

## MINUTES

### ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

**March 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. 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 Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the March 9, 2026 meeting and placed them on file.

(Item 110)

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:**

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented a request for use of Historic Goshen Courthouse Lawn by Elkhart County National Day of Prayer – Goshen Task Force on May 7, 2026 from 11 am to 2 pm for Elkhart County National Day of Prayer 2026. Mark Beer, Warsaw, spoke. Steve Olsen, County Attorney, spoke. A motion to table the request until next week was made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers, and unanimously carried; the Board approved to table this request.

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented a request for use of Historic Goshen Courthouse Lawn by Gabrianna Gratzol on March 28, 2026 from 12 pm to 3 pm for No Kings Rally. Gabrianna Gratzol, Elkhart, spoke. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request pending proof of insurance is received by end of business on Friday, March 20, 2026.

(Item 111)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration the Commissioner Resolution Approving Participation in Opioid Settlement Agreement. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved Resolution No. CO 2026-15.

(Item 112)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented a request for approval for Out of State Travel for Craig Rodman and Sean Johnson to attend the Cisco Live Conference from May 30 – June 5, 2026. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Out of State Travel request.

(Item 113)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, opened bids for the 2026 CCMG Paving Program. Two (2) bids were received: Rieth-Riley Construction Co. Inc. (South Bend, IN) with a base bid of \$2,363,685.71 and an alternate bid of \$83,472.29 for a total bid of \$2,447,158.00, and Niblock Excavating Inc. (Bristol, IN) with a base bid of \$2,255,966.10 and an alternate bid of \$76,127.80 for a total bid of \$2,332,093.90. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved to accept the bids for staff review.

(Item 114)

**BOARD ITEMS:**

None.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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