

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 6, 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 29, 2025 meeting and placed them on file.

(Item 433)

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:

Joe Leichtman, Director of Buildings and Grounds, presented a request for permission to advertise bid for replacement of the Roof Top Units at the Sheriff's Administration Building. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

(Item 434)

Brad Rogers, County Commissioner, presented for consideration an appointment to the Nappanee Public Library Board with term ending October 1, 2029. One application was received from Randy Cripe. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the appointment of Randy Cripe to the Nappanee Public Library Board.

(Item 435)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration an Independent Contractor Agreement with Cender and Company, LLC. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this agreement.

(Item 436)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration an Independent Contractor Agreement with Lochmueller Group, Inc. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this agreement.

(Item 437)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration an Independent Contractor Agreement with Peterson Consulting Services, Inc. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this agreement.

(Item 438)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented a request for approval for Out of State Travel for Jeremy Stout to attend Criminal Investigations using Cellular Technologies SME Course in Randolph, Massachusetts, revised dates of travel Sept. 14 – Sept. 20, 2025. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this travel request.

(Item 439)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval of Commissioners Grant Form for the 2026-1 Community Crossings Matching Grant. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this grant.

(Item 440)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval of the Financial Commitment Letter for the 2026-1 Community Crossings Matching Grant. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this letter.

(Item 441)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval of Recommendation for Acceptance of CR 18 at CR 13/CR 115 Intersection Improvement. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this recommendation for acceptance.

(Item 442)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an additional appropriation request from the EDIT Fund in the amount of \$475,000.00 for Bridge 232 PE ROW and CE. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 443)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an additional appropriation request from the EDIT Fund in the amount of \$550,000.00 for Bridge 143 Design. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 444)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an additional appropriation request from the EDIT Fund in the amount of \$650,000.00 for Bridge 347 PE, ROW and CE. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 445)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an additional appropriation request from the Cumulative Bridge Fund in the amount of \$450,000.00 for Bridge 136 PE, ROW and CE. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 446)

Kyle Wanger, County Highway, presented an additional appropriation request from the Cumulative Bridge Fund in the amount of \$625,000.00 for Bridge 402 PE, ROW and CE. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 447)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an additional appropriation request from the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund in the amount of \$60,000.00 for Traffic Counters. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 448)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an additional appropriation request from the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund in the amount of \$176,000.00 for John Deere 6140M Tractor. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 449)

BOARD ITEMS:

None.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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