

## MINUTES

### ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

February 4, 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 Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the January 22<sup>nd</sup> & January 28<sup>th</sup> 2019 meetings and placed them on file.

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

#### **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

Board of Commissioners received bids for Proposals for Elkhart County Dark Fiber Connectivity to Data Centers. The bids were from the following companies: St. Joe Valley Metronet, Direct Line Communications, Community Fiber Network and Zayo Group. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved to accept and review the submitted bids.

Board of Commissioners received bids for 2019 Specifications for Materials and Supplies for Elkhart County. The bids were from the following companies: Rieth Riley, Elkhart County Gravel, Phend & Brown, Great Lakes Chloride Inc, Asphalt Materials Inc., Bit-Mat Products, Yellow Creek Gravel and Indiana Gravel. On motion mad by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved to accept and review the submitted bids.

Redevelopment Commission representative, Abby Wiles, requested approval of Joint Resolution of the County of Elkhart, Indiana and the City of Elkhart, Indiana pursuant to IC §36-1-11-8 to transfer 38 tax certificates to the City of Elkhart. The parcels were offered in the 2018 tax sale however, there was no bid received. The parcels will be used to update TIF Districts and neighborhoods as well as an updated plan for the River Vista Area. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Humane Society Director, Rob Lowry, was present to update the Commissioners on the matters of the Humane Society. County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested an additional appropriation from the General Fund for \$219,544. The communities of Elkhart, Goshen, Wakarusa, Bristol and Middlebury will enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the County for animal control services for 2019. Funds requested will be paid to the Humane Society on behalf of the communities who will reimburse the county in (2) installments. Communities are responsible for the following reimbursement amounts: Elkhart - \$126,500, Goshen - \$77,644, Middlebury - \$5,400, Wakarusa - \$6,000 & Bristol - \$4,000. 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 the Contract for Animal Shelter Management and Animal Control Services. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of additional appropriation from the EDIT Fund for \$27,000 in support of the Center for Business Excellence Program operated by the Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce. The county has financially supported this program for several years. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Commissioner, Suzie Weirick, presented the request for approval of Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Elkhart County, Indiana, to support The LITTLE BIG IDEA Project. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development Director, Chris Godlewski, requested approval for additional appropriation from the Middlebury East TIF Fund for \$226,842 for long term payment to Town of Middlebury for 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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Planning & Development Director, Chris Godlewski, requested approval for additional appropriation from South Benton TIF Fund for \$22,838 for long term repayment to the Town of Syracuse for sewer and water extensions. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development Director, Chris Godlewski, requested approval for additional appropriation from the North Baugo TIF Fund for \$10,077 for long term payment to environmental special projects for water line extension. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development Director, Chris Godlewski, requested approval for additional appropriation from the Millersburg II TIF Fund for \$7,932 for long term debt payment for Millersburg Sewage Plant 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 Director, Chris Godlewski, requested approval for additional appropriation from the Western Gateway TIF Fund for \$32,203 for long term payment to environmental special projects for water and sewer extensions. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway Engineer, Kent Schumacher, requested approval for additional appropriation from the EDIT Fund for \$1,270,000 for funds to install dark fiber to Middlebury and to create redundant rings in various locations in case the fiber is damaged. Funds for right of way purchases including but not limited to appraisals, buying, legal, title work, etc. Also, funds for the design of County Road 38 from County Road 31 to State Road 13. Design is being performed in house but funds are needed for geotech, surveying and other outside subcontract work. 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 for additional appropriation from the Storm Water Fund for \$425,000 for funds for the purchase of a vector truck. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Human Resource Assistant Director, Audie Hostetler, requested official approval and signature on the policy changes which have previously been proposed. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried the Board rejected the bid from Walsh & Kelly which was received after the February 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 9:00 a.m. deadline.

On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Weights & Measures Report for December 15 2018 to January 15<sup>th</sup> 2019.

**BOARD ITEMS:**

**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