

# MINUTES

## ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

**December 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; Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, 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 December 1, 2025, meeting and placed them on file.

(Item 542)

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 approval of a contract with Ashers Lawn Care Service for 2026 snow plowing only. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this contract pending legal review.

(Item 543)

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

(Item 544)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration a Task Order with Peterson Consulting Services, Inc. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this task order.

(Item 545)

Ronda DeCaire, Director of County Parks, presented a request for permission to accept \$25,000.00 from the Community Foundation of Elkhart County for a Placemaking Grant towards the 1833 Log Cabin Restoration Project. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this grant.

(Item 546)

Ronda DeCaire, Director of County Parks, presented a request for permission to submit a Mishler Brown Fund Grant to the Community Foundation of Elkhart County seeking \$50,000.00 to also assist with the 1833 Log Cabin Restoration Project. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this grant request.

(Item 547)

Ronda DeCaire, Director of County Parks, presented a request for permission to accept a \$79,000.00 Grant award from the IDNR LARE (Lake and River Enhancement) Fund to perform a riverbank stabilization at the four-acre Treasure Island County Park on the Saint Joseph River. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this grant.

(Item 548)

**BOARD ITEMS:**

None.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Cindi Hajicek, Goshen, spoke.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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