

## MINUTES

### ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

November 6, 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, Frank Lucchese and Suzie Weirick, were also present. Others present were Pauline Graff, County Auditor; Gordon Lord, County Attorney; Tom Byers, County Administrator 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 October 16<sup>th</sup>, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

County Administrator, Tom Byers, requested approval of an additional appropriation from Cumulative Capital Development fund for \$81,000. The lease agreements for the 23 vehicles leased from ENTERPRISE had a capital buy-in requirement that was to be paid in 2017 when the County leased the vehicles. Once the trade-in vehicles are sold, the revenue from the sale will be applied to lease payments due in 2018. The net effect will be zero as the \$81,000 budgeted for 2018 will not be needed. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Administrator, Tom Byers, requested approval of an additional appropriation from Storm Water Management fund for \$30,000. Based on a request from representatives of the Indiana Lake Community, the Storm Water Board is requesting funds for a feasibility study to have services available to the Indiana portion of Indiana Lake. If approved, the funds will be made available to the Regional Sewer District who will select a consultant to perform the work, which will include the estimated cost to the approximate 72 homes in the study area. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning and Development Director, Chris Godlewski, requested approval of an additional reduction from Middlebury Southeast TIF fund for \$91,959.49 to closeout project for Crystal Valley Road Project. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning and Development Director, Chris Godlewski, requested approval of an additional reduction from County Road 6 and County Road 17 Improvement TIF for \$1,362.11 to closeout project for RV Hall of Fame Study. 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, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of an additional appropriation from the EDIT fund for \$306,685.00 for funds needed for the December 2017 Major Moves Principal Payment and \$93,316 for the December 2017 Major Moves Interest Payment, for a total request of \$400,001. 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, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of an additional appropriation from Motor Vehicle Highway fund for \$2,000 for funds needed for education and conference costs. 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, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of an additional appropriation from Motor Vehicle Highway fund for \$109,000 for funds to pave County Road 32 between State Road 13 and Airline Drive north of US Highway 6 and \$200,000 for funds needed for Contractor snow plowing, for a total request of \$309,000. 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, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of an additional appropriation from Major Bridge fund for \$668,834 for funds for the December Major Moves principal payment for six Span Bridge and \$81,167 for the December Major Moves interest payment for Six Span Bridge, for a total request of \$750,001. 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, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of an additional appropriation from Motor Vehicle Highway fund for \$20,000 for funds needed for night shift workers to begin in November of 2017. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the 2018 Elkhart County Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule.

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On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the Weights and Measures report from September 16<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Director of Community Corrections, Lauren Duesler, requested approval for Robert Keim to travel to West Springfield, Massachusetts on June 9<sup>th</sup> through June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to attend the North American Work Dog Association Workshop. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

The LOCHMUELLER GROUP presented proposals for the County Road 8, Quaker Trace Bike/Pedestrian Path. Following the presentation the Board shared which options they were looking at pursuing and the majority agreed that option 2A was their preference. Suzie Weirick then urged individuals at the meeting to attend the Public Hearing to be held on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at Eastwood Elementary School in Elkhart.

#### **AUDIENCE ITEMS:**

Ron Neher discussed his disapproval for the County Road 8 bike path.  
Dennis Kline discussed his concern for the County Road 8 bike path and would prefer option 3.  
Ellen Stevens discussed the overgrowth on Mark Allen Drive and that it needs to be maintained.  
Steve Braden advised he was representing friends of the Quaker Trace Trail and their support of the County Road 8 bike path.  
Cathy Meyers discussed she had concerns for the County Road 8 bike path.  
Charles Phillips discussed his concerns for the County Road 8 bike path.  
Eric Mischler discussed his approval of the County Road 8 bike path.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Mock