

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

March 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. Bob Barnes and Suzie Weirick were also present. Others present were Steve Olsen, County Attorney; Tiara Jackson, County 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 Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the March 2, 2026 meeting and placed them on file.

(Item 103)

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 Post Notice to Bidders for 2026 Pavement Markings Program. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request to post notice.

(Item 104)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented a request by Grace Community Church for Noise Ordinance Variance. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Noise Ordinance Variance.

(Item 105)

The request for consideration of an Independent Contractor Agreement for Maximus US Services, Inc. was tabled.

The request for consideration of a Task Order for Maximus US Services, Inc. was tabled.

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration an Ordinance Establishing Contractual Protections for County Contracts. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved Ordinance No. CO 2026-14.

(Item 106)

Nate Tipton, Director of Court Services, presented a request for approval of Out of State Travel for Michael Malooley to attend the National Institute of Corrections Training Administrators Network Symposium from June 9 – June 12, 2026. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Out of State Travel request.

(Item 107)

Ross Maxwell, Court Administrator, presented a request for approval of Out of State Travel for Judge Andrew Hicks to attend the Twentieth Meeting of the American College of Business Court Judges from February 24 – March 1, 2026. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Out of State Travel request.

(Item 108)

Joel Williams, Prosecutor's Office, presented a request for approval of a Grant Application for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) 2026-2028 in the amount of \$439,010.06. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Grant Application.

(Item 109)

BOARD ITEMS:

None.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Susan Lawson, Goshen, spoke.

ADJOURNMENT:

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