

# MINUTES

## ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

September 25, 2017

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 Pauline Graff, County Auditor; Tom Byers, 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 Allowance of Claims, as presented by the County Auditor's office.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

Elkhart County Procurement Specialist, Kris Krueger, requested approval of the Blight Elimination Project Bid for thirteen properties. The first bid was from Pelly Excavating for \$238,572.00. The second bid was from R & R Excavating for \$442,555.00. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board accepted these bids and they will be reviewed and brought back to the Board at a later date.

Director of Planning and Development, Chris Godlewski, requested approval of Specifications and Contract Documents for LILAC STREET WATER MAIN EXTENTION BID. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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EDC representative, Mark Dobson, discussed the Labor Attraction Plan to address the shortage of workforce in Elkhart County. Mark Dobson advised through recent studies it is reported that the shortage is somewhere between 8,500 to 35,000 workers to the workforce. The EDC Board is asking for \$48,000 for launch fees to support a 6-month campaign for Job Marketing and including a new website: [elkhartcountyworks.com](http://elkhartcountyworks.com). The total amount estimated for this program is \$91,000.00, with \$48,000.00 coming from County Funds and the balance to come from local businesses and the community. Tag Marks focus is outside of the region which is what the EDC Board was looking for to attract a larger number of individuals. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

County Administer, Tom Byers, requested approval of preliminary bond documents for the Juvenile Detention Center prepared by Barnes & Thornburg and bonds attorney, reviewed by Umbaugh Financial Advisor, and reviewed by Yoder Ainley. 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 Right of Entry Agreement entered into by and between Roserock Holdings, LLC and the Board of Commissioner of the County of Elkhart, Indiana. Authorizing the County and the Contractor to enter in the right of way at the Love's Travel Plaza Project located at County Road 17 and US Highway 20. 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 the Final Easement Acceptance entrance for the Boot Lake Property. This Non-Exclusive Ingress and Egress Easement Agreement was entered into by Robert E. Williams and Diane M. Williams. 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 the En-focus Study subject to the final legal approval. Also, requested is approval of the waste stream consultant study for the landfill subject to final legal approval. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

County Highway Manager of Transportation, Jeff Taylor, officially introduced Kent Schumacher as the new County Engineer. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Kent Schumacher County Engineer.

County Highway Manager of Transportation, Jeff Taylor, requested approval to enter into an Independent Contractor agreement for Professional Services with Lochmueller. This agreement is considered an on-call agreement for Engineering Services. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, The Board approved this request.

County Highway Manager of Transportation, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of a change order for County Road 38 and Kercher Road Project. The County reached out to the Contractor to see what it would take to get this project done by the end of this calendar year. The Contractor returned with a Proposal from the Bridge Group and the Road Group of Reith Riley since they operate as separate entities. The Bridge Group returned with a figure of \$176,000.00 to get the job done, with the Earth Movers returning with a figure of \$205,530.00. Various

Paving Operations and Additional Sub Contractors, miscellaneous items came in at \$75,470. The lump sum proposal combined was \$457,000.00 to get the job done by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. If they go beyond the proposed date they begin paying liquidated damages at \$4,570.00 per day, regardless of weather conditions. Funds will be used from the Special Distribution in EDIT portion. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

**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