

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 7, 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 17th and March 24th, 2025 meetings and placed them on file.

(Items 143 and 144)

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 an Interlocal Agreement for Road Construction and Maintenance. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 145)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented a request by Max Beck of Grace Community Church for a Noise Ordinance Variance. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 146)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented a request for use of the Goshen Courthouse Lawn by Benjamin Rogers on April 19th, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to announce Mike Culp's candidacy for the office of Elkhart County Sheriff. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 147)

Jeff Taylor, County Administrator, presented a request by Donald & Aleta Newton for a Noise Ordinance Variance. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 148)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration a work order with Moser Consulting for project management. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 149)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration an Independent Contractor Agreement with DLZ Indiana, LLC. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 150)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration a Post-Construction Stormwater Maintenance Agreement for Consolidated Courts Campus. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved this agreement, pending final staff and legal review.

(Item 151)

Andrew Bylsma, Health Administrator, presented a request for approval for Out of State Travel for Nancy Ramirez and Nahomi Valdez to attend STI Engage 2025 National Conference for STI treatment professionals in Phoenix, Arizona from June 2nd to June 5th, 2025. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request.

(Item 152)

BOARD ITEMS:

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented an Access and Indemnity Agreement between Elkhart County and City of Elkhart. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved this request pending legal review.

(Item 153)

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Doug Graham, Elkhart, spoke.

Glenn Null, Goshen, spoke.

Susan Lanning, Goshen, spoke.

ADJOURNMENT:

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