

MINUTES
ELKHART COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
117 N. 2nd St. Room 104, Goshen, IN 46526
April 16, 2026

The meeting of the Elkhart County Council was called to order by Council President, Tom Stump at 4:00 p.m., in Room 104 of the County Administrative Building, Goshen, Indiana. Members present were Council President Tom Stump, Council Vice President Dave Hess, Randy Yohn, Steven Clark, Adam Bujalski, Douglas Graham, and Darryl Riegsecker. Also, present was Tiara Jackson, County Auditor, Desiree Culbreath-Rogers, County Deputy Auditor, and Steven Olsen, County Attorney's Office.

** 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 and virtually in remote real-time observation via YouTube. (YouTube recordings will be available for a period of 90 days.)

MINUTES: Approval of CC Minutes for March 19, 2026.

On motion to approve made by Yohn and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved the minutes as presented with a vote of 7 to 0.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMISSIONERS: None

COUNCIL: Doug Graham spoke about the County needing more volunteers to help with the upcoming election on May 5th and reminded everyone to exercise their right to vote. Tom Stump presented awards to Darryl Riegsecker for 15 years of service and Adam Bujalski for 5 years of service.

SHERIFF: None

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION EXPLANATIONS:

A. GENERAL (#1000)

1. Emergency Management (137) requested \$3,500.00 from a NIPSCO donation for weather radios.

Jennifer Tobey presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Yohn, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0.

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B. CFEC WEATHER RADIO DISTRIBUTION (#9180)

1. Emergency Management (980) requested \$2,500.00 in funds to purchase weather radios.

Jennifer Tobey presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Clark and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0.

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C. COURT INTERPRETER GRANT (#9142)

1. Judiciary (980) requested \$30,000.00 from funds awarded for their FY2026 Supreme Court Interpreter Grant that expires on 6/30/26.

Ross Maxwell presented this request and answered questions by the Council.

On motion to approve made by Yohn and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0.

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D. PUBLIC DEFENDER SUPPLEMENT (#1200)

1. Public Defender (980) requested \$30,349.00 for an employee that will be moving from full-time to part-time when they return from FMLA.

Jeff Majerick presented this request and answered questions by the Council.

On motion to approve made by Yohn and seconded by Graham, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0.

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E. CUMULATIVE VOTING SYSTEMS (#1143)

1. Clerk's Office/Voter Registration (191) requested \$40,000.00 to request reinstatement of the Voter Registration Manager position.

Patty Pickens presented this request and answered questions by the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0.

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F. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CTP (#1123)

1. Community Corrections (980) requested \$92,475.00 to transfer CY2025 cash balance from CTP Fund 1123.980 to PI Fund 1122.980 to use on expenses incurred.

Helen Calvin presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Yohn and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0.

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G. EDIT (#1112)

1. Highway Dept. (980) requested \$100,000.00 in funds for preliminary engineering design & right-of-way acquisition for superstructure rehabilitation of Bridge 254 on CR 38 east of CR 1 over Baugo Creek.

Kyle Wagner presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0.

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H. MAJOR BRIDGE (#1171)

1. Highway Dept. (980) requested \$100,000.00 in funds for engineering design of superstructure repair on Bridge 156 on CR 18 west of CR 13 over the Elkhart River.

Kyle Wagner presented this request and answered questions by the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0.

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I. NORTHWEST GATEWAY TIF (#4504)

1. Planning & Development (980) requested \$650,000.00 in funds to cover a portion of paving

package costs associated with roadways affecting the TIF area.
Mae Hope presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0.

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

1. Planning & Development (980) requested \$450,000.00 in funds to cover a portion of paving package costs associated with roadways affecting the TIF area.

Mae Hope presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0.

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K. GENERAL (#1000)

1. Commissioners (130) requested \$2,000,000.00 in funds required to replace the windows in the Goshen Historic Courthouse.

Jeff Taylor presented this request and answered questions by the Council. Jeff also reduced this amount after receiving bids to \$1,100,000.00, but Councilman Graham suggested it be bumped up to \$1,200,000.00.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved the reduced amount of \$1,200,000.00 with a vote of 7 to 0.

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L. GENERAL (#1000)

1. Commissioners (130) requested \$50,000.00 in funds required to make upgrades to the building.

Jeff Taylor presented this request and answered questions by the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Hess, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0.

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M. AUDITOR INELIGIBLE (#1216)

1. Auditor's Office (102) requested \$200,000.00 in funds to cover invoice related to the Homestead Audit.

Tiara Jackson presented this request to the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0.

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N. CVET AGENCY (#6023)

1. Auditor's Office (980) requested \$4,300,479.00 to transfer funds that were originally receipted into the incorrect fund in 2024. Funds belong in the LIT Property Tax Relief Fund (#6023).

Tiara Jackson presented this request and answered questions by the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0.

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Total Appropriations Approved: \$7,249,303.00

REDUCTION REQUESTS:

O. GENERAL (#1000)

1. Coroner (107) requested a reduction in the amount of \$3,190.55 to return the line to zero after the purchase of a new vehicle & outfitting it.

Mervin Miller presented this request and answered questions by the Council.

On motion to approve made by Graham and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a vote of 7 to 0.

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Total Approved Reductions: - \$ 3,190.55

TRANSFER REQUESTS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION: None

TRANSFER REQUESTS NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION: (Available in the Auditor's office)

OTHER BUSINESS:

Steven Olsen presented the following items:

1. Approval of CC-2026-08: An Ordinance Establishing the CFEC Weather Radio Distribution Grant Fund for the Elkhart County Emergency Management Dept. (9180).

On motion to approve made by Clark and seconded by Bujalski, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 7 to 0 vote.

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2. Approval of Animal Control Services Interlocal Agreements for Town of Bristol, Town of Millersburg, City of Elkhart, City of Goshen, Town of Middlebury, City of Nappanee, and Town of Wakarusa.

On motion to approve all listed made by Clark and seconded by Yohn, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 7 to 0 vote.

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3. Approval of Fourth Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Intersection Improvements at County Road 22/County Road 37 Intersection, County Road 37/County Road 20 Intersection, and County Road 24/State Road 13 Intersection.

On motion to approve made by Bujalski and seconded by Graham, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 7 to 0 vote.

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4. Approval of CC-2026-09: Resolution Transferring the Duties of the Concord Township Assessor to the Elkhart County Assessor.

On motion to approve made by Clark and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved this request with a 7 to 0 vote.

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AUDIENCE ITEMS: None

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion to adjourn made by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved the adjournment of the meeting at 4:53 PM.

Tiara Jackson
Elkhart County Auditor