

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

February 10, 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 the January 21, 2025 meeting 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:

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented the request for Consideration of Termination of Interlocal Agreement for Fiber Locate Services. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented the request for the use of the Courthouse Lawn in Goshen by Maria Marisol Banderas on Saturday, February 22, 2025, to Protest Basic Human Rights For Hispanics/Latinos. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Natasha Kauffman, Redevelopment Coordinator, presented the Request for approval of 25053 California Court Purchase Agreement. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Natasha Kauffman, Redevelopment Coordinator, presented the Request for acceptance of Beech Grove Master Plan RFP Opening. Packets were received from Abonmarche Consultants, LLC; American Structurepoint LLC, Beacon Street Consulting, LLC, Context LLC, Davey Resource Group Inc., Danch Haner & Associates Inc., DLZ Indiana, LLC, Jones, Petrie, Rafinski Corp, MKSK Inc, and V3 Companies. A motion made by Suzie Weirick and seconded by Bob Barnes and unanimously carried by the board, to accept and review the bids.

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Nate Tipton, Director of Court Services, presented the Request for approval of FY25 Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) Performance Based Bonus Grant. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Nate Tipton, Director of Court Services, presented the request for approval of FY26 Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) Grant. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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Nate Tipton, Director of Court Services, presented the request for approval of FY26 IDOC Elkhart County Juvenile Community Corrections Grant. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

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John Bowers and Jamie Tubicsak, Elkhart County Landfill, presented the annual Leaf Disposal Program top three Competitor team check awards. In first place receiving a check for \$15,198.00 was Prairie Camp. In second place, receiving a check for \$14,606.00 was Yellow Creek Mennonite Church. In third place receiving a check for \$10,090.00 was Leaves for Light.

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BOARD ITEMS:

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented a Memorandum of Understanding with Oaklawn Psychiatric Center for use and management of grant funds. 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:

Glen Null spoke.

ADJOURNMENT:

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