

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

February 9, 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 and Bob Barnes 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 February 2, 2026, meeting and placed them on file.

(Item 55)

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:

Joe Leichtman, Director of Buildings and Grounds, presented a request for permission to advertise for bids for the replacement of windows in the historic Goshen Courthouse. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the advertisement for bids.

(Item 56)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval to post Notice to Bidders for Bridge 253 Rehabilitation Project. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved to post Notice to Bidders.

(Item 57)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval to donate Survey Equipment Surplus to Valparaiso University for educational purposes. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this donation.

(Item 58)

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

(Item 59)

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

(Item 60)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented the 2026 Addendum Expense Reimbursement Agreement. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this agreement.

(Item 61)

BOARD ITEMS:

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented the 2026 County of Elkhart, Indiana Title VI Implementation Plan for INDOT. On motion made Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Implementation Plan.

(Item 62)

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Pam Keyser, Middlebury, spoke.

ADJOURNMENT:

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