

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

March 3, 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 February 10th, 2025 meeting and placed them on file.

(Item 78)

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 for consideration the Independent Contractor Agreement with Baker Tilly US, LLP. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 79)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration the Independent Contractor Agreement with Baker Tilly Advisory US, LLP. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 80)

Jeff Siegel, Elkhart County Sheriff, presented a request for approval of Grant for AOD Interdiction STAR Grant. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 81)

Andrew Bylsma, Health Administrator, presented a request for approval of Grant for H5N1 Response Supplemental Funding. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 82)

Andrew Bylsma, Health Administrator, presented a request for approval for out of state travel for Dental team to attend American Academy of Pediatric Dentists Conference in Denver, Colorado. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 83)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an appropriation request of \$200,000.00 from Local Road and Street fund for Other Professional Services to cover remaining snow plowing contractor expenses. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 84)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an appropriation request of \$750,000.00 from Local Road and Street fund for Paving, Chip and Seal, Construction and other Associated cost. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 85)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an appropriation request of \$1,000,000.00 from Motor Vehicle Highway fund for Paving, Chip and Seal, Construction and other Associated Cost. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 86)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a transfer request between funds from Major Moves to EDIT fund of \$1,030,437.75 for Paving, Chip and Seal, Construction and other Associated Cost. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 87)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented an appropriation request of \$1,030,437.75 from EDIT fund of \$1,030,437.75 for Paving, Chip and Seal and other Associated Cost. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 88)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a reduction request of \$1,700,000.00 from 1112-980-220022 CR 38 – CR 35 to SR 13 Construction nearing project closure. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 89)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a reduction request of \$105,200.00 from 1112-980-22019 CR 40 Construction project closure. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 90)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a reduction request of \$1,080,677.62 from 4928-204-240003 Fiber Construction and Reconstruction budgeted account that carried over from 2024. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 91)

The Weights & Measures Report for January 16th, 2025, to February 15th, 2025, was submitted. A motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board accepted this report.

(Item 92)

BOARD ITEMS:

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented a request for consideration of a Concurrent Representation letter for interlocal matters. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 93)

Steve Osen, County Attorney, presented a request for consideration of the Investment Resolution approved at the Board of Finance meeting. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, to approve the ratification and verification of the Investment Resolution.

(Item 94)

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Carolyn Carter, Elkhart, spoke.

Jeff Gould, Elkhart, spoke.

Dianna Graham, spoke.

ADJOURNMENT:

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