

# MINUTES

## ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

June 2, 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 was present, and Bob Barnes was absent. 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 Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes for the May 27, 2025 meeting and placed them on file.

(Item 236)

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

### **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

Jeff Siegel, Sheriff, presented a request for approval for Out of State Travel for Chaplains Jennifer Lanzen and Leon Geigley to attend ICPC Chaplain Training Seminar in Little Rock, Arkansas from July 21<sup>st</sup> to July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried. The Board approved this request.

(Item 237)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented a request from River Oaks Community Church for Noise Ordinance Variance. The date of the event is July 13, 2025, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried. The Board approved this request.

(Item 238)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented a request for consideration of an Independent Contractor Agreement with Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried. The Board approved this request.

(Item 239)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented an Additional appropriation request of \$300,000.00 from the Special Projects Fund to pay \$100,000.00 each to Center for Community Justice, Council on Aging, and CAPS. The second part of this request is the approval of a \$300,000.00 transfer between funds from the Landfill Operating Fund to Other Grants and Awards for contributions to Center for Community Justice, Council on Aging, and CAPS. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick to approve both the transfer and the appropriation request, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried. The Board approved this request.

(Items 240 and 241)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request to Post Notice to Bidders for BR 332 Rehabilitation Project. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried. The Board approved this request.

(Item 242)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request to Post Notice to Bidders for the 2025 Sign Replacement Project. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried. The Board approved this request.

(Item 243)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval of Bridge 233 LPA Consultant Agreement with Lochmueller Group. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried. The Board approved this request.

(Item 244)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an Additional appropriation request from EDIT Fund in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for BR 233 Construction and Construction Inspection. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried. The Board approved this request.

(Item 245)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an Additional appropriation request from Motor Vehicle Highway Fund in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 for Paving Chip and Seal, Construction and other Associated Cost. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried. The Board approved this request.

(Item 246)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an Additional appropriation request from Road Maintenance and Construction Fund in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 for Paving Chip and Seal, Construction and other Associated Costs. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried. The Board approved this request.

(Item 247)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an Additional appropriation request from Rainy Day Fund in the amount of \$700,000.00 for Paving Chip and Seal, Construction and other Associated Cost. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried. The Board approved this request.

(Item 248)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an Additional appropriation request from Community Crossing State Match Fund in the amount of \$1,500,050.00 for paving. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried. The Board approved this request.

(Item 249)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an Additional appropriation request from EDIT Fund in the amount of \$700,000.00 and \$300,000.00 for CR 6 between John Weaver Parkway and Ash Road ROW Acquisition and Associated Cost. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried. The Board approved this request.

(Item 250)

Joe Leichtman, Director of Buildings and Grounds, presented an Additional appropriation request from Buildings & Grounds LIT Special Fund in the amount of \$100,000.00 for covering additional cost of boxed meals purchased to feed inmates while kitchen was shut down for the floor replacement project. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried. The Board approved this request.

(Item 251)

Joe Leichtman, Director of Buildings and Grounds, presented an Additional appropriation request from Buildings & Grounds LIT Special Fund in the amount of \$290,000.00 for additional cost to replace two rooftop units on Sheriff's Administration Building and replacement of three radio repeaters inside of jail. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried. The Board approved this request.

(Item 252)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented a request for approval for Out of State Travel for Eric Fisette to attend SCALE/Platform 2025 Business Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada from May 12, 2025, to May 17, 2025. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried. The Board approved this request.

(Item 253)

Brad Rogers, County Commissioner, presented an Additional appropriation request from General Fund in the amount of \$4,980.00 for project to upgrade door access to existing doors at the Wilden and Middlebury Fiber hut. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried. The Board approved this request.

(Item 254)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented an Additional appropriation request from General Fund in the amount of \$41,115.66 for Inmate Tracking Support, Maintenance & Software Updates/Upgrades, Docuware Support Annual Renewal, and Digital Recording Support Renewal. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried. The Board approved this request.

(Item 255)

**BOARD ITEMS:**

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration a Baker Tilly Task Order not to exceed \$20,000. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried. The Board approved this task order.

(Item 256)

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Glen Null, Goshen, spoke.

Pam Keyser, Middlebury, spoke.

Cindy Hajicek, Goshen, spoke.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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