

# MINUTES

## ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

**November 17, 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 November 10, 2025 meetings and placed them on file.

(Item 515)

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, received the bids for demolition of unsafe structure at 51606 Downey Street, Elkhart. Two (2) bids were received: B&E Excavating, Nappanee, for \$24,900.00 and Jerry Reed Excavating, Mishawaka, for \$12,000.00. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved to accept the bids for staff review.

(Item 516)

Mae Kratzer, Planning and Development, presented an additional appropriation request from South Benton TIF Fund in the amount of \$14,313.75 for South Benton Legal Fees. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 517)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented a request for approval to release bids for Digital Key Control System at Elkhart County Correctional Facility and identify January 12, 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 to release bids.

(Item 518)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration a Task Order with Baker Tilly Advisory Group L.P. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this task order.

(Item 519)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval of an Ordinance Amending Size and Weight Regulations. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved Ordinance No. CO 2025-45.

(Item 520)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval of an Ordinance Amending Speed Regulations. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved Ordinance No. CO 2025-46.

(Item 521)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval of an Ordinance Amending Stop Regulations. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved Ordinance No. CO 2025-47

(Item 522)

Kyle Wagner, 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 No. CO 2025-48

(Item 523)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an additional appropriation request from EDIT Fund in the amount of \$350,000.00 for Bridge 362 Preliminary Engineering Design. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 524)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an additional appropriation request from EDIT Fund in the amount of \$80,000.00 for Bridge 254 Engineering Assessment. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 525)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an additional appropriation request from Cumulative Bridge Fund in the amount of \$80,000.00 for Bridge 407 Engineering Assessment. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 526)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for transfer from LRS Motor Vehicles Fund in the amount of \$30,000.00 to LRS Equipment Repairs – Labor Fund in the amount of \$10,000.00 and LRS Vehicle Repairs – Labor Fund in the amount of \$20,000.00. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this transfer request.

(Item 527)

The Weights & Measures Report October 16<sup>th</sup> to November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 was submitted. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board accepted this report.

(Item 528)

**BOARD ITEMS:**

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented an Interlocal Agreement for reconstruction of the Bridge 410 on College Ave crossing Horn Ditch. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this agreement pending legal review.

(Item 529)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented a request to allow the Release of Regulatory Agreement and Declaration of Restrictive Conveyance, Direction and Consent to Optional Redemption, and Cancellation of the Bonds and Waivers relating to 2020 bond agreement with Pedcor Investments 2000 XLILP to proceed forward with any accompanying documents necessary to allow the bond to be cancelled by the private entity subject to final legal review. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Optional Redemption, Cancellation of Bond, and other related documents pending legal review.

(Item 530)

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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