

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

February 2, 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. Suzie Weirick was also present. Bob Barnes was absent. Others present were Nat Jordan, County Attorney's Office; 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 Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the January 26, 2026, meeting and placed them on file.

(Item 47)

On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Allowance of Claims as presented by the County Auditor's office.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for permission to advertise for bids 2026 Supply and Materials. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved to advertise for bids.

(Item 48)

Andrew Bylsma, Health Administrator, presented a request for approval of Ordinance Amending the Elkhart County Code Regarding Chapter 41: Fees of Title III: Administration. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved Ordinance No. CO 2026-03.

(Item 49)

Aaron Kingsley, City of Goshen, presented a request for use of the Historic Goshen Courthouse Lawn by City of Goshen, Dept. of Environmental Resilience on Friday, May 1st from 12 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Arbor Day Celebration in conjunction with First Friday event. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this use of the Historic Goshen Courthouse Lawn.

(Item 50)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented for consideration the Cash Rent Farm Lease Agreement with Maple Crest Farms. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this lease agreement.

(Item 51)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented an additional appropriation request from General Fund in the amount of \$250,000.00 for renovations to the Old Historic Goshen Courthouse. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 52)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, withdrew the additional appropriation request from General Fund in the amount of \$23,000.00 for costs for blocked train crossing warning and information.

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented an additional appropriation request from General Fund in the amount of \$280,227.00 for funds to pay the Humane Society on behalf of the communities who will reimburse the County. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 53)

Joe Leichtman, Director of Buildings and Grounds, presented an additional appropriation request from Jail CAGIT (LIT Special Projects) Fund in the amount of \$300,000.00 for unplanned large ticket repairs at the Elkhart County Jail. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 54)

BOARD ITEMS:

None.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

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