

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

June 23, 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 for June 16, 2025, meeting and placed them on file.

(Item 285)

Suzie Weirick made a motion to approve the Minutes for the June 10, 2025, emergency meeting. Bob Barnes seconded the motion. Brad Rogers and Bob Barnes voted to approve the minutes, and then Suzie Weirick abstained as she was not present at the emergency meeting. With a vote of 2-0, the Board approved the Minutes for June 10, 2025, emergency meeting and placed them on file.

(Item 286)

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.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Jeff Taylor, County Commissioner, presented for consideration a Customer Subscriber Agreement with Cogent Communications LLC. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this agreement.

(Item 287)

Joe Leichtman, Director of Buildings and Grounds, presented a recommendation for a proposal for cleaning at the new courthouse. Four proposals were received. White Pine Services, Elkhart, was recommended with a cost of \$20,857 per month. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this recommendation.

(Item 288)

Ross Maxwell, Court Administrator, presented a request for approval of an amended Out of State Travel request for Justin Minder and Gloria Navarro to attend All-Rise Annual Conference-National Association of Drug Court Professionals in Orlando, Florida from May 25th

to May 31st, 2025. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this amended request.

(Item 289)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval of Bridge 332 CR 142 between CR 29 and CR 42 closure. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this closure.

(Item 290)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval of Proposed Nonregulatory Signage Additions and Changes. The request was for a signage change at Cloverleaf School (located on CR 34 between CR 33 and CR 35) and for additional signage at the intersection of CR 4 and CR 15. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the signage change for Cloverleaf School. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the additional signage for the intersection of CR 4 and CR 15.

(Item 291)

Mae Kratzer, Planning Director, presented an additional appropriation request from General Plan Commission Fund in the amount of \$87,500.00 for completion of GIS County Wide Data Distribution & Conversion of unsupported database to support & permit software. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this appropriation.

(Item 292)

Mae Kratzer, Planning Director, presented an additional appropriation request from General Plan Commission Fund in the amount of \$30,000.00 for SEED Grant for GIS data, meeting state standards. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this appropriation.

(Item 293)

The Weights & Measures Report for May 17th to June 16th, 2025, was submitted. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this report.

(Item 294)

BOARD ITEMS:

None.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Cindi Hajicek, Goshen, spoke.

Frasney Dumka, Goshen, spoke.

ADJOURNMENT:

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