

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

February 3, 2020

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 Board members, Frank Lucchese and Suzie Weirick, were 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 January 21st & January 27th, 2020 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:

City of Elkhart Community & Redevelopment Representative, Eric Trotter, requested approval of Joint Resolution with the City of Elkhart Community & Redevelopment Department and the Board of Commissioners for the transfer of five unsold parcels from the 2019 tax sale. 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 Interlocal Agreements with the City of Elkhart, City of Goshen, Town of Middlebury, Town of Wakarusa and Town of Bristol for Animal Services provided by the Humane Society. Communities are responsible for the following reimbursement amounts: Elkhart - \$126,500, Goshen - \$77,644, Middlebury - \$5,400, Wakarusa - \$6,000 and Bristol - \$4,000. 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 EDIT Fund for \$1,974,946 for monies moved from EDIT Fund to support the Fiber Fund. 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 Fiber Fund for \$1,974,946 to set up a budget for dark fiber. This will be the first of an annual budget for the Fiber Department. 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 South Benton TIF Fund for \$29,903 for reimbursement to Town of Syracuse for water/sewer extension. 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 Western Gateway TIF Fund for \$5,149 for reimbursement to Environmental Special Projects for sewer/water project. 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 Middlebury East TIF Fund for \$51,633 for reimbursement to Town of Middlebury for sewer/water fees. 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 \$18,154 for reimbursement to Environmental Special Projects for sewer extension project. 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 \$50,000 for last mile fiber connections in the NE TIF area. 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 from State Road 13 TIF fund for \$52,000 for water utility study for State Road 13 TIF Fund. 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 REDUCTION from County Road 6 & County Road 17 NE TIF Fund for \$300 for project closeout of Love's Drive Fiber 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 2020 Paving CCMG Program Award of Bid to Niblock Excavating Company in the amount of \$1,809,807. 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 \$1,400,000 for funds to complete right of way purchases including but not limited to appraisals, buying, legal, title work, etc., and 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 REDUCTION from Cumulative Bridge Fund for \$81,054 to close out (4) four projects that are completed. 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 Consultant Design Contract for Bridge #312 Replacement Project by and between the Elkhart County Board of Commissioners and United Consulting. 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 to receive Bids for the Prairie Creek Run Phase II Water Services Project. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Council requested approval of additional appropriation from General Fund for \$3,300 for Council Member to attend (2) two NACO Conferences in 2020. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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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 December 16th 2019 to January 15th, 2020.

BOARD ITEMS:

County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Resolution of the Elkhart County Commissioners for a Special Purchase for a Caterpillar Dozer for the Elkhart County Landfill. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Addendum by and between MacAllister Machinery Company, Inc., and the Elkhart County Landfill for Total Maintenance Repair Agreement. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request pending review.

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County Attorney, Steve Olsen, requested approval of Resolution of the Elkhart County Commissioners Regarding Pricing for Elkhart County Fiber Optic Network's Pilot Project. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Attorney, Steve Olsen, requested approval of Master Services Agreement with QuantaSi Inc., intended to cover the base terms governing the parties on future Statement of Works between QuantaSi Inc. and Elkhart County for goods and services provided by QuantaSi Inc. to Elkhart County. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request pending legal review.

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County Attorney, Steve Olsen, requested approval of Agreement with Entry Point, LLC., to purchase hardware for use with the Entry Point software being managed and operated by QuantaSi Inc., to Elkhart County. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request pending legal review.

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AUDIENCE ITEMS:

Glen Null spoke on several different items and concerns.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Mock