

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 11, 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 May 4, 2026 meeting and placed them on file.

(Item 203)

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 by Don & Aleta Newton for Noise Ordinance Variance. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the regular requested event date of May 24, 2026 as submitted, however the alternate event date of May 25, 2026 must end by 10 pm.

(Item 204)

Joe Leichtman, Director of Buildings and Grounds, presented for approval a Contract and Performance Bond from Schrock Commercial for the Historic Goshen Courthouse window replacement for \$1,063,000.00. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Contract and Performance Bond.

(Item 205)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented a request for approval to release the Request for Proposals for GIS Database Optimization and Enterprise Upgrades with proposal opening to be June 15, 2026. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved to release the Request for Proposals.

(Item 206)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented a Conflict of Interest Disclosure for Emily LaSala. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Conflict of Interest Disclosure.

(Item 207)

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

(Item 208)

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

(Item 209)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented for consideration a Task Order for Bridge 156 with Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Incorporated. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Task Order.

(Item 210)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented for consideration an Amended Task Order for Bridge 254 with USI Consultants, Inc. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Amended Task Order.

(Item 211)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a recommendation for approval of the Maintenance Bond for the Bridge 332 Rehabilitation Project. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Maintenance Bond.

(Item 212)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval of the 2025 LTAP Annual Report. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Annual Report.

(Item 213)

Jenn Tobey, Director of Emergency Management, presented a request for approval of Spark Good Local Grant. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this grant.

(Item 214)

Jenn Tobey, Director of Emergency Management, presented a request for approval of Military and First Responder Grant from CSX Transportation. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this grant.

(Item 215)

BOARD ITEMS:

None.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Dora Miller, Middlebury, spoke.

ADJOURNMENT:

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