

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 10, 2017

President Mike Yoder called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in room 106/108 in the County Administration Building, 117 North Second Street, Goshen, Indiana. The other two (2) Board members, Suzie Weirick and Frank Lucchese, were also present. Others present were Pauline Graff, County Auditor; Gordon Lord, County Attorney; Tom Byers, County Administrator and Kathy Erschen, Executive Assistant.

On a motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Allowance of Claims and ratified the claims for 4/3/2017 when only one commissioner was available, as presented by the county auditor's office.

Pauline Graff, County Auditor, opened the bids for the 2017 paving program for the highway department. Jeff Taylor, Manager of Transportation, read the bids. Bids and bid amounts were received from Walsh & Kelly, Inc. - \$3,415,191.56 for Group 1 and No Bid for Group 2; Niblock Excavating, Inc. - \$2,570,026.20 for Group 1 and No Bid for Group 2; Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. - \$2,855,050.94 for Group 1 and \$3,437,759.04 for Group 2; and Phend & Brown, Inc. - No Bid for Group 1 and \$2,949,375.25 for Group 2.

On a motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board accepted all the bids and forwarded them to the highway department for review, tabulation and recommendation.

On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board gave permission to advertise for bids for the CR 6 Fiber Optic Extension for the highway department, as requested by Jay Grossman, County Highway Engineer. Bids will be taken at the May 1, 2017 meeting. He noted that this project will be a Redevelopment project and will be paid from TIF District funds. Several businesses along CR 6 have inquired about possible connection to the fiber line.

On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved a Contract Labor and Service Agreement with Dr. Donald C. Findlay, DDS for twenty (20) hours per week at \$75.00 per hour for the Healthy Beginnings Division in the health department. A copy of the agreement is on file in the Commissioners' office.

On a motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved a License Agreement with the Simonton Lake Preservation Trust for a triangular-shaped parcel of unused public right-of-way at the intersection of North Shore Drive and Bell Avenue, as requested by Craig Buche from the county attorney's office. They intend to maintain the property but will have no ownership. A copy of the License Agreement is on file in the Commissioners' office.

On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between and Among Elkhart County, the Elkhart County Redevelopment Commission, the Town of Syracuse and the

Syracuse Redevelopment Commission Regarding Syracuse Technology Park, as requested by Craig Buche from the county attorney's office. A copy of the Interlocal Agreement is on file in the Commissioners' office.

On a motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board adopted a Resolution Establishing Intent to Conduct a Commissioners Sale of Tax Sale Certificates for Properties that are Delinquent in Payment of Property Taxes, as requested by Tom Byers, County Administrator. SRI, Inc. will be conducting the sale on June 20, 2017.

The Resolution is as follows:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy L. Erschen