

## MINUTES

### ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 2, 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; Craig Buche, County Attorney; 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 Minutes of the September 18<sup>th</sup> and September 25<sup>th</sup> 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:**

Planning and Development requested Bids for Nuisance Clean-Up for 25708 Homewood Avenue, Elkhart, IN 46514 however, there were no bids submitted.

Planning and Development, Matt Shively, requested approval of a zone map change for Joseph and Ida Miller, from A-1 to M-1, East side of County Road 37, 1,900 feet South of Orpha Drive (County Road 22), in Middlebury Township. Mike Yoder opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the public hearing was closed. 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 and Auditor's attest of the Northern Indiana Construction Company, Inc. Maintenance Bond for work on Henke Street Bridge over Puterbaugh Creek Culvert Replacement 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 appropriation from County Road 6 and County Road 17 NE TIF fund for \$129,757.00 for repayment to Schrock Real Estate for sewer improvements on Beck Drive, Osolo Township funds appropriated for water line improvement and additional legal services for County Road 6 and County Road 17 improvements. 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 Cumulative Bridge fund for \$20,000.00 to cover payroll for the remainder of 2017. 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 LOIT Special Distribution fund for \$457,000.00 for funds needed to accelerate the construction of the County Road 38 and Kercher Road 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, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of an additional appropriation from Local Road and Street fund for \$150,000.00 for funds needed for vehicle repair parts and labor expenses. 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 Love's Project fund for \$1,900,000.00 for bond proceeds to construct the public roadway portion of the Love's project at County Road 17 and US Highway 20 Bypass and to pay bond issue costs. 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 Motor Vehicle Highway fund for \$10,000.00 to cover payroll for the remainder of 2017 and funds needed for data processing services. 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 Love's Project fund for \$243,000.00 for funds received to construct the water and sewer portion of the Love's project at County Road 17 and US Highway 20 Bypass. 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 Motor Vehicle Highway fund for \$12,000.00 to cover payroll for the remainder of 2017. 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 EDIT fund for \$84,000.00 for funds needed to complete filling in pavement troughs left from horse and buggies along various roads. In June of 2017 \$184,661.00 was appropriated and more was needed to complete the work. This amount is for the hot mix asphalt only and does not include the cost for chip seal over the roadway. 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 accepted the Weights and Measures report from August 16<sup>th</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup> 2017.

County Attorney, Craig Buche, requested approval of Resolution No. 2017-04, Juvenile Detention Bond, Approving The Issuance Of The Elkhart County, Indiana Corrections Complex Bonds, Series 2017. 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 the purchase of a custom made 260 foot fence to install on the southwest side of the bridge located on County Road 4, west of State Road 19 in the County right of way. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

**AUDIENCE ITEMS:**

Glen Riegsecker discussed buggy horseshoes and the damage that the shoe does to county roadways. The discussion included what the current charge is for buggy plates both in Elkhart County and LaGrange County, and to possibly increase the charge for buggy plates.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Mock