

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 18, 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.

Suzie Weirick made a motion to amend the agenda for this May 18, 2026 meeting to include the following under Business for Planning:

I. Recommendation of acceptance for a Hideaway at Heritage Pines, Phase One. This motion was seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried. The Board approved to revise the agenda.

On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the May 11, 2026 meeting and placed them on file. (Item 216)

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:

Jason Auvil, Zoning Administrator, presented the request approval of Christopher Cory White for a zone map change from M-1 to A-1, south side of CR 6, 1,980 ft. west of CR 21, common address of 19872 CR 6, Bristol, IN 46507 in Washington Township. Cory White, Bristol, spoke. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. (Item 217)

Jason Auvil, Zoning Administrator, presented the request approval of Edward A. Shidler and Tammy L. Shidler, Husband & Wife for a zone map change from R-2 to A-1, west side of Eagle St., 680 ft. west of East County Line Rd., north of CR 4, common address of 51861 East County Line Rd., Middlebury, IN 46540 in York Township. Ed Shidler, Middlebury, spoke. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. (Item 218)

Jason Auvil, Zoning Administrator, presented the request approval of Krystofer J. W. Yacks & Allison M. Yacks, Husband & Wife for a zone map change from R-1 to A-1, east side of CR 7, 2,650 ft. south of Mishawaka Rd., common address of 58416 CR 7, Elkhart, IN 46517 in Concord Township. Allison Yacks, Elkhart, spoke. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

(Item 219)

Danny Dean, Planning and Development, presented the request approval of Star Property Real Estate Company, LLC Michiana Capital Investments Group, LLC represented by Freedom Builders for an amendment to an existing DPUD M-1 known as Michiana Capital Investments DPUD M-1 to allow for additional signage, northeast corner of SR 13 & CR 30, common address of 61790 SR 13, Goshen, IN 46528 in Clinton Township. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

(Item 220)

Mae Hope, Director of Planning and Development, presented the request approval of Elkhart County Advisory Plan Commission Development Ordinance (Section 158.05, 158.06), the geographic area to which the proposed amendments to the text of the Elkhart County Zoning Ordinance applies is all lands with Elkhart County, including all the Townships: Cleveland, Osolo, Washington, York, Baugo, Concord, Jefferson, Middlebury, Olive, Harrison, Elkhart, Clinton, Locke, Union, Jackson and Benton, but excluding the jurisdictions of the City of Goshen, the City of Elkhart, and the Town of Nappanee. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

(Item 221)

Mae Hope, Director of Planning and Development, presented an additional appropriation request from Middlebury SE TIF Fund in the amount of \$10,100.00 for Middlebury Water Model Study Match. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 222)

Mae Hope, Director of Planning and Development, presented an additional appropriation request from Middlebury East TIF Fund in the amount of \$10,100.00 for Middlebury Water Model Study Match. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 223)

Mae Hope, Director of Planning and Development, presented an appropriation REDUCTION request from Planning Dept/CR6 & CR17 Improvement TIF in the amount of \$3,000,000.00. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this appropriation reduction request.

(Item 224)

Danny Dean, Planning and Development, presented the request acceptance of Triple I Enterprises LLC represented by Abonmarche Consultants for secondary approval of a 13-lot major subdivision to be known as Hideaway at Heritage Pines, Phase One, south side of SR 120, 3,620 ft. west of CR 35, in York Township. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

(Item 225)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented an additional appropriation request from the Landfill Operating Fund in the amount of \$75,000.00 for Center for Community Justice, \$75,000.00 for Council on Aging, \$100,000.00 for CAPS and \$100,000.00 for Bashor Home and an additional appropriation request to move the money from the Landfill Operating Fund to the Special Projects Fund in the amount of \$75,000.00 for Center for Community Justice, \$75,000.00 for Council on Aging, \$100,000.00 for CAPS and \$100,000.00 for Bashor Home. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved both appropriation requests.

(Items 226 and 227)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented an Affidavit Regarding Limited Access Agreement. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Affidavit.

(Item 228)

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

(Item 229)

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

(Item 230)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration an Independent Contractor Agreement with A&R Septic Co. Inc. d.b.a. A&R Wastewater Management. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Independent Contractor Agreement.

(Item 231)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration an Interlocal Agreement Funding Water Modeling Update Project. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Interlocal Agreement.

(Item 232)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an Appropriation Request for \$300,000.00 from EDIT (1112) for Bridge 407 PE, ROW, CE. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this appropriation request.

(Item 233)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an Appropriation Request for \$100,000.00 from Major Bridge (1171) for Northern Elkhart County Regional Corridor Study. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this appropriation request.

(Item 234)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an Appropriation Request for \$400,000.00 from EDIT (1112) for Bridge 385 ROW, ILF. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this appropriation request.

(Item 235)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an Appropriation Request for \$1,500,000.00 from Motor Vehicle Highway-Restricted (1173) for Bridge 347 Construction. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this appropriation request.

(Item 236)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an Appropriation Request for \$1,000,000.00 from Community Crossing State Match (9138) for Paving and Construction. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this appropriation request.

(Item 237)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an Appropriation Request for \$250,000.00 from Major Bridge (1171) for 2026 Deck Sealing Program. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this appropriation request.

(Item 238)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, requested to table the Appropriation Request for \$2,000,000.00 from Motor Vehicle Highway (1176) for Paving, Chip Seal. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board tabled this appropriation request.

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an Appropriation Request for \$750,000.00 from Wheel Tax (4901) for Paving, Chip Seal. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this appropriation request.

(Item 239)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an Appropriation Request for \$100,000.00 from Wheel Tax (4901) for Calcium Chloride, Road Salt. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved this appropriation request.

(Item 240)

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.