

# MINUTES

## ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

January 21, 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 Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of December 23, 2025, and December 30, 2025, meetings and placed them on file.

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:**

Request to receive bids for 2025 Supplies and Materials, Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, asked for this to be removed from the agenda and postponed until a later date.

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented a request for approval of Elkhart County Emergency Management Ordinance. Number CO-2025-04. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this ordinance.

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Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented a request for consideration of the EMA Mitigation Plan. Resolution Number CO2025-02. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted this resolution.

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Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented a request for approval of Business Furniture Change Order Number One. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented the Consideration of the transfer of tax certificates for the City of Elkhart. Resolution Number CO-2025-03. Eight parcels are included in this document. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this transfer.

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Mae Kratzer, Planning, asked for this request to be tabled for an Additional appropriation request from Northwest Gateway TIF in the amount of \$600.00 for funds to cover resurfacing cost of three Highway projects in the Northwest Gateway Area. This amount was incorrect. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board tabled this request.

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Mae Kratzer, Planning, presented an Additional appropriation request from CR6 & CR17 Improvement TIF in the amount of \$1,883.24 for Administrative Fees. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Mae Kratzer, Planning, presented an Additional appropriation request from CR6 & CR17 Improvement TIF in the amount of \$12,000.00 for Highway Equipment match. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Mae Kratzer, Planning, presented an Additional appropriation request from CR6 & CR17 Improvement TIF in the amount of \$50,000.00 for Blight Demolitions. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Mae Kratzer, Planning, presented an Additional appropriation request from CR6 & CR17 Improvement TIF in the amount of \$530,000.00 NEC Paving. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Mae Kratzer, Planning, presented an Additional appropriation request from SR 13 Interchange TIF in the amount of \$20,000.00 for SR 13 Rate Study. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Mae Kratzer, Planning, presented an Additional appropriation request from SR 13 Interchange TIF in the amount of \$50,000.00 for SR 13 Sewer Next Steps. 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:**

None

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Dora Miller, Middlebury, presented a box of cards containing 524 signatures relating to a petition made with the Middlebury Public Library.

Cindy Hajicek, Goshen, spoke about a Resolution presented to the Middlebury Public Library regarding access to certain materials for minors.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ropp