

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

March 30, 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. The other Board members, Suzie Weirick and Bob Barnes, 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 23, 2026 meeting and placed them on file.

(Item 133)

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:

Tim Jackson, County Highway, presented a recommendation to award the 2026-1 CCMG Paving Program to 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 this recommendation.

(Item 134)

Tim Jackson, County Highway, presented a request for approval of an Agreement and Performance and Payment Bond for the 2026-1 CCMG Paving Program with Niblock Excavating, Inc. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Agreement and Performance and Payment Bond.

(Item 135)

Tim Jackson, County Highway, presented a recommendation to award the Bridge 253 Rehabilitation Project on CR 1 over Baugo Creek to Milestone Contractors, L.P. for \$452,498.40. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this recommendation.

(Item 136)

Tim Jackson, County Highway, presented for consideration a Task Order with SJCA, Inc. for Bridge 336. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Task Order.

(Item 137)

Brad Rogers, County Commissioner, presented a request to close Main Street between Market Street and Third Street (one block) in New Paris on Saturday, June 6, 2026 from 7am-5pm for the New Paris Garage Sale Days. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this road closure request.

(Item 138)

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

(Item 139)

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

(Item 140)

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

(Item 141)

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

(Item 142)

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

(Item 143)

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

(Item 144)

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

(Item 145)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration an Amended and Restated Temporary Easement with NIPSCO. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Amended and Restated Temporary Easement.

(Item 146)

Patty Pickens, County Clerk, presented for consideration an Ordinance Amending Per Diems and Allowances for Precinct Election Officers Known as Vote Center Board Members in Elkhart County, Indiana. Steve Olsen, County Attorney, provided specific details associated with this new Ordinance. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved Ordinance No. CO 2026-18.

(Item 147)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration an Ordinance of the County of Elkhart, Indiana Adopting the 2026 Street Standards. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved Ordinance No. CO 2026-19.

(Item 148)

Helen Calvin, Community Corrections, presented a request for ratification of the CY2027 Community Corrections & Justice Reinvestment Funding (IDOC). On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this ratification.

(Item 149)

Helen Calvin, Community Corrections, presented a request for approval of the Lilly Endowment Grant. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Grant.

(Item 150)

Nathan Tipton, Director of Court Services, presented a request for approval of the CY2027 IDOC Justice Reinvestment Grant – Adult Probation. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Grant.

(Item 151)

Nathan Tipton, Director of Court Services, presented a request for approval of the CY2027 IDOC Justice Reinvestment Grant – Drug Court. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Grant.

(Item 152)

Nathan Tipton, Director of Court Services, presented a request for approval of the IOCS Pretrial Grant. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Grant.

(Item 153)

Nathan Tipton, Director of Court Services, presented a request for approval of the IOCS Problem Solving Court Grant – Drug Court. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Grant.

(Item 154)

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.