

## MINUTES

### ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 6, 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 April 15<sup>th</sup>, April 22<sup>nd</sup> & April 29<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:**

Elkhart County Convention and Visitors Bureau Representative, Sonya Nash, presented a report on the ECCVB role and impact on tourism. Sonya also gave an update on the Quilt Garden Project.

Economic Development Corporation Representative, Chris Stager, was present to discuss the projects which the EDC worked on in 2018 and to thank the Commissioners for investing in Elkhart County's economic future. The Commissioners were requesting approval of an additional appropriation from the EDIT Fund for \$207,199 for the 2019 contribution to the Economic Development Corporation of Elkhart County. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway Engineer, Kent Schumacher, requested approval of additional appropriation from EDIT Fund for \$200,000 for costs for closing the railroad crossing on County Road 40 East of State Road 15. This is a joint project with INDOT and Norfolk Southern Railroad. The Railroad and INDOT are providing funds for closing the crossing. The County is coordinating the work. Funds are for all associated costs including, but not limited to right of way, construction and design related services. 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 of additional appropriation from Motor Vehicle Highway Fund for \$1,059,700 for costs to replace the small structure (short bridge less than 20 feet in length) on County Road 46 East of County Road 127 and funds for road paving and maintenance. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway Engineer, Kent Schumacher, requested approval of additional appropriation from Local Road and Street Fund for \$500,000 for funds for the purchase of dump trucks and other vehicles for Highway use. Expenditure was budgeted in 2019 in the MVH Fund, now moved to the LRS Fund. 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 of additional appropriation from Road Maintenance and Construction Fund for \$247,000 for funds for snow plowing and other subcontractor related services. Funds were in MVH and moved to this fund. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway Engineer, Kent Schumacher, requested approval of additional REDUCTION from Motor Vehicle Highway Fund (204) for \$487,700 and moved to Local Road and Street Fund. 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 of additional REDUCTION from Motor Vehicle Highway Fund (202) for \$247,000 and moved to Road Maintenance and Construction Fund. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Economic Development Corporation Representative, Chris Stager, requested approval of Resolution for 3 Creek, LLC and Alliance RV Statement of Benefits for Real Estate Improvements and Personal Property Located within the Allocation Area Designated as Tax District 039 of the Northeast Corridor TIF District. Jeff Smoke from Great Lakes Capital explained that the request was coming in front of the Commissioners due to the property being in a TIF District and that it is 180 acres for future expansion development. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Interlocal Agreement for an RDC Project previously approved and slightly amended with landscape plan. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Weights & Measures Report for March 16th to April 15<sup>th</sup> 2019.

**BOARD ITEMS:**

County Attorney, Steve Olsen, requested approval of a Resolution of the Elkhart County Commissioners Supporting a Special Purchase of Upgraded Computer Equipment for Elkhart County. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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**AUDIENCE ITEMS:**

Paul Cook discussed the Golf Cart Ordinance previously amended and wanted to express changes which he thought were appropriate.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Mock