

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 8, 2019

President Mike Yoder called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the County Administration Building, 117 North Second Street, Goshen, Indiana. Board members Frank Lucchese and Suzie Weirick were also present. Others present were Patricia Pickens, County Auditor; Jeff Taylor, County Administrator; Craig Buche, County Attorney 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 March 18th & March 25th 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.

On a motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board ratified the approval of the Allowance of Claims, as presented by the County Auditor's office for the April 1, 2019 meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of additional appropriation request from Environmental Special Projects Fund for \$43,200. The Blight Elimination Grant funded the demolition of 51 properties. The grant was federally funded and administered through the State. The amount of the grant was \$1,290,000. There is a 10% match requirement. The County met the match requirement with labor and administrative costs as much as possible, but there is a need for \$43,200 to make up the needed 10% match. 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 additional appropriation request from Environmental Special Projects Fund for \$50,000 for funds requested to fulfill the County's commitment to provide \$50,000 towards the Fire Training Facility undertaken by the City of Goshen for the benefit of all County Fire Departments. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried the Board approved this request.

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Approval was requested for the Interlocal Agreements for the Humane Shelter including: Town of Wakarusa, City of Goshen, Town of Bristol and the City of Elkhart. The Town of Middlebury chose to opt out of the Interlocal Agreement as of April 1, 2019. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of additional appropriation from Cumulative Capital fund for \$10,000 for Information Technology related overtime expenses. 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 for FIR Properties, LLC, represented by Jones Petrie Rafinski for a Zone map change from GPUD/DPUD/CIUD M-2 to DPUD M-2 and for Primary approval of a one lot minor subdivision to be known as **RECYCLING WORKS INDUSTRIAL DPUD** West side of County Road 7, 1,400 feet North of County Road 26, in Concord Township. Mike Yoder opened a public hearing. Representative for Jones Petrie Rafinski, Matt Schuster, spoke in favor of this request. No other 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 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 Unsafe Building fund for \$6,814 to appropriate funds from a settlement related to demolition of a building. 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 Weed & Rank Vegetation Fund for \$6,388 to appropriate funds from collections of fines related to mowing lawns. 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, received quotes for the Administration Building Stairway Replacement Project. The quotes are as follows: JCI Bridge Group in the amount of \$79,587.28 and Premium Concrete in the amount of \$49,259.50. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved to accept and review the bids.

County Highway Engineer, Kent Schumacher, requested approval of additional appropriation from Motor Vehicle Highway Fund for \$3,000,000 for funds for road paving and construction. 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 Motor Vehicle Highway Fund for \$15,165 for funds to repair the New Paris garage roof. 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 additional appropriation from EDIT Fund for \$2,710,000 for funds needed for traffic counting supplies including counters, tubes, repairs and miscellaneous. Also, funds for constructing fiber to South Bend data centers to include all design engineering and construction. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Elkhart Public Library Board requested re-appointment of Carlos Esteves to the Elkhart Public Library Board of Trustees. Term of 4 years, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

County Highway Engineer, Kent Schumacher, requested approval of Interlocal Agreement for Reconstruction of the Bridge on College Avenue Crossing Horn Ditch and relocation of utilities. County Attorney, Craig Buche, also explained a portion of the agreement. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Clerk, Chris Anderson, requested approval of Resolution Authorizing the Loaning of Money from the Landfill Fund for the Elkhart County Election Board Voting Tabulation Upgrade Project. 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 Ordinance Re-Establishing and Restating the Funds for the Elkhart County Landfill. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved the recommendation.

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

BOARD ITEMS:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Mock