

# MINUTES

## ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

**November 3, 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 the October 20, 2025 and October 27, 2025 meetings and placed them on file.

(Items 483 and 484)

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, received bids for the Elkhart County Sheriff's Administration Building Rooftop Unit Replacement. Three (3) bids were received: Core Mechanical Services from Atwood, IN for \$215,002.00; Griffen Plumbing and Heating Inc from Elkhart, IN for \$232,400.00; and D.A. Dodd LLC from Mishawaka, IN for \$230,208.50 for Trane or \$251,324.00 for Carrier. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved to accept the bids for staff review.

(Item 485)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a recommendation to award the CR 17 Phase 1a and 1b Tree Clearing RFQ to Bam Tree Service for \$39,000.00. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved to award this bid to Bam Tree Service.

(Item 486)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented a request for approval of the 2026 Commissioners Meeting Schedule. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the schedule.

(Item 487)

Mae Kratzer, Planning and Development, presented a request for approval of Ordinance No. WK-2025-10, an Ordinance of the Town of Wakarusa, Indiana Approving the Amendments to the Elkhart County Development Ordinance PC 2024-04 as further Identified in Ordinance PC 2025-09. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved Ordinance No. WK-2025-10.

(Item 488)

Mae Kratzer, Planning and Development, presented a request for approval of Ordinance No. MD-717, an Ordinance of the Town of Middlebury, Indiana Approving the Amendments to the Elkhart County Development Ordinance PC 2024-04 as further Identified in Ordinance PC 2025-09. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved Ordinance No. MD-717.

(Item 489)

Mae Kratzer, Planning and Development, presented a request for approval of Ordinance No. 2025-07, an Ordinance of the Town of Millersburg, Indiana Approving the Amendments to the Elkhart County Development Ordinance PC 2024-04 as further Identified in Ordinance PC 2025-09. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved Ordinance No. 2025-07.

(Item 490)

Mae Kratzer, Planning and Development, presented a request for approval of Ordinance No. 9-18-2025-20, an Ordinance of the Town of Bristol, Indiana Approving the Amendments to the Elkhart County Development Ordinance PC 2024-04 as further Identified in Ordinance PC 2025-09. On motion made by Suzie Weirick seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved Ordinance No. 9-18-2025-20.

(Item 491)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented an additional appropriation request from General Fund in the amount of \$101,055.00 for LOW Financial Software License, Services and Support, and \$205,380.00 for Security Log Management 3-yr renewal. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 492)

Jeff Siegel, County Sheriff, presented a request for approval of Out of State Travel for Lt. Jeremy Overmyer, Officer Roberto Parra, & Officer Kenneth Lambert for extradition of prisoner from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Elkhart County, Indiana on October 29, 2025. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this out-of-state travel request.

(Item 493)

**BOARD ITEMS:**

None.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Cindi Hajicek, Goshen, spoke.

Tom Bigler, Goshen, spoke.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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