

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

September 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 and Bob Barnes were also present. Others present were Steve Olsen, County Attorney; Tiara Jackson, First Deputy Auditor; 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 the August 25, 2025 meeting and placed them on file.

(Item 377)

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:

Charlie McKenzie, County Highway, received bids for the 2025-2 Paving Program. Two (2) bids were received: Niblock Excavating from Bristol, IN for \$2,397,221.00 and Rieth Riley Construction Co Inc from South Bend, IN for \$2,714,477.00. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved to accept the bids for staff review.

(Item 378)

Charlie McKenzie, County Highway, presented a request for approval for the 2024-2 Paving Program Maintenance Bond. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this maintenance bond.

(Item 379)

Charlie McKenzie, County Highway, presented an additional appropriation request from the EDIT Fund in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for Bridge 126 Design. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 380)

Charlie McKenzie, County Highway, presented an additional appropriation request from the EDIT Fund in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 for CR 17 Phase 1 ROW Acquisition. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 381)

Charlie McKenzie, County Highway, presented an additional appropriation request from MVH Restricted Fund in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 for Bridge 410 Construction/Construction Inspection. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 382)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration and requested approval of the updated Title VI Implementation Plan for Elkhart County Highway in connection with federal grant compliance. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this implementation plan.

(Item 383)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration Work Order No. 5 with Abonmarche Consultants, Inc. for GIS support services. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this work order.

(Item 384)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration a Commissioner Resolution Approving Participation in Opioid Settlement Agreement. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved Resolution CO 2025-32.

(Item 385)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration a Task Order with DLZ Indiana, LLC for engineering and architectural services. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved subject to pending legal review.

(Item 386)

Joe Leichtman, Director of Buildings and Grounds, presented an additional appropriation request from the General Fund in the amount of \$168,250.00 for professional services related to the windows in the Goshen Courthouse. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 387)

Mike Pennington, Weights and Measures, presented an additional appropriation request from the General Fund in the amount of \$19,000.00 to cover payroll costs for the remainder of 2025. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 388)

BOARD ITEMS:

None.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Glenn Null, Goshen, spoke.

Cindi Hajicek, Goshen, spoke.

John Blandford, Elkhart, spoke.

ADJOURNMENT:

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