstruction and Kercher Bridge. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the board approved this request.

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County Highway Manager of Transportation, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of Ordinance Number 84-710 dated November 5, 1984 "2 Way Stop" 5th Street East for Division Street (County Road 23) and 5th Street West for Division Street (County Road 23) be rescinded and "All-Way Stop" be adopted for Division Street (County Road 23) and 5th Street. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the board approved this request.

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County Highway Manager of Transportation, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of an additional appropriation reduction from EDIT fund for (\$2,000,000.00) for County Road 38 and Kercher Road, transfer to (2) two other funds per State Board of Accounts. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the board approved this request.

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County Highway Manager of Transportation, Jeff Taylor, withdrew an additional appropriation from EDIT fund for \$400,000.00 for paving County Road 38 between County Road 11 and State Road 19.

County Highway Manager of Transportation, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of an appropriation from Motor Vehicle Highway fund for \$125,000.00 for funds needed to pay overtime. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the board approved this request.

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County Highway Manager of Transportation, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of an additional appropriation from Motor Vehicle Highway fund for \$3,000.00 for funds required to maintain software updates for various programs used at the Highway Department. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the board approved this request.

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County Highway Manager of Transportation, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of an additional appropriation from Cumulative Bridge fund for a total of \$92,000.00. An appropriation was approved in April for \$215,000.00. The design contract is \$315,000.00, thus the need for an additional \$65,000.00. The County will be reimbursed up to 80% Federal Funds for the design costs. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the board approved this request.

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County Highway Manager of Transportation, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of an additional appropriation from Road Construction and Maintenance fund for \$25,000 for funds needed for signs, hardware and related items. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the board approved this request.

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County Highway Manager of Transportation, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of an additional appropriation from Community Crossings Grant fund for \$1,000,000.00 for funds awarded from the Community Crossings Grant in 2016 and received in 2017. The State is requiring the funds to be placed in fund #9138. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the board approved this request.

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County Highway Manager of Transportation, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of an additional appropriation from Community Crossings Grant Match fund for \$1,000,000.00 for funds needed to match the Community Crossing Grant awarded in 2016 and received in 2017. The State is requiring the match required by the County to be placed in fund #8155. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the board approved this request.

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County Highway Manager of Transportation, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of an additional appropriation from Major Bridge fund for \$200,000.00 for acquiring right of way for the proposed Dunlap RR grade separation. The property owners contacted the County to acquire this property. It should be well noted that the County did not contact the home owners. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the board approved this request.

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County Highway Manager of Transportation, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of an additional appropriation from Local Road and Street fund for \$50,000.00 for equipment repair and labor and tires and tubes. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the board approved this request.

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Planning & Development Plan Director, Chris Godlewski, requested approval of an additional appropriation from Millersburg II TIF for \$34,098.00 for long term debt payment for sewer plan upgrade. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the board approved this request.

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Planning & Development Plan Director, Chris Godlewski, requested approval of an additional appropriation from South Benton TIF fund for \$24,113.00 for long term debt payment to the Town of Syracuse per Interlocal Agreement. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the board approved this request.

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Planning & Development Plan Director, Chris Godlewski, requested approval of an additional appropriation from North Baugo TIF fund for \$7,020.00 for long term debt payment for water line paid to the landfill fund. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the board approved this request.

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Planning & Development Plan Director, Chris Godlewski, requested approval of an additional appropriation from County Road 6 and County Road 17 Improvement TIF fund for \$1,500.00 for fee from Umbaugh for continuing disclosure services. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the board approved this request.

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Planning & Development Plan Director, Chris Godlewski, requested approval of an additional appropriation from County Road 6 and County Road 17 Improvement TIF fund for \$60,850.00 for construction inspection for new road at County Road 17 and US Highway 20 and Fee for bond paid to Regions Bank. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the board approved this request.

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Planning & Development Plan Director, Chris Godlewski, requested approval of an additional appropriation Western Gateway TIF for \$42,019.00 for long term debt payment for sewer and water paid to the landfill fund. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the board approved this request.

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Planning & Development Plan Director, Chris Godlewski, requested approval of an additional appropriation from Middlebury East TIF fund for \$235,728.00 for long term debt payment for the Town of Middlebury Sewer Plant upgrade. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the board approved this request.

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Suzie Weirick moved to accept the Weights and Measures report for June 16th through July 15th, 2017. Frank Lucchese seconded the motion and unanimously carried, the board approved this report.

Frank Lucchese moved to accept the Solid Waste/Landfill report for July 2017. Suzie Weirick seconded the motion and unanimously carried, the board approved this report.

County Highway Manager of Transportation, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of the Storm Sewer Structure Bid from C & E Excavating for \$14,979.00. On motion by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the board accepted this quote.

Presentation by the Summer Intern individuals from the Highway Department. Taylor Eash, Chris Meyer and Sam Coats described their experiences as an intern in the Highway Department.

Craig Buche requested approval of the renewal of Records Lease which expires at the end of 2018. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the board approved this renewal.

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Craig Buche requested approval of an engagement letter from Barnes & Thornburg LLP to confirm the terms and conditions under which Barnes & Thornburg will serve as bond counsel to the Board of Commissioners in connection with the issuance of the Elkhart County, Indiana Corrections Complex Bonds, Series 2017. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the board approved this request.

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AUDIENCE ITEMS:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Mock