

ELKHART COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA

Thursday, May 21st, 2026
117 N. Second St. Goshen, Indiana 46526
4:00 p.m., Room 104

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. **ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL:** Mr. Bujalski _____ Mr. Clark _____ Mr. Graham _____
Mr. Hess _____ Mr. Riegsecker _____ Mr. Stump _____ Mr. Yohn _____

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of CC Minutes for April 16, 2026

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioners –
Council –
Sheriff -

5. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

A. GENERAL (#1000)

1. *Auditor's Office (983) – for Other Professional Services*

Ongoing arbitrage services related to tax exempt bonds. \$ 7,172.50

B. MIDDLEBURY SE TIF (#4509)

1. *Planning & Development (980) - for Construction/Reconstruction*

Request for County to cover 20% of Water Model Update Study (between 2 TIFs) \$ 10,100.00

C. MIDDLEBURY EAST TIF (#4510)

1. *Planning & Development (980) – for Construction/Reconstruction*

Request for County to cover 20% of Water Model Update Study (between 2 TIFs) \$ 10,100.00

D. PUBLIC DEFENDER SUPPLEMENTAL (#1200)

1. *Public Defender (980) – for Professional Part-Time*

Employee requesting to move from full-time to part-time position. \$ 37,509.78

E. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (#1122)

1. *Community Corrections (980) – for Training Materials, Prof. Services, Education*

Appropriating approved CTP cash transfer into accounts to cover expenditures. \$ 92,475.00

F. PARK & RECREATION CAPITAL (#1178)

1. *Park & Recreation (980) – for Construction/Reconstruction*

Funds to be appropriated for Capital Non-Reverting for general park construction
& building maintenance. \$ 150,000.00

G. PARK & RECREATION CAPITAL (#1178)

1. *Park & Recreation (980) – for Construction/Reconstruction*

Funds to be appropriated for Capital Non-Reverting for museum repairs. \$ 20,000.00

H. PARK & RECREATION (#1219)

1. *Park & Recreation (320) – for Employees Part-Time*

Funds to cover staff wages in the part-time account to assist with operations at
the Elkhart County Historical Museum. \$ 2,500.00

I. PARK & RECREATION (#1219)	
1. <i>Park & Recreation (320) – for Employees Part-Time</i>	
Funds to cover staff wages in the part-time account to assist with operations at the Six Span Landing.	\$ 5,100.00
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J. LOBLEY DONATION (#1159)	
1. <i>Health/CHN (983) – for Donations</i>	
To appropriate donated funds from the Freida May Lobley Fund held at the Community Foundations for Inoculations & Immunizations.	\$ 4,379.00
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K. TOBACCO PREVENTION & CESSATION (#9104)	
1. <i>Health Dept. (981) – for Professional Services & Fringe Benefits</i>	
Funds to strengthen existing partnerships & foster new collaborations with Elkhart County school districts.	\$ 175,000.00
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L. LANDFILL OPERATING FUND (#1194)	
1. <i>Landfill (338) – for Transfer Between Funds</i>	
To transfer to #4803 for these 4 agencies: Center for Community Justice, Council on Aging, CAPS, & Bashor Home.	\$ 350,000.00
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M. SPECIAL PROJECTS (#4803)	
1. <i>Commissioners (980) – for Other Grants & Awards</i>	
Funds for Center for Community Justice, Council on Aging, CAPS, & Bashor Home.	\$ 350,000.00
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N. LIT – SPECIAL PURPOSE (#1114)	
1. <i>Sheriff’s Office (105) – for Other Professional Services</i>	
To appropriate money to upgrade records management system to coincide with 911 PSCC system.	\$ 347,951.00
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O. LIT – SPECIAL PURPOSE (#1114)	
1. <i>Sheriff’s Office (105) – for Other Professional Services</i>	
To appropriate money for inmate food.	\$1,000,000.00
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P. EDIT (#1112)	
1. <i>Highway Dept. (980) – for Construction/Reconstruction</i>	
Funds for preliminary engineering design, right-of-way acquisition, construction inspection, & assoc. costs for Bridge 407 superstructure rehab. on Cottage Ave.	\$ 300,000.00
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Q. EDIT (#1112)	
1. <i>Highway Dept. (980) – for Construction/Reconstruction</i>	
Funds for right-of-way acquisition, DNR In-Lieu Fee Mitigation, & assoc. costs for the replacement of Bridge 385 on CR 18/E. Hively Ave. over Yellow Creek.	\$ 400,000.00
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R. MAJOR BRIDGE (#1171)	
1. <i>Highway Dept. (980) – for Construction/Reconstruction</i>	
Funds for a Northern Elkhart County Regional Corridor Study & assoc. costs.	\$ 100,000.00
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S. MAJOR BRIDGE (#1171)	
1. <i>Highway Dept. (980) – for Construction/Reconstruction</i>	
Funds for the 2026 Deck Sealing Program for purposes of sealing concrete bridge decks for 10 bridges.	\$ 250,000.00
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T. MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY – RESTRICTED (#1173)	
1. <i>Highway Dept. (980) – for Construction/Reconstruction</i>	
Funds for construction & assoc. costs for the replacement of Bridge 347 on CR 44 over Stony Creek, east of SR 13.	\$ 1,500,000.00
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U. MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY (#1176)	

1. Highway Dept. (980) – for Construction/Reconstruction	
Funds to be used for road paving, chip seal, construction, & associated costs.	\$ 2,000,000.00
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V. ROAD MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION (#4901)	
1. Highway Dept. (980) – for Construction/Reconstruction	
Funds to be used for road paving, chip seal, construction, & associated costs.	\$ 750,000.00
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W. ROAD MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION (#4901)	
1. Highway Dept. (980) – for Construction/Reconstruction	
Funds to be used for dust control and road salt.	\$ 100,000.00
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X. COMMUNITY CROSSING STATE MATCH (#9138)	
1. Highway Dept. (980) – for Construction/Reconstruction	
Funds received from INDOT for the 2026-1 Community Crossings Matching Grant. This request is to appropriate grant funds for paving.	\$ 1,000,000.00
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Total Appropriations: \$8,962,287.28

6. REDUCTION REQUESTS:

Y. CR 6 & CR 17 IMPROVEMENT TIF (#4511)

1. Planning Dept. (980) – for Construction/Reconstruction	
Bid came in lower than expected; Highway is returning a portion of the funds.	- \$3,000,000.00

Total Reductions: - \$3,000,000.00

7. TRANSFER REQUESTS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION: NONE

8. TRANSFER REQUESTS NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION:

(Available in the Auditor’s office)

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

Chris Stager:

1. Consideration of Declaratory Resolution CC-2026-10 for a possible Tax Phase-In for certain real estate improvements, personal property, and occupancy of a vacant building (LT Development (USA) LLC).
2. Consideration of Declaratory Resolution CC-2026-11 for a possible Tax Phase-In for certain personal property (DynaComp LLC).
3. Consideration of Declaratory Resolution CC-2026-12 for a possible Tax Phase-In for certain real estate improvements (Champagne Metals, L.L.C.).
4. Consideration of Declaratory Resolution CC-2026-13 for a possible Tax Phase-In for certain real estate improvements and personal property (Not Wood, Inc.).

Steve Olsen:

1. Consideration of Interlocal Agreement for Paving of County Road 40 with the City of Goshen.
2. Consideration of Interlocal Agreement for Paving of County Road 17 with the City of Goshen.
3. Consideration of Interlocal Agreement Funding Water Modeling Update Project.
4. Consideration and Approval of CC-2026-14: An Ordinance Establishing the Surplus User Fee Fund for the Elkhart County Treasurer's Office.
5. Consideration and Approval of CC-2026-15: An Ordinance Establishing the Solar Economic Development Fund for the Elkhart County Commissioners' Office.

10. AUDIENCE ITEMS: Members of the public who wish to speak will be provided that opportunity. Persons should sign in. Presentation will be limited to three (3) minutes.

11. ADJOURN: