

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

September 8, 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, 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 September 2, 2025, meeting, and placed them on file.
(Item 389)

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:

Brad Rogers, County Commissioner, presented for consideration an appointment to the Middlebury Public Library Board with term ending June 29, 2028. There were 4 applicants. Bob Barnes made motion to approve Sheri Pettifor and Brad Rogers seconded the motion. A roll call vote followed: Bob Barnes, YES; Brad Rogers, YES; Suzie Weirick, NO. With a vote of 2-1, the Board approved the appointment.
(Item 390)

Brad Rogers, County Commissioner, presented a request for permission for Riders MC to utilize a portion of County property at the New Paris Highway Department garage for the annual Enduro Ride on November 2, 2025. Jim Binkley, Elkhart, spoke. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the request pending submission of a Certification of Insurance and Highway staff coordination.

The request for consideration of an updated Elkhart County Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Plan was tabled.

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration a Right of Entry with NIPSCO. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the right of entry.
(Item 391)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented an additional appropriation request from the General Fund in the amount of \$60,000.00 for independent accounting assistance when

required. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation.

(Item 392)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented an additional appropriation request from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund in the amount of \$76,000.00 to replace funds expended on jail boiler repairs. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation.

(Item 393)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented an additional appropriation request from the LIT Special Purpose Fund in the amount of \$120,000.00 for costs associated with the 2025 Boiler Project at the Jail. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation.

(Item 394)

BOARD ITEMS:

None.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Pam Keyser, Middlebury, spoke.

ADJOURNMENT:

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