

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 26, 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. Board member Suzie Weirick was also present. Bob Barnes was absent. 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 Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the May 18, 2026 meeting and placed them on file.

(Item 241)

On a motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Allowance of Claims as presented by the County Auditor's office.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented the recommendation to award the 2026 Deck Sealing Program to Milestone Contractors, L.P. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this recommendation.

(Item 242)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented the request for approval of an Agreement for the 2026 Deck Sealing Program with Milestone Contractors, L.P. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this agreement.

(Item 243)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval to post Notice to Bidders for the Bridge 193 Rehabilitation Project. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

(Item 244)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval to post Notice to Bidders for the Bridge 347 Replacement Project. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

(Item 245)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented for consideration a Task Order with Cambridge Systematics, Inc. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this task order.

(Item 246)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented for consideration a Task Order with United Consulting Engineers, Inc. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this task order.

(Item 247)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration an Independent Contractor Agreement with Zephyr Data Group, LLC d/b/a Empact Solutions, Inc. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Independent Contractor Agreement.

(Item 248)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented a Conflict of Interest Disclosure for Iverson Grove. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Conflict of Interest Disclosure.

(Item 249)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration an Ordinance Addressing Public Record Request Policies. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved Ordinance CO 2026-21

(Item 250)

Kevin Williams, Building Commissioner, opened bids for demolition of unsafe structures at 27575 County Road 24, Elkhart, Indiana, and 30495-3 County Road 24, Elkhart, Indiana. Two bids came in for 27575 County Road 24, Elkhart, Indiana: B&E Excavating (Nappanee, IN) for \$24,900.00 and Jerry Reed Excavating (Mishawaka, IN) for \$19,000.00. Two bids came in for 30495-3 County Road 24, Elkhart, Indiana: B&E Excavating (Nappanee, IN) for \$5,400.00 and Jerry Reed Excavating (Mishawaka, IN) for \$15,000.00. Kevin Williams provided an update on 27575 County Road 24, Elkhart, Indiana. Timothy Klenk, owner of 27575 County Road 24, spoke against the demolition and provided an update on his court case against the insurance company. Kevin Williams answered questions from the Board. Steve Olsen, County Attorney, spoke. Suzie Weirick made a motion to allow staff to receive and review bids and come back with a recommendation, but she also recommended that Mr. Klenk return next month with a court date for his case beforehand. The motion was seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried. The Board accepted the bids for staff review.

(Item 251)

Tony Brinson, Information Technologies, presented an additional appropriation request from General Fund in the amount of \$152,000.00 for modernization and remediation of the County's departmental website network. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 252)

Tony Brinson, Information Technologies, presented a Transfer Within Same Fund request from Other Professional Services account in the amount of \$115,000.00 to Subscriptions account. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Transfer Within Same Fund request.

(Item 253)

The Weights & Measures Report for April 16, 2026 to May 16, 2026 was submitted. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board accepted this report.

(Item 254)

BOARD ITEMS:

None.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

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