

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 13, 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 October 6, 2025, meeting and placed them on file.

(Item 450)

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:

Kevin Williams, Building Commissioner, presented a request for approval to release bids for demolition of 51606 Downey Street, Elkhart, Indiana, and identify November 17, 2025, as the date and time of the bid opening. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

Kevin Williams, Building Commissioner, presented a request for approval to suspend demolition activity on 220 Wabash a.k.a. 220 East Wabash Ave., Wakarusa, Indiana and schedule to release bids for demolition on February 16, 2026, and identify March 23, 2026, as the date and time of the bid opening. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

Mae Kratzer, Planning and Development, presented an additional appropriation request from Middlebury SE TIF Fund in the amount of \$400,000.00 for CR 20 Utility Extension. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation.

(Item 451)

Mae Kratzer, Planning and Development, presented an additional appropriation request from South Benton TIF Fund in the amount of \$250,000.00 for Bridge 332 Reconstruction. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation.

(Item 452)

Mae Kratzer, Planning and Development, presented an additional appropriation request from Middlebury East TIF Fund in the amount of \$500,000.00 for WWTP Expansion Design. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation.

(Item 453)

Mae Kratzer, Planning and Development, presented an additional appropriation request from SR 13 Interchange TIF Fund in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for WWTP Expansion Design. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation.

(Item 454)

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

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(Item 456)

Andrew Bylsma, Health Administrator, presented a request for approval of the Drug Free Community Grant, to be used to support education and outreach programs intended to reduce issues in the youth of Elkhart County. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this grant.

(Item 457)

Tim Jackson, County Highway, presented a request for approval of an Ordinance Amending Stop Regulations. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved Ordinance CO 2025-39.

(Item 458)

Tim Jackson, County Highway, presented a request for approval of an Ordinance Amending Yield Regulations. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved Ordinance CO 2025-40.

(Item 459)

Tim Jackson, County Highway, presented a request for approval of an Ordinance Amending Speed Regulations. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved Ordinance CO 2025-41.

(Item 460)

Tim Jackson, County Highway, presented a request for approval of Proposed Nonregulatory Signage Changes. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved these signage changes.

(Item 461)

BOARD ITEMS:

None.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Pam Keyser, Middlebury, spoke.

Glenn Null, Goshen, spoke.

ADJOURNMENT:

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