

# **BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 20, 2024 MEETING**

The Boone County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 in the Connie Lamar Meeting Room located on the main floor of the Boone County Annex Building at 116 W. Washington Street, Room 105, Lebanon, IN 46052 with the following personnel in attendance:

Donnie Lawson	Commissioner, President
Jeff Wolfe	Commissioner, Vice President
Tim Beyer	Commissioner
Bob Clutter	County Attorney
Kaylee Jessie	Executive Administrator

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### **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Commissioner Lawson opened the meeting at 9:18 AM with a quorum of all three (3) Commissioners present and led the Pledge to the Flag in unison.

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### **IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the Minutes of February 5, 2024 Commissioners' Meetings as presented. Motion seconded by Beyer; motion passed unanimously 3-0.

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### **IN THE MATTER OF LEGAL ISSUES**

No legal issues presented at today's meeting.

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### **IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL CELL PHONE**

On behalf of Prosecutor Kent Eastwood, Bob Clutter, County Attorney presented the request for an additional cell phone to the plan for the investigator in the Prosecutor's Office. Their office will reimburse the County for the expense like other departments.

Commissioner Beyer moved to approve the additional cell phone request. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wolfe; motion passed unanimously 3-0.

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### **IN THE MATTER OF HARE CHEVROLET QUOTE**

Max Mendenhall, Director of Capital Investments, presented the Hare Chevrolet Quote for a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado MD 2WD crew cab work truck for the Highway Department. The total sales price is \$69,980.50.

Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the Hare Chevrolet Quote. Motion seconded by Commissioner Beyer; motion passed unanimously 3-0.

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### **IN THE MATTER OF SOUTHEASTERN QUOTE**

Max Mendenhall, Director of Capital Investments, presented the Southeastern Equipment Co. Inc. Quote for a 2024 BOMAG pneumatic tired roller BW 11 RH-5 for asphalt compaction. The total sales price is \$100,851.00.

Commissioner Beyer moved to approve the Southeastern Equipment Co. Inc. Quote. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wolfe; motion passed unanimously 3-0.

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### **IN THE MATTER OF WEST SIDE TRACTOR**

Max Mendenhall, Director of Capital Investments, presented the West Side Tractor Quote for a grader front mount retriever. The total sales price is \$21,230.00.

Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the West Side Tractor Quote. Motion seconded by Commissioner Beyer; motion passed unanimously 3-0.

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### **IN THE MATTER OF GCI SLINGERS QUOTE**

Max Mendenhall, Director of Capital Investments, presented the GCI Slingers Quote for the two chassis dump truck bodies. The total sales price is \$64,918.76.

Commissioner Beyer moved to approve GCI Slingers Quote. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wolfe; motion passed unanimously 3-0.

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### **IN THE MATTER OF SLB PIPE SOLUTION QUOTE**

Max Mendenhall, Director of Capital Investments, presented the SLB Pipe Solutions Quote for the repair on a cast iron pipe with a large void in the line at the Prosecutor's Office building (220 W. Washington Street, Lebanon). The total quote amount is \$21,500 for excavation, CIPP install, and epoxy coating.

Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the SLB Pipe Solutions Quote. Motion seconded by Commissioner Beyer; motion passed unanimously 3-0.

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### **IN THE MATTER OF 2023 BRIDGE INSPECTION REPORT**

Joe Clark with VS Engineering presented the 2023 Bridge Inspection Report. See Appendix #2.  
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## IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

### **BOONE COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER PROJECT UPDATES**

Michael Nielsen, Project Manager, presented the following updates for the Boone County Justice Center project:

Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approaching the 50% completion mark for the project</li><li>• 236 days without a recordable incident.</li><li>• Dewatering underway at Unit B deep excavation. Access to the area is restricted.</li></ul>
Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No current issues.</li></ul>
Milestones accomplished since last update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unit E had a Joist issue that has been resolved.</li><li>• Unit B Stairwell has been re-poured and completed.</li><li>• Unit A basement framed up and completed.</li><li>• Installing walls in Building A Administration.</li><li>• RTU (Roof top Unit) (HVAC) has been lifted and placed by a large crane.</li><li>• Unit B dry in about 90% complete.</li></ul>
Schedule milestones to be accomplished	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue to focus on kitchen area in secured area of Unit B.</li><li>• Underground pipes for Unit C are being installed this week.</li><li>• Slabs for unit C begin the week of the 26<sup>th</sup>.</li><li>• Footers for the Sally Port are being dug.</li><li>• Masons will start laying block this week for the outdoor rec areas.</li></ul>

### **TIMECLOCK PLUS PROJECT UPDATES**

Michael Nielsen, Project Manager, presented the following updates for the TimeClock Plus (TCP) project:

- Curt Grasso with GUTS and Auditor Debbie Crum have been working on the new payroll voucher form and it has been completed. We continue to be on track this quarter to have one payroll voucher for departments and the auto transfer of TCP data into that payroll voucher.
- There was a small calculation issue with personal time off (PTO) in TCP. The software calculates PTO out to three decimal places. This could result in a minor discrepancy of .0006 in PTO calculations depending on how many decimal places the employee uses to calculate their PTO.
- Setting up a meeting to discuss Overtime 1 (OT1) and Overtime 2 (OT2) pay schedules with the Auditor and Human Resources Offices.

### **K2M 20 YEAR NEEDS ASSESSMENT PROJECT UPDATES**

Michael Nielsen, Project Manager, presented the following updates for the K2M 20 Year Needs Assessment project:

- There is a meeting tonight for K2M's presentation of the final report for the 20-year Needs Assessment. The meeting will be at Witham Building at the fairgrounds beginning at 6:30pm.

## IN THE MATTER OF STAFF REPORTS

- APC – Stephen Elkins
- Capital Investments / Facilities – Max Mendenhall
- Health Department – Lisa Younts / Abby Messenger
- Highway Department – Nick Parr
- Human Resources – Megan Smith
- IT Support – GUTS
- Other Elected Officials

*Stephen Elkins, Director of Area Plan presented the following item(s):*

- 1) The Area Plan Commission proposed a joint workshop with the County Commissioners and County Council to discuss the Comprehensive Plan. They are looking at March 12<sup>th</sup> following immediately after the County Council Meeting in the Connie Lamar Room. Commissioner Beyer informed Elkins that he will be attending Road School at Purdue that day and unable to attend.

*Nick Parr, Director of Highways presented the following item(s):*

- 1) Request execution of a bond release for Communication Corp. of Indiana in the amount of \$15,000. Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the bond release for Communication Corp. of Indiana. Motion seconded by Commissioner Beyer; motion passed unanimously 3-0.
- 2) Altec Service Estimate for repairs to truck number 110 totaling \$7,915.32 was signed by Nick Parr on 02/13/2024. This unit is our bucket truck that is used for brush clearing. It has had issues with parts in the boom overheating and not working properly, the bucket also has a crack that needs to be addressed.
- 3) Discussion on re-establishing the CUM Bridge Fund rate. The Commissioner Lawson instructed the County Attorney to move forward with the process.

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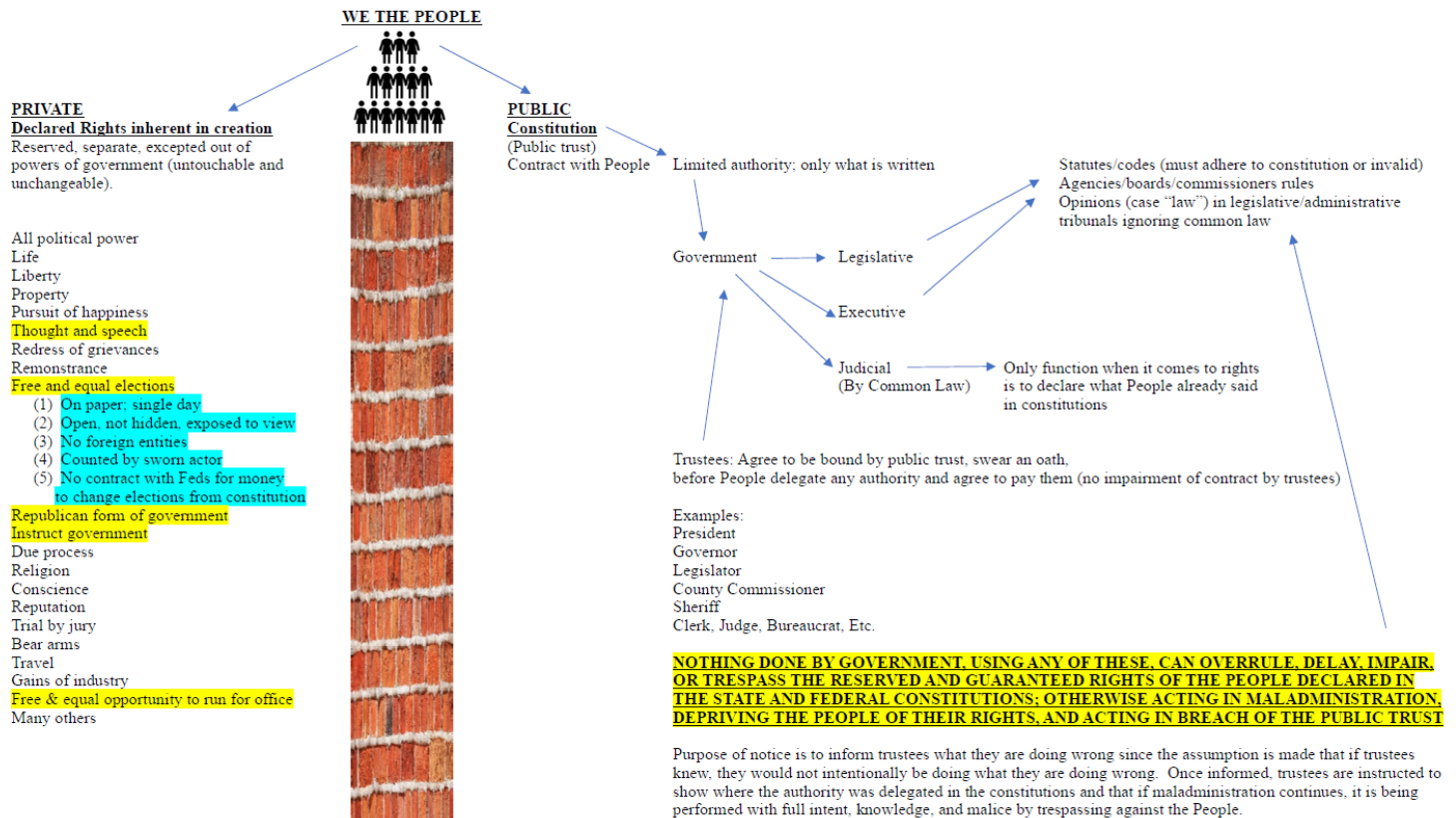
## IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Meyer, Boone County resident, presented the Notice and Demand of Immediate Redress and Notice of Maladministration and Trespass Against Rights of Free and Equal Opportunities for Those Wishing to Run for Office – Notice to Agent is Notice to Principal and Notice to Principal is Notice to Agent and read it aloud.

Charles Bookwalter, Boone County resident, thanked the Commissioners for allowing them to speak on the important issues regarding elections. He understands that the Commissioners as a body is unable to do anything, so this is addressed to the Election Board. We need an overwhelming turnout during elections- a resounding win. People are eager to get involved and engaging in politics for the first time. Bookwalter wants to speak out on the two primary rule to be eligible to run for government office. This rule had affected him as he was removed from the ballot in 2022, not because he was not a republican- no one debated that. He remained on the ballot for delegate to the party. He believes this rule is to keep conservatives off the ballot during the primary election. That is the time we should be encouraging people to get involved and to show up for the primary. When an incumbent is not challenged during the primary election, that is a cycle of disenfranchisement. People aren't going to show up for the primary. The Supreme Court has only upheld a 12-month hold on candidates to prove they are part of a party. The Indiana Supreme Court just upheld a 6-year waiting period for someone to

get involved in politics. There are other options available to address the issue. Bookwalter encourages Boone County not to support the two primary rule.

Commissioner Beyer gave a brief overview on discussions related to elections during past meetings. Beyer also presented the following slides:



## PREAMBLE.

*TO THE END*, that justice be established, public order maintained, and liberty perpetuated; *WE*, the *People* of the *State of Indiana*, grateful to *ALMIGHTY GOD* for the free exercise of the right to choose our own form of government, do ordain this *Constitution*.

## ARTICLE 1.

### *Bill of Rights.*

Section 1. WE DECLARE, That all people are created equal; that they are endowed by their CREATOR with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that all power is inherent in the people; and that all free governments are, and of right ought to be, founded on their authority, and instituted for their peace, safety, and well-being. For the advancement of these ends, the people have, at all times, an indefeasible right to alter and reform their government.

Section 31. No law shall restrain any of the inhabitants of the State from assembling together in a peaceable manner, to consult for their common good; nor from instructing their representatives; nor from applying to the General Assembly for redress of grievances.

Section 24. No *ex post facto* law, or law impairing the obligation of contracts, shall ever be passed.

Section 25. No law shall be passed, the taking effect of which shall be made to depend upon any authority, except as provided in this Constitution.

## Article I

Sect. 1st. That the general, great and essential principles of liberty and free Government may be recognized and unalterably established; WE declare, That all men are born equally free and independent, and have certain natural, inherent, and unalienable rights; among which are the enjoying and defending life and liberty, and of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety.

Sect. 2. That all power is inherent in the people; and all free Governments are founded on their authority, and instituted for their peace, safety and happiness. For the advancement of these ends, they have at all times and unalienable and indefeasible right to alter or reform their Government in such manner as they may think proper.

Sect. 3. That all men have a natural and indefeasible right to worship Almighty God, according to the dictates of their own consciences: That no man shall be compelled to attend, erect, or support any place of Worship, or to maintain any ministry against his consent: That no human authority can, in any case whatever, control or interfere with the rights of conscience: And that no preference shall ever be given by law to any religious societies, or modes of worship; and no religious test shall be required as a qualification to any office of trust or profit.

Sect. 4. That elections shall be free and equal.

Sect. 5. That in all civil cases, when the value in controversy shall exceed the sum of twenty dollars, and in all criminal cases, except in petit misdemeanors which shall be punished by fine only, not exceeding three dollars, in such manner as the Legislature may prescribe by law; the right of trial by Jury shall remain inviolate.

Sect. 19. That the people have a right to assemble together in a peaceable manner, to consult for their common good, to instruct their representatives, and to apply to the Legislature for redress of grievances.

Sect. 20. That the people have a right to bear arms for the defence of themselves, and the state; and that the military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power.

Sect. 21. That no soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Sect. 22. That the Legislature shall not grant any title of nobility, or hereditary distinctions, nor create any office, the appointment to which, shall be for a longer term than good behavior.

Sect. 23. That emigration from the state shall not be prohibited.

Sect. 24. To guard against any encroachments on the rights herein retained, we declare, that every thing in this article, is excepted out of the general powers of Government, and shall forever remain inviolable.



**PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.** As used in constitutional law, this right includes personal freedom, freedom of contract, exemption from oppression or invidious discrimination, the right to follow one's individual preference in the choice of an occupation and the application of his energies, liberty of conscience, and the right to enjoy the domestic relations and the privileges of the family and the home. Black, Const. Law (3d Ed.) p. 544. See *Ruhstrat v. People*, 185 Ill. 133, 57 N. E. 41, 49 L. R. A. 181, 76 Am. St. Rep. 30; *Hooper v. California*, 155 U. S. 648, 15 S. Ct. 207, 39 L. Ed. 297; *Butchers' Union, etc., Co. v. Crescent City Live Stock, etc., Co.*, 111 U. S. 746, 4 Sup. Ct. 652, 28 L. Ed. 585.

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## Peace

**PEACE**, *noun* [Latin pax, paco, to appease.]

1. In a general sense, a state of quiet or tranquillity; **freedom from disturbance** or agitation; applicable to society, to individuals, or to the temper of the mind.

2. Freedom from war with a foreign nation; public quiet.

3. Freedom from internal commotion or civil war.

4. Freedom from private quarrels, suits or disturbance.

5. Freedom from agitation or disturbance by the passions, as from fear, terror, anger, anxiety or the like; quietness of mind; tranquillity; calmness; quiet of conscience.

Great *peace* have they that love the law. [Psalms 119:165](#).

6. Heavenly rest; the happiness of heaven.

7. Harmony; concord; a state of reconciliation between parties at variance.

8. Public tranquillity; that quiet, order and security which is guaranteed by the laws; as, to keep the peace; to break the *peace*

This word is used in commanding silence or quiet; as, *peace* to this troubled soul.

**PEACE**, the lovers are asleep.

To be at *peace* to be reconciled; to live in harmony.

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## Disturbance

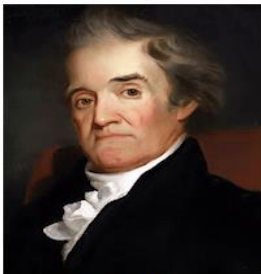
**DISTURBANCE**, *noun*

1. A stirring or excitement; any disquiet or interruption of peace; as, to enter the church without making *disturbance*
2. Interruption of a settled state of things; disorder; tumult. We have read much at times of disturbances in Spain, England and Ireland.
3. Emotion of the mind; agitation; excitement of passion; perturbation. The merchant received the news of his losses without apparent *disturbance*
4. Disorder of thoughts; confusion.  
  
They can survey a variety of complicated ideas, without fatigue or *disturbance*
5. In law, the hindering or disquieting of a person in the lawful and peaceable enjoyment of his right; the interruption of a right; as the *disturbance* of a franchise, of common, of ways, of tenure, of patronage.

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## Safety

**SA'FETY**, *noun*

1. Freedom from danger or hazard; as the *safety* of an electrical experiment; the *safety* of a voyage.  
  
I was not in *safety* nor had I rest. [Job 3:26](#).
2. Exemption from hurt, injury or loss. We crossed the Atlantic in *safety*





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## IN THE MATTER OF DOCUMENT SIGNING

1) Claims Dockets – regular, prepaids, payroll, and insurance.  
Commissioner Beyer moved to approve Budgetary Claims presented from the Auditor's Office. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wolfe; motion passed unanimously 3-0.

## IN THE MATTER OF MAIL

See (**Appendix #3**) for a list of mail opened by the Commissioners on this date.

## **IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Commissioner Beyer moved to adjourn the Boone County Commissioners' Meeting at 10:25 AM on Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wolfe; motion passed unanimously 3-0.

# 2023 BOONE COUNTY BRIDGE INSPECTION REVIEW



BOONE  
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COUNTY



## 2023 SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS PERFORMED IN SEPTEMBER

- 194 Routine Inspections (From 9/5/23 to 9/14/23)
- 1 Fracture Critical Inspection (Bridge No. 32 on 9/5/23)

## 2024 UPCOMING INSPECTIONS

- 11 Phase IIA 12 Month Routine Inspections in September  
Bridge No. 1, 61, 70, 84, 97, 133, 139, 166, 178, 192, 229

