

MINUTES
ELKHART COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
117 N. 2nd St. Room 104, Goshen, IN 46526
May 15, 2025

The meeting of the Elkhart County Council was called to order by Council President, Thomas W. Stump at 4:00 p.m., in Room 104 of the County Administrative Building, Goshen, Indiana. Members present were Council President Thomas W. Stump, Council Vice President David L. Hess, Adam M Bujalski, Steven E. Clark, Douglas S. Graham, Darryl J. Riegsecker, and Randall D. Yohn. Also, present were Patricia A. Pickens County Auditor, Steven Olsen, County Attorney's Office, and Tiara Jackson First Deputy Auditor.

** 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 and virtually in remote real-time observation via Web-Ex.

MINUTES: Approval of CC Meeting Minutes: April 17, 2025.

On motion to approve the April 17, 2025, minutes by Riegsecker and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved the minutes as presented with a vote of 7 to 0.
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COMMITTEE REPORTS:
COMMISSIONERS: None

COUNCIL: Doug Graham spoke about the recent presentation from Seniors at Concord High School and the interns in the Highway Department. Randy Yohn spoke about an Elkhart Public Library's magazine article. Dave Hess spoke about four of the Council representatives attending a meeting about the SB-1 Bill. Steve Clark also spoke about the SB-1 Bill. Adam Bujalski spoke about the AIC Meeting.

SHERIFF: None

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION EXPLANATIONS:

A. GENERAL (#1000)

1. Commissioners (130) requested \$278,327.00 for the Humane Society.

Jeff Taylor presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Yohn, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0.

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B. GENERAL (#1000)

1. Information Technology (141) requested \$771,457.82 for renewal of software, hardware, and licenses of network hardware. But, the amount has been reduced to \$423,000.00 now due to negotiations with the vendor and the new, reduced amount was approved.

Jeff Taylor presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 7 to 0 vote.

Glenn Null, Goshen, spoke.

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C. EDIT (#1112)

1. Highway Dept. (980) requested \$1,400,000.00 for construction, right-of-way, and associated costs for Bridge 332.

Tim Jackson presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 7 to 0 vote.

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D. EDIT (#1112)

1. Highway Dept. (980) requested \$750,000.00 for sign replacement and associated costs.

Tim Jackson presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Riegsecker and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 7 to 0 vote.

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E. LIT – SPECIAL PURPOSE (#1114)

1. Sheriff's Office (105) requested \$324,121.00 to appropriate money to upgrade Records Management System to coincide with 911 PSCC System.

Jeff Siegel presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Riegsecker and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 7 to 0 vote.

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F. CLERK PERPETUATION (#1119)

1. Clerk's Office (980) requested \$9,000.00 for additional replacement desktop printers (total of 4) that will move to the new court building.

Christopher Anderson presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Riegsecker and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 7 to 0 vote.

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G. STATEWIDE 911 (#1222)

1. Public Safety Communications Center (980) requested \$493,000.00 to upgrade to the new Caliber Public Safety Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD) to replace the old Centralsquare CAD System that is no longer being developed.

Egbert Dijkstra presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Riegsecker and seconded by Graham, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 7 to 0 vote.

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H. NOISE ORDINANCE (#4923)

1. Sheriff's Office (105) requested \$20,335.00 to appropriate money collected from Noise Ordinance Fees to purchase replacement laptops for patrol officers.

Jeff Siegel presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 7 to 0 vote.

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I. 90.404 HAVA ELECTION SECURITY (#8199)

1. Clerk's Office (980) requested \$33,500.00 from an award granted and approved in 2024 for election security software and equipment.

Christopher Anderson presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Bujalski and seconded by Yohn, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 7 to 0 vote.

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J. EDWARD BRYNE JAG GRANT (#8203)

1. Sheriff's Office (105) requested \$56,184.00 to appropriate awarded grant funds for FY2024 for officer vests.

Jeff Siegel presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Yohn and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 7 to 0 vote.

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K. FEMA COVID 19 (#8907)

1. Emergency Management Agency (980) requested \$30,000.00 to pay Indiana Department of Homeland Security back from a clerical error on their behalf that overpaid us by that amount.

Jennifer Tobey presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 7 to 0 vote.

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L. LILLY GIFT VIII (#9173)

1. Health Department (980) requested \$166,000.00 from the grant funds from the Community Foundation of Elkhart County to support Case Management Services for high-risk parents in Elkhart County, focusing on increasing access to prenatal care and early childhood services.

Melanie Sizemore presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 7 to 0 vote.

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M. SPARK GOOD (#9174)

1. Sheriff's Department (980) requested \$5,000.00 to appropriate grant money awarded through Walmart to be used for equipment to supplement the needs of the Sheriff's Office.

Jeff Siegel presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 7 to 0 vote.

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Total Appropriations Approved: \$3,988,467.00

REDUCTION REQUESTS:

N. EDIT (#1112)

1. Highway Department (980) requested a reduction in the amount of \$676.76. Signal upgrade has been installed and the project is finished.

O. EDIT (#1112)

1. Highway Dept. (980) requested a reduction in the amount of \$32,528.00. The CR 20 and CR 111 Design Project has been inactive since 2022.

TRANSFER REQUESTS NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION:

(Available in the Auditor's office)

OTHER BUSINESS:

Steven Olsen:

- A. Requested Consideration and Approval of Ordinance CC-2025-11 Establishing the SEED IGIO State Grant Fund (9175).

On motion made to approve by Clark and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved Ordinance CC-2025-11 with a 7 to 0 vote.

- B. Requested Consideration and Approval of Ordinance CC-2025-12 Establishing the Fiber Optic Network Fund (4931).

On motion to approve by Graham and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and approved Ordinance CC-2025-12 with a 7 to 0 vote.

- C. Requested Consideration and Approval of 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 to approve by Bujalski and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved Third Amendment to Interlocal with a 7 to 0 vote. Steven Olsen explained the details of these Ordinances and Interlocal to the Council.
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Robby Kelly/Emily Christ:

- A. Gave highlights on the recent program success of the Purdue Extension.

Jon Hunsberger:

- A. Gave Elkhart County Convention & Visitors Bureau Tourism Update.

AUDIENCE ITEMS:

- Dora Miller, Middlebury, spoke.
- Glenn Null, Goshen, spoke.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion to adjourn made by Graham seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved the adjournment of the

meeting at 5:19 pm.

Patricia A. Pickens
Elkhart County Auditor

A complete recording of this meeting is available in the Auditor's Office. The recording of this meeting will be available for one year and then erased.