

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

August 5, 2019

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 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 July 15th, July 22nd & July 29th 2019 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:

County Highway Manager of Transportation, Charlie McKenzie, requested to postpone receiving bids for the US 131/County Road 2 Intersection Improvement Project. The expected date to receive the bids is August 19, 2019.

County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of additional appropriation from Cumulative Capital Fund for \$250,000 for funds to be used for Critical Technological Upgrades. 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 Cumulative Capital Fund for \$65,400 for funds needed to pay The ESI Team for Information Technology assistance in transitioning, updating, IT software/hardware, personnel and future planning. 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 additional appropriation from Motor Vehicle Highway Fund for \$200,000 for funds to meet payroll for the remainder of the year. 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 additional appropriation from Storm Water Fund for \$5,000 for funds to meet payroll for remainder of the year. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of additional appropriation from the EDIT Fund for \$250,000 for funds to manage the fiber installation and construction to South Bend Data Centers. Funds will also be utilized to manage the current fiber network through professional service contracts for such activities as rate determinations, service connections, data management, and other related services for the dark fiber network. 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 Economic Development Fee Fund for \$230,000 for funds to install fiber connections, laterals to businesses and homes. 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 additional REDUCTION from Local Road & Street Fund for \$13,195 due to culvert replacement project on County Road 111 being 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 to execute Bristol to Middlebury Fiber Optic Project Contract. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Highway Engineer, Kent Schumacher, requested approval to execute 2019 Striping Program Agreement. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

County Highway Engineer, Kent Schumacher, requested approval of Unofficial Detour for INDOT's US Highway 6 & 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 Engineer, Kent Schumacher, requested to table the request for approval of Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for US Highway 6 & County Road 29 Connector Road.

County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of Direct Line Communications Inc. as principal and Great American Insurance Company Performance Bond. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Brad Rogers requested approval for use of the Goshen Courthouse Property for a campaign announcement for Brad Rogers for County Commissioner on August 17, 2019. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Weights & Measurers Report for June 16th to July 15th 2019.

Presentation by the Highway Engineering Summer Interns explaining what they had learned and experienced for the summer months.

BOARD ITEMS:

Planning & Development Director, Chris Godlewski, requested approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Commissioners of the County of Elkhart and the Board of Commissioners of the County of LaGrange in reference to Building Permits and Conflicts of Interest. On a 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 revised Anti-Littering Ordinance. A Supplement to Ordinance No. CO 2019-23 Concerning an Amendment and Restatement of Commissioner Ordinance No. CO 2019-21 Amending the Elkhart County Code Regarding Title IX General Regulations. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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AUDIENCE ITEMS:

Steve Bachman spoke in opposition of the Pine Cone Recycling Project on County Road 7 and his concerns of maintaining a safe level of air pollution.

Julie Bachman spoke on her concerns of the intersection of County Road 11 & County Road 24. She stated the area did not have any school zone markings and is very hazardous to children on their way to school and leaving school. There was much discussion as to how to make the area safer for children and drivers.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Mock