

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

February 16, 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, County Auditor; 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 9, 2026, meeting and placed them on file.

(Item 63)

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:

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request to advertise the 2026-1 CCMG Paving Program for bids. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the advertisement for bids.

(Item 64)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an additional appropriation request from Motor Vehicle Highway Fund in the amount of \$500,000.00 for paving, chip and seal, construction and other associated costs. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 65)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an additional appropriation request from Road Maintenance & Construction Fund in the amount of \$500,000.00 for paving, chip and seal, construction and other associated costs. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 66)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an additional appropriation request from Major Moves Fund in the amount of \$1,177,785.27 for paving, chip and seal, construction and other associated costs. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 67)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an additional appropriation request from EDIT Fund in the amount of \$1,177,785.27 for paving, chip and seal, construction and other associated costs. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 68)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an additional appropriation request from EDIT Fund in the amount of \$200,000.00 for BR 380 East Beardsley Avenue over Christiana Creek for Engineering Assessment. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 69)

Ross Maxwell, Court Administrator, presented a request for approval for Out of State Travel for Justin Minder, Gloria Navarro, Casey Powell, Stacey Deter, Nathan Tipton, Judge Elizabeth Bellin and Kaylee Tipton to attend All-Rise Conference in Nashville, Tennessee from July 18 to July 24, 2026. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Out of State Travel request.

(Item 70)

Jason Auvil, Zoning Administrator, presented a request for approval of Jeffrey Martin represented by B. Doriot & Associates, Inc. for a zone map change from A-1 to DPUD A-1 and for a 2-lot minor subdivision to be known as Jeffrey Martin DPUD A-1, south side of CR 34, 1,180 ft. east of CR 35, common address of 13770 CR 34, Goshen, IN 46528 in Clinton Township. Jeffrey Martin, Goshen, spoke. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on the 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 71)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration an Ordinance Amending and Restating the Elkhart County Local Major Moves Construction Fund Ordinance. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved Ordinance CO 2026-04.

(Item 72)

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

(Item 73)

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

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(Item 75)

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

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(Item 77)

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

(Item 78)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration a Special Purchase Resolution for WAPs. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Special Purchase Resolution CO 2026-05.

(Item 79)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration a Loan Resolution for Prosecuting Attorney's Office Copier Equipment. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved Resolution CO 2026-06.

(Item 80)

BOARD ITEMS:

None.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Cindi Hajicek, Goshen, spoke.

Pam Keyser, Middlebury, spoke.

Glenn Null, Goshen, spoke.

ADJOURNMENT:

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