

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

FEBRUARY 17, 2025

President Brad Rogers was absent. Vice President Suzie Weirick called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. in room 104 in the County Administration Building, 117 North Second Street, Goshen, Indiana. The other Board member Bob Barnes was 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 tabled the Minutes of the January 27,2025, meeting.

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:

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested permission to advertise for bids for the replacement of the kitchen floor at the jail. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, requested to withdraw this request for approval of a work order with Applied Innovation because it will be covered later in the agenda.

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Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented an Additional appropriation request from the General Fund in the amount of \$576,000.00 for Annual Microsoft Office 365 Government Cloud, Virtual Data Center and Backup Services. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented a request for an Additional appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$8,677.00 for one-time purchase for licensing to provide efficiency and reduce downtime for data transfers for new devices. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.
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Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented a request for an Additional appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$25,000.00 for printer security licenses. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.
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Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented a request for an Additional appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$193,500.00 for annual subscription renewal amount for network security services. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.
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Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented a request for approval of the Independent Contractor Agreement for ADEC, Inc. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.
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Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for Consideration a Resolution Authorizing the Loaning of Money from Cumulative Capital Fund (1138) for the Elkhart County 911 Center's 2025 Copier Purchase and Maintenance Project. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request. Resolution No C02025-11.
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Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented a request for Consideration of Work Order No. 5 with Lowery Corporation. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.
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Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval of an agreement for Elkhart County to take over and manage the fiber for Baugo School installed along County Road 3. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.
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Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for an Additional appropriation from EDIT Fund in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 for Phase One Right-of-Way Acquisition Cost for the CR 17 Project between CR 38 and CR 142. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.
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Kyle Wagner, County Highway, requested an Additional appropriation from the EDIT Fund in the amount of \$15,000.00 for Boiler replacement at 610 Steury Avenue. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Joel Williams, Prosecutors Office, presented a Request for approval for Out of State Travel for Ashley Fair, Luke Shoemake, Jeremy Stout, & Jade Murphy to attend the Magnet Forensics User Summit in Nashville, Tennessee from March 17th to March 19th, 2025. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Andrew Bylsma, Health Department, presented a Request for approval of a Grant for Lilly GIFT VIII through the Community Foundation of Elkhart County. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Danny Dean, Planning and Development presented a Request for approval of Six Span LLC for a zone map change from B-1 & R-1 to B-1, southwest corner of SR 120 & Michael Drive, 575 feet east of CR 17, common address of 21790 SR 120, 21810 SR 120, & 21776 SR 120 in Washington Township. Suzie Weirick opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, The Board approved this request.

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Jason Auvil, Zoning Administrator, presented a request for approval of Andrew G. Martin & Susie Martin, Husband & Wife represented by Surveying and 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 Martin Truss DPUD M-1, east side of CR 1, 1,800 feet south of CR 30, common address of 62332 CR 1 in Olive Township. Suzie Weirick opened a public hearing. Debra Hughes, Surveying and Mapping spoke on this zone map change. No other audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, The Board approved this request.

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Danielle Richards, Planning Department, presented a request for denial of Dale & Melissa Shuppert (Buyers) & Nichols Holding LLC (Seller) for a zone map change from R-1 to A-1, north side of CR 26, 925 feet west of CR 113, common address of 23681 CR 26 in Concord Township. Kari Nichols, property owner, Elkhart, spoke. Suzie Weirick opened a public hearing.

The following people spoke in favor of the request for denial and against the rezoning: Lloyd Chupp, Elkhart; Doug Davis, Elkhart; Roy Manley, Elkhart; Wayne Sousley, Elkhart; Roger Evans, Elkhart; Phil Harbaugh, Elkhart; Adam Richard, Elkhart.

The following people spoke against the request for denial and in favor of the rezoning: Dale and Melissa Shupert and daughter Elizabeth, South Bend; Elizabeth Gunden, Elkhart; and Kari Nichols, Elkhart.

The following staff addressed questions raised by the Commissioners: Jason Auvil, Goshen; and Mae Kratzer, Goshen.

On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing.

After deliberating on the matter, on a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, The Board tabled this request for March 17, 2025, during its regularly scheduled weekly meeting that begins at 9:00 a.m. in room 104 in the County Administration Building, 117 North Second Street, Goshen, Indiana. The Board advised the public that the public hearing will be reopened for further new comments when the matter is addressed on March 17, 2025.

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Mae Kratzer, Planning and Development presented a Request for approval of 2025 Expense Reimbursement Agreement to Elkhart County from Redevelopment Commission through Tax Increment Finance allocations in the amount of \$356,000.00. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, The Board approved this request.

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BOARD ITEMS:

None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

No additional speakers.

ADJOURNMENT:

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