

ELKHART COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA

Thursday, February 19th, 2026
117 N. Second St. Goshen, Indiana 46526
4:00 p.m., Room 104

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. **ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL:** Mr. Bujalski ___ Mr. Clark ___ Mr. Graham ___
Mr. Hess ___ Mr. Riegsecker ___ Mr. Stump ___ Mr. Yohn ___

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of CC Minutes for January 15, 2026

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioners –

Council -

Sheriff -

5. SB-8 BILL UPDATE:

Kristen Edson:

1. Community Impact Report
2. SB-8 Bill Overview

6. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

A. CFEC PLACEMAKING GRANT (#9179)

1. Parks & Recreation Dept. (980) – *for Construction/Reconstruction*
to be appropriated into Acct #9179 for restoration of the Historic Log
Cabin at the River Preserve County Park \$ 25,000.00

B. CLERK PERPETUATION FUND (#1119)

1. Clerk’s Office (101) – *for Copiers*
to cover invoices from October 2025 for 3 new copiers purchased by the
the former Clerk \$ 29,382.00

C. GENERAL (#1000)

1. Code Enforcement (131) – *for Construction/Reconstruction*
Funds to scan in Plat/Plan files & remaining Board of Zoning Appeals
files into Docuware \$ 59,000.00

D. HEALTH OPERATING (#1159)

1. Health Dept. (340) – *for Transfer Between Funds*
to repay Fund #9148 (Safety Pin) for a claim that should’ve been paid by
Fund #1159 in 2022 \$ 1,286.16

E. PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS GRANT (#8119)

1. Health Dept. (980) – *for Operating Supplies, Professional Services, etc.*
to appropriate Public Health Emergency Preparedness Funds for 2025-26 \$ 20,000.00

F. LEAD GRANT (#8183)	
1. Health Dept. (980) – <i>for Other Equipment & Operating Supplies</i> to purchase handheld translator to be used by Lead Case Manager & Risk Assessors in the field	\$ 3,780.00
G. TOBACCO PREVENTION ECDEP (#9168)	
1. Health Dept. (981) – <i>for Copy Supplies, Operating Supplies, Mileage, etc.</i> to reduce the perception of tobacco & nicotine use among youth & increase parental engagement	\$ 37,500.00
H. GENERAL (#1000)	
1. Emergency Management (137) – <i>for Donations</i> Donations line item for EMA	\$ 5,482.25
I. EMERGENCY PLANNING RIGHT-TO-KNOW (#1152)	
1. LEPC/Emergency Management (980) – <i>for Office Supplies, Prof. Services, Legal, etc.</i> LEPC 2026 Budget	\$ 64,469.47
J. 20.703 HMEP DECONTAMINATION EXERCISE (#8205)	
1. Emergency Management (980) – <i>for Training Programs</i> IDHS 100% reimbursable grant for County Decontamination Tabletop	\$ 7,000.00
K. 20.703 HMEP LEPC TRAINING (#8206)	
1. Emergency Management (980) – <i>for Training Programs</i> IDHS 100% reimbursable grant for LEPC Tabletop exercises	\$ 22,500.00
L. NIPSCO SAFETY GRANT (#9177)	
1. Emergency Management (980) – <i>for Radio Equipment</i> Remainder of grant - \$4,000 appropriated in 2025 w/only \$1,474.99 spent	\$ 2,525.01
M. JAIL CAGIT (LIT SPECIAL PROJECTS) (#1114)	
1. Buildings & Grounds (140) – <i>for Construction/Reconstruction</i> for unplanned large ticket repairs at the Elkhart County Jail	\$ 300,000.00
N. GENERAL (#1000)	
1. Commissioners (130) – <i>for Humane Society</i> Funds will be paid to the Humane Society on behalf of the communities who will reimburse the County in (2) installments	\$ 280,227.00
O. GENERAL (#1000)	
1. Commissioners (130) – <i>for Construction/Reconstruction</i> Funds required for renovations to the Old Historic Goshen Courthouse	\$ 250,000.00
P. GENERAL (#1000)	
1. Commissioners (130) – <i>for Construction/Reconstruction</i> Costs for blocked train crossing warning and information	\$ 23,000.00
Q. EDIT (#1112)	
1. Highway Dept. (980) – <i>for Construction/Reconstruction</i> to appropriate 2025 Major Moves Funds in excess of target growth balance transferred from Major Moves to EDIT	\$1,177,785.27
R. EDIT (#1112)	
1. Highway Dept. (980) – <i>for Construction/Reconstruction</i> funds for engineering assessment and associated costs to develop altern- atives for the replacement/rehab. of Bridge 380 on E. Beardsley Ave.	\$ 200,000.00
S. MAJOR MOVES (#1172)	
1. Highway Dept. (980) – <i>for Transfer Between Funds</i> funds for road maintenance for 2026	\$1,177,785.27

T. MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY (#1173)		
1. Highway Dept. (980) – <i>for Construction/Reconstruction</i>	funds for paving, chip seal, construction, & associated costs	\$ 500,000.00
U. ROAD MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION (#4901)		
1. Highway Dept. (980) – <i>for Construction/Reconstruction</i>	funds for paving, chip seal, construction, & associated costs	\$ 500,000.00
V. FIBER (#4928)		
1. Highway Dept. (980) – <i>for Transfer Between Funds</i>	cash balance of Fund 4928 (Old Fiber Fund) needs moved to Fund 4931 (New Fiber Fund) as 4928 is no longer in use	\$1,354,286.27
W. LIT SPECIAL PURPOSE (#1114)		
1. Sheriff's Office (105) – <i>for Employees Full-Time</i>	to appropriate payroll money moving Corrections employees from the General Fund to the Special LIT Fund for 2026	\$6,180,120.00
X. DONATION FUND (#4101)		
1. Sheriff's Office (105) – <i>for Other Professional Services</i>	to appropriate the current fund balance in the Donation Fund for projects such as: the K9 Program & the Shop w/the Sheriff Program	\$ 25,518.00
Y. STAR GRANT (#9119)		
1. Sheriff's Office (105) – <i>for Employees Full-Time & Fringe Benefits</i>	to appropriate approved STAR AOD Interdiction Grant from the Elkhart County Drug-Free Partnership for 2026	\$ 22,918.00
Z. SOLID WASTE OPERATING FUND (#1194)		
1. Solid Waste/Landfill (338) – <i>for Transfer Between Funds</i>	additional money for F1, F2, & PB7 Construction Project	\$3,342,546.00
AA. SOLID WASTE CAPITAL RESERVE (#4915)		
1. Solid Waste/Landfill (980) – <i>for Construction/Reconstruction</i>	additional money for F1, F2, & PB7 Construction Project	\$2,797,454.00
AB. SOLID WASTE CAPITAL RESERVE (#4915)		
1. Solid Waste/Landfill (980) – <i>for Construction/Reconstruction</i>	additional money for F1, F2, & PB7 Construction Project	\$3,342,546.00
Total Appropriations:		\$21,752,110.70

7. REDUCTION REQUESTS:

AC. GENERAL (#1000)

1. Concord Township Assessor (114)	Reductions to Concord Assessor Budget for 2026	-\$344,255.85
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Total Reductions: -\$344,255.85

8. TRANSFER REQUESTS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION:

AD. WIC GRANT (#8101)

1. Health Dept. (312)		
	From: 41120 Professional	<u>\$ 3,168.00</u>
	To: 43570 Cleaning	<u>\$ 3,168.00</u>

AE. HEALTHY BABIES (#1159)

1. Health Dept. (340)

From: 42090 Office Supplies	\$ 500.00
42195 Other Operating Supplies	<u>\$ 1,180.00</u>
To: 43090 Other Professional Services	\$ 1,680.00

Total Transfers: \$ 4,848.00

9. TRANSFER REQUESTS NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION:

(Available in the Auditor's office)

10. OTHER BUSINESS:

Steven Olsen:

1. Consideration of Ordinance Amending and Restating the Elkhart County Local Major Moves Construction Fund Ordinance. CC-2026-06
2. Consideration of Interlocal Agreement Funding Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion.
3. Presentation of Baker Tilly 2023 and 2024 Reconciliation Results Letter.

11. AUDIENCE ITEMS: Members of the public who wish to speak will be provided that opportunity. Persons should sign in. Presentation will be limited to three (3) minutes.

12. ADJOURN: