

# MINUTES

## ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 12, 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 April 21 and April 28, 2025, meetings and placed them on file.

(Items 191A and 191B)

On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Allowance of Claims as presented by the County Auditor's office.

A motion was made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried to amend the agenda for item 4. D, under Highway, to add further description.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented a request by Yessenia Cisneros for Noise Ordinance Variance. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board denied this request based on prior noise complaints.

(Item 192)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented for consideration the Annual Report for the Congressional Township, Common School, and Permanent Endowment Funds for year ending April 30, 2025. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board accepted and signed this annual report.

(Item 193)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration the Third Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Intersection Improvements at County Road 22/County Road 37 Intersection, County Road 37/County Road 20 Intersection, and County Road 20/State Road 13 Intersection. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this amendment.

(Item 194)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration a Special Purchase Resolution for Highway Department Bucket Truck. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this resolution.

(Item 195)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented an additional appropriation request from General Fund in the amount of \$359,457.82 for Renewal of Software and Hardware Support for Network Hardware and \$412,000.00 for Renewal of Licenses and Software Subscriptions for Network Hardware for a total of \$771,457.82. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation.

(Item 196)

Jason Auvil, Zoning Administrator, presented a request for approval of Nathan D. Miller & Lori B. Miller, Husband & Wife represented by Land and Boundary LLC for a zone map change from R-2 to DPUD B-3 and R-2 also for primary approval of a 2-lot minor subdivision to be known as Miller's County Road 4 DPUD Minor Subdivision, north side of CR 4, 1,990 ft. west of East County Line Rd., common address of 10361 CR 4 in York Township. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this zone map change.

(Items 197 and 197A)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a recommendation to award the 2025-1 CCMG Paving Program to Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. including consideration of Change Order 1 for Removal of EC-7 (East County Line Speed Humps) for \$3,827,986.71. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board awarded the bid to Reith Riley Construction Co., Inc.

(Item 198)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a recommendation to award the 2025 Striping Program to C.E. Hughes Milling Inc., The Airmarking Company for \$782,393.33. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board awarded this bid.

(Items 199 and 199A)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a recommendation to award the 2025 Wedging Program to Niblock Excavating Construction Inc for \$575,422.87. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board awarded this bid.

(Items 200 and 200A)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an appropriation request from EDIT Fund for \$1,400,000.00 for Bridge 332 Construction, Right of Way and associated costs. A motion made by Suzie Weirick and seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried to approve the transfer of funds for \$700,000.00 from the Major Moves to (the Baintertown TIF) this transfer is needed before the appropriation. The breakdown is as follows: EDIT- \$450,000.00, Baintertown TIF- \$250,000.00, Major Moves-\$700,000.00 for a total of \$1,400,000.00. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried the board approved the additional appropriation.

(Item 201)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an appropriation request from EDIT fund for \$750,000.00 for Sign Replacement Project and associated costs. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the appropriation.

(Item 202)

Kyle Wager, County Highway, presented a reduction request of \$676.76 from EDIT 1112-980-240026, Signal Upgrades. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the reduction.

(Item 203)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a reduction request of \$32,528.00 from EDIT 1112-980-210017, CR 20 and CR 111 Design. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the reduction.

(Item 204)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a reduction request of \$21,700.00 from EDIT 1112-980-220020, CR 40 Construction Inspection. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the reduction.

(Item 205)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a reduction request of \$4,787.75 from EDIT 1112-980-240027, USI On-Call Consulting. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the reduction.

(Item 206)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a reduction request of \$31,122.74 from CUM Bridge 1135-980-220010, Bridge Inspection. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the reduction.

(Item 207)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a reduction request of \$3,370.00 from CUM Bridge 1135-980-230023, Bridge 145 Tree Clearing. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the reduction.

(Item 208)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a reduction request of \$108,477.72 from Major Moves 1172-980-180044, Construction/Reconstruction of PSCC Radio Upgrades. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the reduction.

(Item 209)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a reduction request of \$18,396.87 from Major Moves 1172-980-192618, Computer Purchases. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the reduction.

(Item 210)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval of RFQ for purchase of 2025 Vermeer SC70TX Stump Grinder for \$84,046.88 from Vermeer Midwest, Fort Wayne, Indiana. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the request.

(Item 211)

Katie Niblock, County Highway, along with two Concord students presented the Concord High School Students Service-Learning Project Presentation. This is part of the Senior Government class project. A detailed presentation was given with the research that was done to recommend this project.

(Item 212)

### **BOARD ITEMS:**

Andrew Bylsma, Health Administrator, presented a request to amend the travel dates for the Out of State Travel Request for Dr. Richard Hostetter to attend the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACHHO) 2025 Preparedness Summit in San Antonio, Texas from April 29 – May 2, 2025, to April 28 – May 1, 2025. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this amendment.

(Item 213)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration an Independent Contractor Agreement with MainMicro Technologies Corporation. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this agreement.

(Item 214)

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Cindy Hajicek, Goshen, spoke.

Pam Keyser, Middlebury, spoke.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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