

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 28, 2025

President Brad Rogers 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 Board members, Suzie Weirick and Bob Barnes were also present. Others present were Steve Olsen, County Attorney; Patricia Pickens, County Auditor; Jeff Taylor, County Administrator and Kelly Ropp, Administrative Manager.

***This meeting commenced pursuant to public notice under the Indiana open door law. This meeting was made available for the public and press to attend in person or engage in remote real-time observation.

On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the April 14, 2025, meeting and placed them on file.

(Item 178)

On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Allowance of Claims and for a May 5, 2025, check run for County Property tax payments and a property tax advance to the tax units, as presented by the County Auditor's office.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Joe Leichtman, Director of Buildings and Grounds, presented a request for approval of a contract with R Yoder Construction for the Jail Kitchen Floor project. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 179)

Joe Leichtman, Director of Buildings and Grounds, presented a request for approval of Performance Bonds from R Yoder Construction for the Jail Kitchen Floor project. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 180)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented an additional appropriation request from the General Fund in the amount of \$278,327.00 for the Humane Society. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 181)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, withdrew a request by Nitzy Chavez Lopez for Noise Ordinance Variance because the property address is within the city limits of Goshen.

(Item 182)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented a request for use of Courthouse Lawn in Goshen by David Knight on May 1st, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for May Day Strong demonstration. The Board discussed concerns. Kate Marsh, Goshen, appearing as agent for David Knight spoke and voluntarily amended the time to 5 pm to 7 pm on same date. Restrictions of no use of Elkhart County electrical and must cooperate with Court Staff as needed. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request as amended.

(Item 183)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented a request by David Knight for a Noise Ordinance Variance. The Board discussed concerns. Kate Marsh, Goshen, appearing as agent for David Knight spoke and voluntarily amended the time to 5 pm to 7 pm on same date. Restrictions of no use of Elkhart County electrical and must cooperate with Court Staff as needed. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick and seconded by Bob Barnes; the request was approved. A roll call vote followed: Suzie Weirick, YAY; Bob Barnes, YAY; Brad Rogers, NAY.

(Item 184)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration Work Order No. 13 with Moser Consulting, Incorporated. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this work order.

(Item 185)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration Work Order No. 4 with TDI Technologies, Inc. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this work order.

(Item 186)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration Work Order No. 5 with TDI Technologies, Inc. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this work order.

(Item 187)

The request for consideration of Network Solutions Incorporated Quote for Cisco licensing was tabled.

The request for consideration of Network Solutions Incorporated Quote for Cisco support services was tabled.

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration an Independent Contractor Agreement and Task Order with Information and Records Associates, Inc. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this agreement and task order.

(Items 188A and 188B)

Joel Williams, Prosecutor's Office, presented a request for approval for Out of State Travel for Jeremy Stout to attend Criminal Investigations using Cellular Technologies SME Course in Randolph, Massachusetts from Sep. 15th to 19th, 2025. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 189)

Joel Williams, Prosecutor's Office, presented a request for approval for Out of State Travel for Investigator Mark Daggy to attend International Homicide Investigators Association Annual Training in Louisville, Kentucky from Aug. 3rd to 7th, 2025. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 190)

BOARD ITEMS:

None.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Glenn Null, Goshen, spoke.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting.