

# MINUTES

## ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

**FEBRUARY 24, 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 27<sup>th</sup> and the February 3, 2025, meetings and placed them on file.

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

### **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

Aaron Kingsley, City of Goshen presented a Request for use of Goshen Courthouse Lawn by City of Goshen, Dept. of Environmental Resilience for Arbor Day Celebration in conjunction with First Friday's event. 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 for consideration the First Amendment to North River Consulting, LLC Independent Contractor Agreement. 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 Attorney, presented for consideration of approval the Request for the Independent Contractor Agreement with Bashor Home. 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 and Development, presented for consideration an Additional Appropriation request from North West Gateway Fund in the amount of \$600,000.00 for Project #252004 NWG from TIF 4504 to cover resurfacing cost of three Highway projects in the North West Gateway Area. 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:**

Dianna Graham, Elkhart, spoke.

Tom Bigler, Goshen, spoke.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ropp