

# MINUTES

## ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

**April 14, 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 31, 2025, meeting and placed them on file.

(Item 154)

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:**

Tim Jackson, County Engineer, presented the bids received for the 2025-1 CCMG Paving Program. Two bids were received. Reith-Riley Construction, South Bend, IN with a base bid of \$3,323,887.91, alternate bid of \$559,318.80 for a total bid of \$3,883,206.71, and Niblock Excavating, Bristol, IN with a base bid of \$3,539,623.16, alternate bid of \$589,835.45 for a total bid of \$4,129,458.61. A motion was made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried to accept the bids for staff review and come back with a recommendation.

(Item 155)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented a Workforce Development Elected Officials Agreement. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved the agreement.

(Item 156)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented for consideration a Commitment for Special Use Amendment for waste-related services (Landfill) to add property approved by Elkhart County Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried; the Board approved the Commitment.

(Item 157)

**BOARD ITEMS:**

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented a request for approval of an Emergency Declaration with an effective date of March 30, 2025, and confirmed Emergency Management and other county agencies were first activated to respond to the severe weather effects on March 30, 2025. The Emergency Declaration remains in effect for 7 days from the effective date. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Emergency Declaration.

(Item 158)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented a request for renewal of the Emergency Declaration effective on April 6, 2025. The renewal would be for an additional 7 days, from April 6, 2025, through April 13, 2025. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the renewal.

(Item 159)

Steve Olsen, County Attorney, presented a request for a second renewal of the Emergency Declaration effective on April 13, 2025. The second renewal would be for an additional 7 days, from April 13, 2025, through April 20, 2025. On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Bob Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the renewal.

(Item 160)

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Glenn Null, Goshen, spoke.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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