

# MINUTES

## ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

**December 15, 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 8, 2025, meeting and placed them on file.

(Item 549)

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:**

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

(Item 550)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration a Special Purchase Resolution for Planning Department Permitting Software. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved Special Purchase Resolution CO 2025-50.

(Item 551)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration a Special Purchase Resolution for Landfill Track Loader. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved Special Purchase Resolution CO 2025-52.

(Item 552)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration a Special Purchase Resolution for Landfill Wheel Loader. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved Special Purchase Resolution CO 2025-51.

(Item 553)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration a Special Purchase Resolution for Courts Equipment. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved Special Purchase Resolution CO 2025-53.

(Item 554)

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

(Item 555)

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

(Item 556)

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

(Item 557)

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

(Item 558)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration an Independent Contractor Agreement with American Platform Services, LLC d/b/a TheRecordXchange. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Independent Contractor Agreement.

(Item 559)

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

(Item 560)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration a revocation of License with Northern Indiana Public Service Company LLC and approval of Easement and Memorandum of Easement with Northern Indiana Public Service Company LLC. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this revocation of License and approval of Easement and Memorandum of Easement subject to final legal review.

(Item 561)

Jackie Masters, Planning and Development, received the bids for PCR Water Project 2026. Five (5) bids were received: Niblock (Bristol, IN) for \$3,498,945.75; Selge Construction (Niles, MI) for \$4,143,700.25; C&E Excavating (Elkhart, IN) for \$4,927,030.00; HRP Construction (South Bend, IN) for \$4,622,466.00; and H&G Underground Utilities (LaPorte, IN) for \$4,460,791.73. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved to accept the bids for staff review.

(Item 562)

Danny Dean, Planning & Development, presented a request for approval of Warner Farms, represented by Innovative Communities, Inc., & Land & Boundary, LLC for secondary approval of a 6-lot major subdivision to be known as Rock Pointe Second, east side of CR 29, 2,140 ft. north of CR 34 in Elkhart Township. Tim Saylor, Innovative Communities, Inc, spoke. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak in favor. Chris Shetler, Goshen, spoke against. Mae Kratzer, Planning and Development, spoke. Melanie Sizemore, Health Department, spoke. Tim Saylor spoke again. Ellis Shetler, Goshen, spoke against. Steve Warner spoke. Zane Gillan, Goshen, spoke. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. Danny Dean spoke again. Mae Kratzer spoke again. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request with the requirement of a private drive sign.

(Item 563)

**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.