

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

March 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 was absent, and Bob Barnes was 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 Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the March 3rd, 2025 meeting and placed them on file.

(Item 121)

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

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval to post Notice to Bidders for the 2025 Pavement Wedging Program. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

(Item 122)

Kyle Wagner, County Highway, presented a request for approval to post Notice to Bidders for the 2025 Striping Program. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

(Item 123)

Melanie Sizemore, Health Officer, presented a recommendation of Dr. Fernando Ruiz for appointment to the Elkhart County Board of Health. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

(Item 124)

Joe Leichtman, Director of Buildings and Grounds, presented the bid received for the replacement of the kitchen floor at the Jail. One bid received from R Yoder Construction for \$582,168.00. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to accept and review the bids.

(Item 125)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented a request for use of Courthouse Lawn in Goshen by Amanda Rose of Downtown Goshen Inc., First Fridays, on September 5, 2025 from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. for the Downtown Goshen First Fridays Bexbach Bash. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

(Item 126)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented a request for approval of Warren Water Main Relocation Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Middlebury. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

(Item 127)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented a request for approval of Water Tower #2 Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Middlebury. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

(Item 128)

Mae Kratzer, Planning Director, presented an additional appropriation request from Middlebury SE TIF Fund in the amount of \$70,000.00 for Water Tower #2 Design Project #252008. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

(Item 129)

Mae Kratzer, Planning Director, presented an additional appropriation request from Middlebury East TIF Fund in the amount of \$70,000.00 for Water Tower #2 Design Project #252009. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

(Item 130)

The Weights & Measures Report for February 16th to March 16th, 2025 was submitted. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers, and unanimously carried, the Board accepted this report.

(Item 131)

BOARD ITEMS:

None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Jeff Brill, LaGrange, spoke.

Glenn Null, Goshen, spoke.

Dianna Graham, Elkhart, spoke.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Brad Rogers, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting.