

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

March 31, 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 March 10, 2025 meeting and placed them on file, and tabled the Minutes of the March 17, 2025 meeting.

(Item 132)

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:

Joe Leichtman, Director of Buildings and Grounds, presented a recommendation for a bid for Replacement of the Kitchen Floor at the Jail from R. Yoder Construction for \$582,168.00. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

(Item 133)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented a request for consideration of Special Purchase Resolution for a Caterpillar Model 740 EJ Truck for the Landfill. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this Resolution No. CO2025-12.

(Item 134)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented a request for use of Goshen Courthouse Lawn by "Hands Off 2025" on April 5th, 2025 from 3 pm to 6 pm to host a peaceful community protest. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request with no electrical service provided.

(Item 135)

Brad Rogers, County Commissioner, presented a request for approval of a road closure from New Paris Chamber for a Block Party in New Paris at First Street between Clinton and Main Streets on June 7th, 2025. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 136)

Brad Rogers, County Commissioner, presented a request for approval for a road closure from New Paris Chamber for a Tractor Pull at their Second Fridays events in New Paris at Market Street between Main and Clinton Streets on May 9th and June 13th, 2025. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 137)

Jeff Siegel, Elkhart County Sheriff, presented a request for approval of Community Corrections and Justice Re-Investment Grant. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 138)

Nathan Tipton, Director of Court Services, presented a request for approval of CY2026 Community Corrections & Justice Reinvestment Grant – Adult Probation. On a motion made by Bob Barnes, seconded by Suzie Weirick, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 139)

Nathan Tipton, Director of Court Services, presented a request for approval of CY2026 IDOC Community Corrections & Justice Reinvestment Grant – Drug Court. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 140)

Nathan Tipton, Director of Court Services, presented a request for approval of CY2026 IOCS Pretrial Grant. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 141)

Nathan Tipton, Director of Court Services, presented a request for approval of CY2026 IOCS Problem Solving Court Grant (Drug Court). On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 142)

BOARD ITEMS:

None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Glenn Null, Goshen, spoke.

Cindi Hajicek, Goshen, spoke.

ADJOURNMENT:

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