

# MINUTES

## ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

**September 3, 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 August 19<sup>th</sup> & August 26<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:**

Human Resources Assistant Director, Audie Hostetler, requested formal approval of Compensation Consultant Agreement with Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele & Associates. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Commissioner, Mike Yoder, explained the request for additional appropriation from Environmental Special Project Fund for \$50,000 to support the Elkhart County Drug-Free Partnership. 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 Cumulative Capital Fund for \$100,000 for funds to replace/repair body scanner at Community Corrections. 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 Project Income Fund for \$100,000 for funds to replace/repair body scanner at Community Corrections. 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 of additional appropriation from Electronic Map Generation Fund for \$3,225 for payment for Pictometry Service. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Natasha Kauffman, requested approval of additional appropriation from Millersburg II TIF Fund for \$97,550 for payment to the Town of Millersburg for Wastewater Plant. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Natasha Kauffman, requested approval of additional appropriation from South Benton TIF Fund for \$32,700 for payment to Syracuse for water and sewer expansion. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Natasha Kauffman, requested approval of additional appropriation from Western Gateway TIF Fund for \$33,043 for payment to Environmental Special Projects for water and sewer expansion. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Natasha Kauffman, requested approval of additional appropriation from Middlebury Ag TIF Fund for \$39,604 for refund payments for the Conservation Easement to 2 landowners. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese the Board approved this request. Mike Yoder recused himself from the vote.

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Planning & Development, Natasha Kauffman, requested approval of additional appropriation from Middlebury East TIF Fund for \$494,368 for payment to Middlebury for wastewater treatment plant expansion. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Natasha Kauffman, requested approval of additional appropriation from County Road 6 & County Road 17 NE TIF Fund for \$1,477,050 for Ivy Tech advanced manufacturing building addition. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Natasha Kauffman, requested approval of additional appropriation from North Baugo TIF Fund for \$20,244 for payment to Environmental Special Projects for water expansion. 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, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of additional appropriation from EDIT Fund for \$1,000,000 for funds to be utilized for road paving, chip seal and crack seal activities and associate 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, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of additional appropriation from EDIT Fund for \$500,000 for funds to continue right of way purchases including, but not limited to, appraisals, buying, legal, title work, etc. Also, associated costs for the County Road 38 – County Road 31 to State Road 13 Project. 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, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of additional appropriation from EDIT Fund for \$35,000 for funds to pay consultant services to perform a traffic study for the County Road 40/Waterford Mills Connector Road Project. 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 of additional appropriation from EDIT Fund for \$100,000 for funds to pay consultant design services for the following bridge projects:  
BR 269 – County Road 1 over Fisher-Gordon Ditch (Northwest of Nappanee)  
BR 361 – North Main Street over Christiana Creek (In the City of Elkhart)  
BR 410 – College Avenue over Horn Ditch (East of US 33 in the City of Goshen)  
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, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of additional appropriation from Local Road & Street Fund for \$45,000 for funds needed for annual replacement of snow plow cutting edges and plow wheels. 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 of additional appropriation from Motor Vehicle Highway Fund for \$5,000 for funds needed for various certifications, re-certifications, continuing education, safety training, etc. 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, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval of BETWEEN transfer to pay for labor for equipment repairs, to pay utility invoices for bridge and traffic lights and to pay for labor for vehicle repairs. 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 of additional REDUCTION from EDIT Fund for \$1,687 due to Signal Performance Measures Project being completed. 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 & Measurers Report for July 16<sup>th</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup> 2019.

**BOARD ITEMS:**

County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie, requested approval to purchase trucks for the Highway Foreman from Ziegler Ford Dealer due to immediate needs. The funds will be used from Local Road & Street Fund. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

**AUDIENCE ITEMS:**

Glen Null spoke advised he was not in favor of the BETWEEN request.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Mock