

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

January 26, 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 20, 2026, meeting and placed them on file.

(Item 36)

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:

John Bowers, Director of Solid Waste, introduced Sue Myers, Administrative Manager at the Landfill. Sue Myers presented the annual Leaf Collection Competition results and awards to the top three teams. In third place, Sunnyside Mennonite Church collected 5 tons of leaves and received a check for \$3,111.00. In second place, Leaves for Light collected 19 tons of leaves and received a check for \$9,886.00. In first place, Prairie Camp collected 60 tons of leaves and received a check for \$30,363.00.

(Item 37)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval to post Notice to Bidders for the 2026-1 paving program. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request to post Notice to Bidders.

(Item 38)

Jackie Masters, Planning and Development, presented a recommendation to award the PCR Water Bid for Base Bid, Alternate 1 + Alternate 2 to Niblock (Bristol, IN) for \$3,498,945.75. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this recommendation.

(Item 39)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration an Ordinance Enacting and Adopting the 2025 S-23 Supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the County of Elkhart, Indiana. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved Ordinance No. CO 2026-02.

(Item 40)

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

(Item 41)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration a Task Order with C & E Excavating, Inc. for Landfill Cell F1, F2 & PB7 Construction project. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this task order.

(Item 42)

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

(Item 43)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration a Task Order with Blue Flame Crew, LLC for Landfill GCCS Header Pipe Improvements project. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this task order.

(Item 44)

The Weights & Measures Report for December 16, 2025, to January 16, 2026 was submitted. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board accepted this report.

(Item 45)

BOARD ITEMS:

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented a request for approval of a Disaster Emergency Declaration due to the severe winter storm with an effective date of January 23, 2026. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Disaster Emergency Declaration.

(Item 46)

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

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