

# MINUTES

## ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

January 20, 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; Tiara Jackson, First Deputy 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 12, 2026, meeting and placed them on file.

(Item 16)

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, Director of Solid Waste, presented a recommendation to award the Landfill Cell F1, F2, & PB7 Construction project to C&E Excavating, Inc. for \$6,691,490.00. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this recommendation.

(Item 17)

John Bowers, Director of Solid Waste, presented a recommendation to award the Landfill GCCS Header Pipe Improvements project to Blue Flame Crew, LLC for \$1,287,065.00. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this recommendation.

(Item 18)

John Bowers, Director of Solid Waste, presented an Additional Appropriation Request for \$2,797,454.00 from Landfill Capital Reserve Fund (4915). On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation.

(Item 19)

John Bowers, Director of Solid Waste, presented an Additional Appropriation Request for \$3,442,546.00 from Landfill Operating Fund. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation.

(Item 20)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented a request for approval of the Contract for Animal Shelter Management and Animal Control Services for \$242,000.00 with the Humane Society of Elkhart County. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this contract.

(Item 21)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented a request for approval of Animal Control Services Interlocal Agreements for Town of Bristol, Town of Millersburg, City of Elkhart, City of Goshen, Town of Middlebury, City of Nappanee, and Town of Wakarusa. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved these interlocal agreements.

(Items 22A-22G)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration the Second Amended Work Order No. 6 with Moser Consulting, Incorporated. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this second amended work order.

(Item 23)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval of initial Subdivision Acceptance for Falcons Lair Section. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

(Item 24)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval of Recommendation for Acceptance of Bridge 312 on CR 142 over Turkey Creek. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Recommendation for Acceptance.

(Item 25)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval of INDOT Project Coordination Contract for CR 18 at CR 13 and CR 115 intersection. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this contract.

(Item 26)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval of 2025 Crack Seal Program Maintenance Bond. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Maintenance Bond.

(Item 27)

Jennifer Tobey, Director of Emergency Management, presented a request for approval of County Emergency Management Advisory Council. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Advisory Council.

(Item 28)

Danielle Richards, Planning Department, presented a request for approval of Aurora Capital Management LLC represented by Wightman for a zone map change from R-1 to DPUD R-2 and for primary approval of a 1-lot minor subdivision to be known as Wentz's Dunny Street Subdivision DPUD, north side of Dunny St., 450 ft. east of Stryker St., south of CR 6, common address of 25167 Dunny St., Elkhart, IN 46514 in Osolo Township. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. Terry Lang, Wightman, spoke on behalf of the petitioner. Darlene Underwood, Elkhart, spoke against this request. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. Steve Olsen, County Attorney, spoke. Mae Hope, Director of Planning and Development, spoke. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

(Item 29)

Mae Hope, Director of Planning and Development, presented a request for approval of Devon R. & Mattie M. Miller represented by Wightman for a zone map change from A-1 to DPUD M-2 and for primary approval of a 1-lot minor subdivision to be known as D & M Sales 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment, north side of CR 22, 2,380 ft. west of CR 37, common address of 13487 CR 22 in Middlebury Township. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. Terry Lang, Wightman, spoke on behalf of the petitioner. No other audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

(Item 30)

Danny Dean, Planning and Development, presented a request for approval of Spartin Development LLC represented by Abonmarche Consultants for acceptance of right-of-way (and other dedicated areas/easements, if applicable) and public improvements, as dedicated and shown on the plat for Indian Creek-Phase One, west side of CR 23, 1,670 ft. north of CR 18 in Jefferson Township. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. Crystal Welsh, Abonmarche, spoke. No other audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

(Item 31)

Mae Hope, Director of Planning and Development, presented an Additional appropriation request from CR 6 & CR 17 Improvement TIF Fund in the amount of \$4,950,000.00 for Water Main Construction and Connection in PCR. Mae Hope requested to amend the additional appropriation request to \$3,500,000.00. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the amended additional appropriation.

(Item 32)

Mae Hope, Director of Planning and Development, presented an Additional appropriation request from PCR Adams St. Community Fund in the amount of \$159,560.14 for Homeowner Connection Expenses in PCR. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation.

(Item 33)

**BOARD ITEMS:**

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

(Item 34)

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

(Item 35)

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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