

ELBERTA PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
ELBERTA COMMUNITY BUILDING  
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 7, 2026 AT 6:00PM

Jim called the meeting to order at 6:02

ROLL CALL : Jim Baldwin, Ryan Fiebing, Michael Murphy. Guests attending: Arlene Sweeting, Emily Votruba, Jay White and Jen Wilkins.

AGENDA: Ryan moved to approve . Michael seconded. All yes, motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2025 REGULAR MEETING: Ryan moved to approve the minutes. Michael seconded. All yes, motion passed.

COMMUNICATION: Jen Cram communicated that she is sick and would not attend the January 7, 2026 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jay White of the Housing Trust of Benzie spoke about the initiative and informed that on February 11, 2026 at 5:30 the Mills Community Building will host an educational presentation about housing. A gentleman traveling from Grand Rapids will present.

Arlene spoke about parking at the Elberta Heritage Center.

OLD BUSINESS: According to Josh Mills, the Site Plan Review for the Elberta Heritage Center is moving forward. As well the parking requirement has been reduced to zero. A one-way traffic flow, curb cut and signage are elements being elaborated.

NEW BUSINESS: Ryan made a motion to seek funding from the Village Council for sponsoring housing. Michael seconded. All yes, motion passed.

The next regular meeting of the EPC is 02/04/2026 at the Elberta Community Building at 6:00.

ADJOURN: 7:05

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael Murphy , Secretary