

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

January 12, 2026

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. Bob Barnes and Suzie Weirick 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 January 5, 2026, meeting and placed them on file.

(Item 9)

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.

John Bowers, Elkhart County Landfill, received the bids for the cell expansion F1, F2, and PB7. Four (4) bids were received: Miller Bros Construction (Archbold, OH) for \$10,261,236.48; Ryan Incorporated Central (Janesville, WI) for \$10,090,012.00; C&E Excavating Inc (Elkhart, IN) for \$6,691,490.00; and Fox Contractors Corp (Fort Wayne, IN) for \$11,473,317.00. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved to accept the bids for staff review.

(Item 10)

John Bowers, Elkhart County Landfill, received the bids for the GCCS Header Pipe improvements. Eight (8) bids were received: Miller Bros Construction (Archbold, OH) for \$1,777,589.53; Landfill Drilling & Piping Inc (Sun Prairie, WI) for \$1,424,500.00; Advance One Development LLC (Charlotte, NC) for \$1,306,175.00; Blue Flame Crew (Naperville, IL) for \$1,287,065.00; Fusion Star Energy Services (Prospect, PA) for \$1,886,050.00; SCS Fields Services (Reston, VA) for \$2,338,400.00; Landmark Environmental Systems LLC (Naperville, IL) for \$1,984,890.00, and Tetra Tech EC (Pasadena, CA) for \$1,779,164.75. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved to accept the bids for staff review.

(Item 11)

Jeff Seigel, Elkhart County Sheriff, received the bids for the Digital Key Control System at Elkhart County Correctional Facility. Two (2) bids were received: EcoSystems Inc (Toronto, ON) for \$290,811.00 and KeyTrak Inc (College Station, TX) for \$266,936.38. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved to accept the bids for staff review.

(Item 12)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval of the Sunny Side Railroad Contract Amendment. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this contract amendment.

(Item 13)

Joel Williams, Prosecutor's Office, presented a request for approval for Out of State Travel for DPA Ashley Fair to attend Overdose Death Investigations Training in Hamburg, New York from February 7 – February 13, 2026. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Out of State Travel.

(Item 14)

BOARD ITEMS:

Brad Rogers, County Commissioner, presented a request submitted by Nancy Graber for use of the Historic Goshen Courthouse Lawn on January 17, 2026. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

(Item 15)

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Cindi Hajicek, Goshen, spoke.

Pam Keyser, Middlebury, spoke.

ADJOURNMENT:

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