

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 4, 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 April 27, 2026 meeting and placed them on file.
(Item 190)

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:

Carmen Posey, Elkhart, presented his request for a Noise Ordinance Variance. On motion made by Suzie Weirick to deny the variance as requested, which was then seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board denied the request as presented.
(Item 191)

Tiara Jackson, County Auditor, presented for consideration the Annual Report of Congressional Township, Common School, and Permanent Endowment Funds for year ending April 30, 2026. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Annual Report.
(Item 192)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented a request for declaration of surplus property at CR 20 East of CR 17. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this declaration.
(Item 193)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, withdrew the request for approval of contract documents with Schrock Commercial for the replacement of windows in the Goshen Courthouse.

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration an Interlocal Agreement for Paving of County Road 40 with the City of Goshen. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Interlocal Agreement.
(Item 194)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration an Interlocal Agreement for Paving of County Road 17 with the City of Goshen. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Interlocal Agreement.
(Item 195)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration an Independent Contractor Agreement with Abonmarche Consultants, Inc. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Independent Contractor Agreement.
(Item 196)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration a Task Order with Abonmarche Consultants, Inc. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Task Order.
(Item 197)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a recommendation to award the 2026 Wedging Program to Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc for \$1,137,475.78. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this recommendation.
(Item 198)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval of Agreement and Performance and Payment Bond for the 2026 Wedging Program with Rieth-Riley Construction Co., 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 199)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a recommendation for approval of the Unofficial Detour Letter of Understanding with INDOT for the INDOT US Reconstruction from Bremen to Nappanee. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this recommendation.
(Item 200)

BOARD ITEMS:

Brad Rogers, County Commissioner, presented for approval a Proclamation to designate May 7, 2026 as the National Day of Prayer in Elkhart County. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Proclamation.
(Item 201)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented two awards received during the 2026 ACEC Indiana Engineering Excellence Awards. A Merit Award was received for the Foraker, Southwest, and Tecumseh Waster Water Project and an Honor Award was received for the CR 17 Pedestrian Bridge over Norfolk Southern Railroad.

(Item 202)

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Kevin Becker, Bristol, spoke.

Pam Keyser, Middlebury, spoke.

ADJOURNMENT:

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