

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

July 14, 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 the July 7, 2025 meeting and placed them on file.
(Item 320)

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:

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a recommendation to award the Bridge 332 Rehabilitation Project to Milestone Contractors, L.P. for \$1,009,617.39. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board awarded this bid to Milestone Contractors, L.P.
(Item 321)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval of Indiana Department of Transportation Amendment No. 1 to the County Bridge Inspection Contract. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this amendment.
(Item 322)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval of Unofficial Detour Route for INDOT Small Structure Replacement on US 6 over Preston Miles Ditch. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this unofficial detour route.
(Item 323)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an additional appropriation request from Motor Vehicle Highway Fund in the amount of \$279,959.40. Funds received from the City of Elkhart for a joint project with Elkhart County for a structural improvement paving project and associated costs on CR 6 between CR 9 and CR 11. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the appropriation.
(Item 324)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented a request by Christopher Harris for Noise Ordinance Variance. Suzie Weirick made a motion to approve the variance. Bob Barnes seconded the motion. Brad Rogers voted no. With a vote of 2-1, the Board approved the variance.

(Item 325)

Mae Kratzer, Planning Director, presented an additional appropriation request from CR 6 & CR 17 Improvement TIF Fund in the amount of \$125,000.00 for final design and bid document creation, needed to bid the Lily Creek Greenway for construction in 2026. She advised this appropriation was already presented and approved in a June 2025 meeting, and that due to an admin oversight it had been added to the agenda for this meeting. This appropriation request was approved at the June 16, 2025 meeting. No action was taken by the Board for this request during this meeting.

BOARD ITEMS:

None.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Cindi Hajicek, Goshen, spoke.

ADJOURNMENT:

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