

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

January 6, 2025

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; Patricia Pickens, 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 Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Allowance of Claims as presented by the County Auditor's office.

Election of Officers for 2025. The floor was open for nominations. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, Brad Rogers was nominated and elected President of the Board.

A motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, Suzie Weirick was nominated and elected as Vice President of the Board.

A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried; the Board approved the various assignments as follows:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2025 & COMMISSIONER ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2025

President – Brad Rogers

Vice President – Suzie Weirick

St. Joseph River Basin – Bob Barnes

Drainage Board – Bob Barnes

Plan Commission – Brad Rogers

Oaklawn – Brad Rogers

Community Corrections Advisory Board (CCAB) – Brad Rogers

CCPC – Personnel Liaison – Brad Rogers

Affirmative Action (EEOC) – Bob Barnes
Emergency Management Board – Suzie Weirick
Public Defender Board – Brad Rogers
Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council – Suzie Weirick
MACOG – Suzie Weirick
Economic Development (EDC)– Brad Rogers

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Commissioners Appointments to County Positions 2025

Director, Buildings & Grounds – Joe Leichtman
Veteran’s Service Officer – James Snowden
County Highway Engineer – Tim Jackson
Manager of Transportation – Kyle Wagner
Director, Human Resources – Kirt Hunsberger
Weights & Measures – Todd Barrows
Emergency Management Director – Jennifer Tobey
County Administrator – Jeff Taylor
County Attorney – Steve Olsen
Director, Landfill – John Bowers

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Appointments to various County Boards for 2025 per County Manual
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BUSINESS ITEMS:

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented the following Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements for the following: Thomas Stump, Steven E. Clark, David L. Hess. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved these Disclosure Statements.

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented a request for consideration of consent for Town of Syracuse annexation of real estate in Elkhart County adjacent to CR 29 and County line. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Tim Jackson, County Highway, presented a request for approval of INDOT 2025-1 Community Crossing Matching Grant Program Application and Financial Commitment Letter. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Tim Jackson, County Highway, presented a request for approval to advertise for 2025 Supply and Material Bids On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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BOARD ITEMS:

Jessica Koscher, Elkhart Indiana, with the Elkhart County Drug Free Partnership, presented a request for the 2025 Allocation Recommendations for the Drug-Free Community Fund. The request was for a total of \$149,913.00. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ropp