

# MINUTES

## ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

**November 18, 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 and Anita Mock Executive Assistant. County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, was absent.

On a motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the November 4<sup>th</sup> & November 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 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 Attorney, Steve Olsen, received Bids for Body and In-Car Camera Systems for the Sheriff's Office. The Bids are as follows: Digital Alley, Inc. with a range amount between \$856,815.00 and \$1,156,455.00; WatchGuard in the amount of \$1,114,841.00; Utility Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$976,000.00; and, Axson Enterprise, Inc. in the amount of \$875,804.85. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved to accept and review the Bids.

On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Extension Contractual Services Agreement between Purdue University and Government of Elkhart County, Indiana.

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Planning & Development, Doug Powers, requested approval for Antonio Ledezma (Buyer) and David Markham & Rosanne Markham, husband & Wife (Sellers) represented by Jaime Munoz for a zone map change from R-4 to B-3 Northeast side of US Highway 33, 700 feet North of County Road 20, in Concord 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 Board closed the public hearing. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Doug Powers, requested approval for Elkhart 53897, LLC, represented by Sophia Weaver for a zone map change from R-1 to A-1 West side of County Road 7, 3,100 feet North of Bristol Street, in Osolo 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 Board closed the public hearing. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Jason Auvil, requested approval for Schonsheck, Inc. (Buyer) and David Blough Trustee Joy Blough Irrevocable Trust (Seller) and Indiana Michigan Power Company, represented by Marbach, Brady & Weaver, Inc. for a zone map change from A-1 to GPUD B-3 to be known as **SCHONSHECK DISTRIBUTION CENTER GPUD B-3** North side of County Road 6, 2,160 feet East of County Road 19, in Washington Township. Marbach, Brady & Weaver, Inc. representative, Chris Marbach, presented the requested proposal. Mike Yoder opened a public hearing. Speaking in favor of the proposal was as follows: Jennifer Albany, General Counsel Representative for Lippert Components and Chris Stager from Economic Development Corporation of Elkhart County. Speaking in opposition of the proposal was as follows: Rod Laughman, Elaina Muncie, James A. Jones, Donna Rex, Ann Bowers, Mark Eades, Joann Miller, Dave Sanders, Mike Markley and Pete Leatherman. Chris Marbach addressed the concerns of those individuals in opposition of the proposal. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. Mike Yoder, Frank Lucchese and Suzie Weirick all addressed the concerns that were brought to their attention from those opposing the proposal. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Jason Auvil, requested approval for Middlebury Community Schools (Buyer) and Crystal Valley Investments, LLC (Seller), represented by Progressive Engineering, Inc. for a zone map change from DPUD R-1 to DPUD A-1 and for Primary approval of a 1-lot minor subdivision to be known as **MIDDLEBURY SCHOOLS EQUESTRIAN CENTER DPUD** East side of Northridge Drive, 1,747 feet North of County Road 16 (Wayne Street), in Middlebury Township. Mike Yoder opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Jason Auvil, requested approval for Anthony L. Yoder & Mary Lou Yoder, Husband & Wife, represented by B. Doriot & Associates, Inc. for a zone map change from A-1 to DPUD A-1 and for Primary approval of a 1-lot subdivision to be known as **A.J. YODER A-1 DPUD MINOR SUBDIVISION** West side of East County Line Road, 2,150 feet South of County Road 30, in Clinton Township. Mike Yoder opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Health Officer, Dr. Lydia Mertz, requested approval of Dr. Randy Commenga Board of Health re-appointment for a four-year term. Term beginning January 1, 2020 and continuing through December 31, 2023. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

Health Officer, Dr. Lydia Mertz, requested approval of Mr. Bill Davis Board of Health re-appointment for a four-year term. Term beginning January 1, 20220 and continuing through December 31, 2023. 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 Initial Subdivision Acceptance – Whispering Woods. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Concord High School Government Class presented several projects which they had studied. The projects included the Intersections of County Road 111/County Road 20, County Road 113/County Road 28 and a proposed sidewalk along County Road 20 from Concord High School to West Side Elementary School.

On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the use of the Courthouse Lawn by Northern Indiana Atheists for the month of November.

**BOARD ITEMS:**

**AUDIENCE ITEMS:**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Mock