

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 17, 2017

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, Suzie Weirick and Frank Lucchese, were also present. Others present were Sheriff Brad Rogers; Dawn Truex, Deputy in the auditor's office; Gordon Lord, County Attorney; Tom Byers, County Administrator; and Kathy Erschen, Executive Assistant.

On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the March 20th, 27th & April 10th, 2017 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 and the Payroll Claims, as presented by the county auditor's office.

Chris Godlewski from the planning department presented a request for Hubbard Hill Healthcare LLC, Lancasterpollard Mortgage Co., represented Jones Petrie Rafinski, for an amendment to an existing DPUD R-3 known as Hubbard Hill Estates DPUD located on the southeast side of CR 24, west of SR 19 in Baugo Township. The Plan Commission sent this to the Board with a recommendation for approval. There was no one in the audience to speak regarding this amendment. On a motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing.

On a motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the amendment request and adopted an ordinance establishing this amendment to the DPUD as requested.

The Ordinance is as follows:

Craig Buche from the county attorney's office addressed the Board regarding a proposed update for the 2017 Road & Street Standards for the highway department to go into effect May 1, 2017. He noted the changes which include some changes to paving roads and utility standards to be consistent with all kinds of, along with some minor changes. Jeff Taylor, Manager of Transportation, said there could be some other changes coming but suggests this be approved and come back with another amendment at a later date.

On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board adopted an Ordinance Adopting the 2017 Street Standards as presented.

The Ordinance is as follows:

Jeff Taylor, Manager of Transportation, addressed the Board regarding a request from Entech, Inc. which is located on CR 2 east of SR 13. For approximately one-quarter of a mile on CR 2 until they get to CR 43, they would like permission to haul heavy loads up to the Michigan line. Normally, they would have to get a permit to haul these heavy loads for each trip. They make one trip per day and have requested they be able to get an annual permit or something similar to that. Mr. Taylor said this company has extra axles on their trailers so the load on the asphalt road is actually less than a normal truck. He doesn't have a problem with issuing an annual permit. The permit would not apply to any state road or any other direction or location at all. Only one route – CR 2 to CR 43 north.

On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved issuing an annual permit to Entech, Inc. for the use of CR 2 and CR 43 from CR 2 to the Michigan Line for 160,000 gross weight, which they have requested. Jeff Taylor and Gordon Lord will prepare the permit form.

On a motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Oaklawn Psychiatric Center for the Elkhart County System of Care Expansion Project, as requested by Tom Byers, County Administrator. The MOU spells out which items in the grant the county is responsible for and the portions that are the responsibility of Oaklawn. A copy of the MOU is on file in the Commissioners' office.

On a motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the Weights & Measures report for February 16th-March 15th, 2017 and the Solid Waste-Landfill report for March 2017 and placed them on file.

Tina Bontrager, County Treasurer, said she has been contacted by several financial companies regarding cash advisory services for the county and investing funds to get good interest rates. She said she is very familiar with Umbaugh & Associates and feels they would be the best fit for the county.

Jeff Messer with Umbaugh said they have been providing investment advisory services to Indiana municipalities for 11 years and manage approximately \$1 billion in Indiana public funds. He explained their investment policy and said they will work hand in hand with the treasurer. An annual fee of eight basis points will be charged on all investments held in the trust accounts related to Client's funds.

On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved the proposed Engagement Letter with Umbaugh Cash Advisory Services LLC for Cash Advisory Services for Elkhart County. A copy of the Engagement Letter is on file in the Commissioners' office.

Craig Buche from the county attorney's office addressed the Board regarding the adoption of two (2) Resolutions in connection with the pending bond issue for the Redevelopment Commission on the Love's Travel Plaza project on CR 17. The process requires the approval of the Commissioners for the creation of the separate TIF allocation area for the issuance of the bond. All of the paperwork has been approved by the RDC and Plan Commission. The developer for Love's Travel Plaza consulted with their financial experts and counsel and proposed that the actual structure of the project be converted to a bond issue. It provides them with more security to get their infrastructure funds paid back to them.

On a motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board adopted A Resolution Approving Certain Matters in Connection with An Amendment to the Declaratory Resolution for the Northeast Corridor Economic Development

Area, the Creation of a New Allocation Area and the Approval of a Plan Amendment for Said Area.

The Resolution is as follows:

On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board adopted a Resolution Approving the Issuance of Bonds of the Elkhart County Redevelopment District, as presented by Craig Buche.

The Resolution is as follows:

On a motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board awarded the bid contingent to funding approval for Part 1 (north part of county) of the 2017 paving program for the highway department to Niblock Excavating, Inc. for \$2,570,026.20 and Part 2 (southern portion of county) to Phend & Brown for \$2,949,257.37, as requested by Jeff Taylor, Manager of Transportation. They were the low bidders for the project.

Kathy Lantz, 53047 Wade Street, Bristol addressed the Board regarding the proposed Quaker Trace bike trail that is to be constructed along CR 8. She fully supports building this trail and said it makes a significant impact on the quality of life in our communities. It will make Elkhart a much more attractive place to live and work. She also feels it will improve safety for the bikers and pedestrians. She asks that the Commissioners & Plan Commission do not allow a handful of disgruntled property owners stop the construction of this proposed bike trail.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Erschen