

# MINUTES

## ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

June 15, 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 Bob Barnes was also present. Board member Suzie Weirick was absent. Others present were Nat Jordan, County Attorney's Office; 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.

Brad Rogers made motion to amend the agenda for this June 15, 2026 meeting to include the following items:

- After Allowance of Claims, add Update on the Emergency Declaration.
- Under Business Items 1. Planning, add D. Acceptance of Right of Way of a major subdivision to be known as Indian Creek Phase Two. This was advertised appropriately but was just missed on the agenda.
- Under Business Items 2. Commissioners, add H. Consideration of a Noise Ordinance Waiver for a resident.

The motion was seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried. The Board approved to amend the agenda.

On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the June 8, 2026 meeting and placed them on file.

(Item 281)

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

Commissioner Brad Rogers advised that the Commissioners declared an Emergency Declaration effective June 12, 2026 due to the severe weather event. This Emergency Declaration is effective for seven (7) days and would then have to be renewed. There were 8 homes destroyed, 19 homes with major damage, and upwards of 300 homes that had some minor and moderate damage. Jenn Tobey, Director of Emergency Management, provided an update.

(Item 282)

### **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

Mae Hope, Director of Planning and Development, opened bids for the GIS Database Optimization and Enterprise Upgrades. Seven (7) bids were received: Schneider Geospatial (Indianapolis, IN) for \$88,375.00; Abonmarche Consultants Inc (South Bend, IN) for \$145,000.00; Cultivate Geospatial Solutions (Indianapolis, IN) for \$155,500.00; NV5 Geospatial Inc (Sheboygan Falls, WI) for \$984,251.81; Abba Technologies (Albuquerque, NM) for \$299,000.00;

Michael Baker International Inc (Indianapolis, IN) for \$279,807.00; and Cloudpoint Geospatial (Metamora, IL) for \$99,500.00. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the bids for staff review.

(Item 283)

Jason Auvil, Zoning Administrator, presented a request for approval of Eagle Real Estate Group LLC represented by Surveying & Mapping, LLC for a zone map change from A-1 to DPUD M-1, and for primary approval of a 1-lot minor subdivision to be known as Eagle Transport DPUD M-1, northwest corner of CR 142 & CR 17, common address of 22153 CR 142, Goshen, IN 46526 in Union Township. Ben Stanley, Surveying & Mapping LLC, spoke. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on the matter. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

(Item 284)

Jason Auvil, Zoning Administrator, presented a request for approval of Larry Yoder & Linda Yoder, Husband & Wife represented by Abonmarche Consultants for a zone map change from A-1 to DPUD M-1 and for primary approval of a 1-lot minor subdivision to be known as Yoder Concrete, LLC DPUD Amendment No. 2, west side of SR 13, 2,500 ft. south of CR 36, common address of 64455 SR 13, Goshen, IN 46528 in Clinton Township. Crystal Welsh, Abonmarche Consultants, spoke. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on the matter. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

(Item 285)

Danny Dean, Planning and Development, presented a request for acceptance of Spartin Development LLC represented by Abonmarche Consultants for secondary approval of a 24-lot major subdivision to be known as Indian Creek Phase Two, northwest corner of CR 18 & CR 23, common address of 19339 CR 18, Goshen, IN 46528 in Jefferson Township. Brad Rogers opened a public hearing. Karl Shively, Goshen, spoke regarding traffic concerns. Danny Dean answered questions from the Board. Crystal Welsh, Abonmarche Consultants, spoke. The following people then spoke against this request: Dennis Smith (Goshen) and Barbara Lynch (Goshen). On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

(Item 286)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented the acceptance of resignation for Tim Jackson as County Engineer. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this resignation.

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented the appointment of Justin Bowers as County Engineer. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this appointment.

Brad Rogers, County Commissioner, presented the request for appointment to the Elkhart Public Library Board with term ending June 30, 2030. On motion made by Brad Rogers, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved to reappoint Laura Steffen.

(Item 287)

Nat Jordan, County Attorney's Office, presented for consideration the 2026 Mid-year personnel policy revision. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved Ordinance No. CO 2026-24.

(Item 288)

Nat Jordan, County Attorney's Office, presented for consideration the Certification Regarding Tax Increment Replacement Amount. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Certification.

(Item 289)

Nat Jordan, County Attorney's Office, presented for Consideration an Interlocal Agreement Funding US 20 Fiber Utility Relocation Project. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved his Interlocal Agreement.

(Item 290)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented for consideration the Final Change Order with New Era Technology for new Courthouse. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Final Change Order.

(Item 291)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented a request made by Karla Alvarez for a Noise Ordinance Variance. Brad Rogers made motion to deny the request. The motion was seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried. The Board denied this Noise Ordinance Variance request.

(Item 292)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval of Performance and Payment Bond for the 2026 Deck Sealing Program. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this Performance and Payment Bond.

(Item 293)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an additional appropriation request from EDIT (1112) Fund in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 for Paving, Chip, Seal and Construction. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 294)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an additional appropriation request from EDIT Fund in the amount of \$500,000.00 for CR 115 Slope Stabilization Project Design, Right of Way and Construction. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved this additional appropriation request.

(Item 295)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, provided an update on the road closures due to downed trees and power lines caused by the severe weather event.

**BOARD ITEMS:**

None.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

James Scott, Elkhart, spoke.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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