

# MINUTES

## ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

March 16, 2020

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 Board members, Frank Lucchese and Suzie Weirick, were present. Others present were Patricia Pickens, County Auditor; Steve Olsen, 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 March 2<sup>nd</sup> & March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 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, requested approval to receive bids for Prairie Creek Run Phase 2. Bids received are as follows: HRP Construction in the amount of \$298,025.00 and Selge Construction in the amount of \$156,135.00. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved to accept and review the bids.

Planning & Development, Kevin Williams requested approval to receive bids for Demolition Projects in Elkhart County, Indiana. The bids received are the following:

B & E Excavating	54103 Wilson Street, Elkhart, Indiana	\$8,500
B & E Excavating	29698 San Lucia Drive, Elkhart, Indiana	\$9,750
B & E Excavating	22231 Fenmore Avenue, Goshen, Indiana	\$11,700
B & E Excavating	26403 Cottage Avenue, Elkhart, Indiana	\$12,750
B & E Excavating	56598 Miller Drive, Elkhart, Indiana	\$7,900

Also, received:

Baumann Enterprises submitted a bulk bid in the amount of \$127,200.

On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved to accept and review the bids.

Health Department Officer, Dr. Lydia Mertz, requested approval of Ordinance Amending the Elkhart County Code Regarding Chapter 41: Fees of Title III: Administration for Health Department Fees. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Doug Powers, requested approval of Parker & Tosha Snider for the vacation of an alley (north/south) right-of-way. North/South alley between Division Street and Butler Street, 128 feet East of Division Street, in Jackson Township. Mike Yoder opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak. 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, Mae Kratzer, requested approval of Farmhouse at 52, LLC, represented by Ball Auctioneers for a zone map change from R-1 to A-1. Southeast corner of County Road 52 and County Road 3, in Locke 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 of Schonsheck, Inc. (Buyer), and David Blough Trustee Joy Blough Irrevocable Trust (Seller), and Indiana Michigan Power Company, represented by Marbach, Brady & Weaver, Inc. for a zone map change from GPU B-3 to DPUD B-3 known as **SCHONSHECK DISTRIBUTION CENTER DPUD B-3**. North side of County Road 6, 2,160 feet East of County Road 19, in Washington Township. Representative of Marbach, Brady & Weaver, Inc., was present to answer any questions. Mike Yoder opened a public hearing. Pete Leatherman spoke advising his concern has been the aesthetics of this project. No other 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 with the conditions set by the Planning & Development Department. The approved conditions are as follows: 1. Revised drainage plans and or calculations must be approved, 2. Revised sign plan must be approved, and 3. Parking area surface must utilize dust-free material.

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Planning & Development, Jason Auvil, requested approval of Karl E. Bontrager & Jeanette K. Bontrager, Husband & Wife and Premier Hardwoods, LP represented by Abonmarche Consultants for an Amendment to an existing DPUD A-1 known as **PREMIER HARDWOODS,LP, DPUD** to allow for the construction of accessory structures on Lot 1. West side of County Road 43, 2,400 feet North of County Road 34, in Clinton Township. Abonmarche Consultant Representative, Crystal Welch, requested to remove the condition of NO Dog Kennels on this sight. She stated that the proposal never mentioned having a dog

kennel. 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 Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried the Board approved this request in the condition of removing the restriction.

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Planning & Development, Mae Kratzer, requested approval of Rebecca S. Swihart, represented by Progressive Engineering, Inc. for Secondary approval of a 4-lot major subdivision to be known as **NORTON'S BLUFF**. South side of County Road 28, 1,600 feet west of County Road 22, in Elkhart Township. 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, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval to advertise for the 2020 Horsetroughing Paving Program. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

Court Services Director, Ross Maxwell, requested approval of Out of State Travel for Nathan Tipton and Justin Minder to attend Orientation for Probation and Parole Chief Executive in Aurora, Colorado, May 5-7, 2020. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

Goshen Public Library Board request approval to reappoint Steve Olsen to another term serving on the Goshen Public Library Board of Trustees. Current term is set to expire on March 31, 2020. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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### **BOARD ITEMS:**

County Attorney, Steve Olsen, requested approval for Resolution of the Elkhart County Commissioners Supporting a Special Purchase of Vehicles for the Elkhart County Sheriff's Office to purchase 13 Dodge Pursuit Durango 5.71L V8 All-Wheel Drive. 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 to postpone the upcoming SRI Property Auction and to schedule it for a later date. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

**AUDIENCE ITEMS:**

Sarah Beard discussed her concern about the demolition of her home at 22231 Fenmore Avenue, Goshen, Indiana. She was referred to work with the Planning & Development Code Enforcement Department.

Doug Graham discussed his concern to have a comprehensive plan in place for the Gateway Entrance into Elkhart County.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Mock