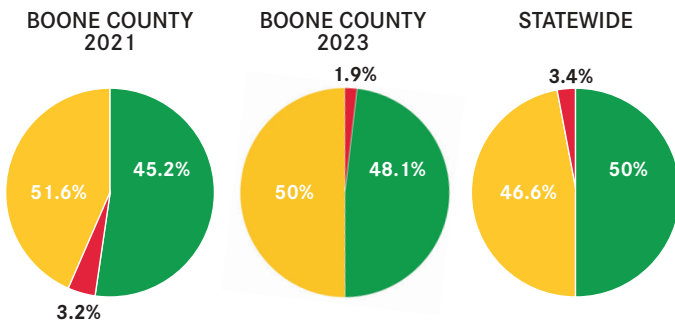
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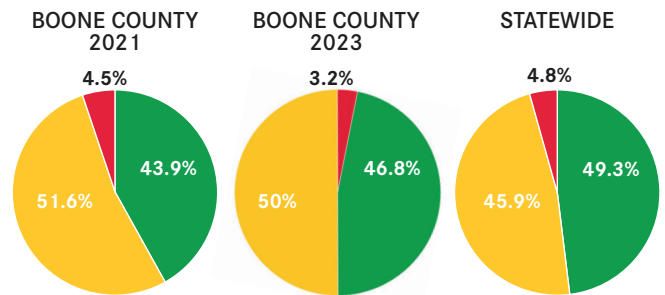
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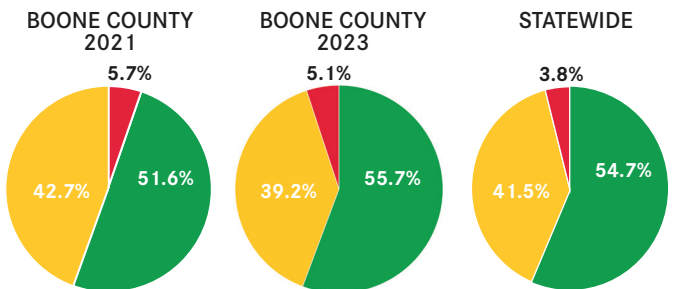
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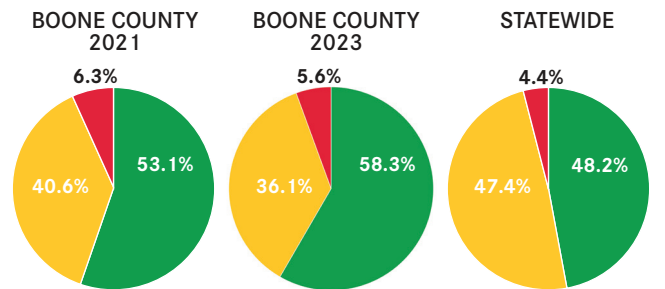
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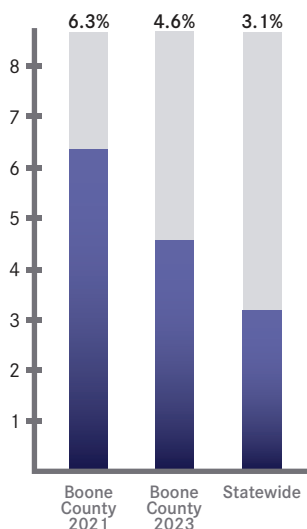
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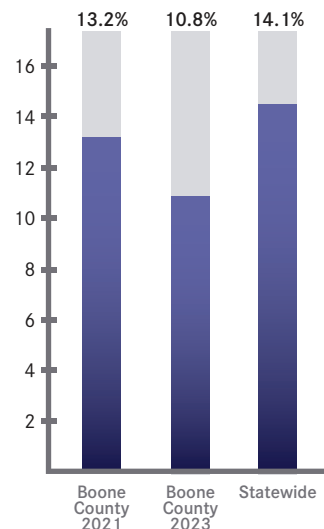
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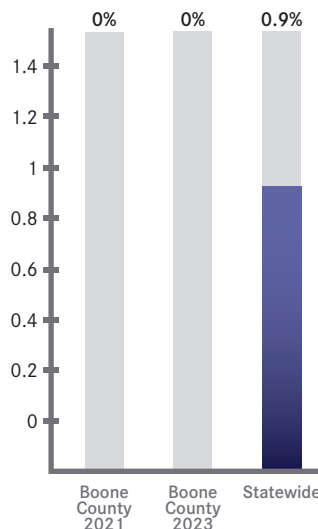
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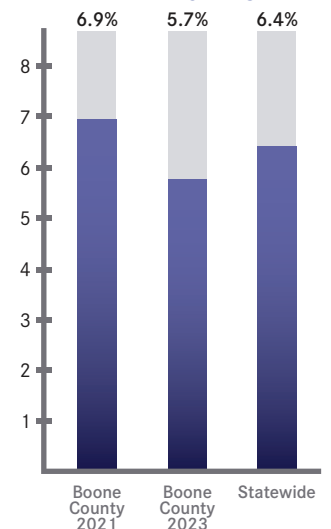
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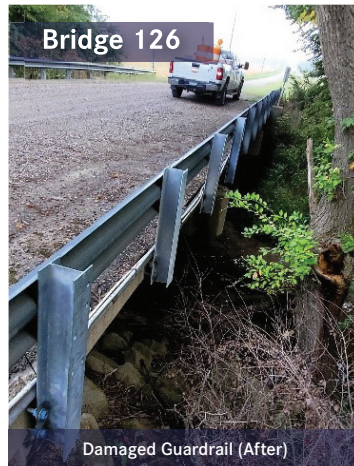


### INSPECTION FREQUENCY ≤ 12 MONTHS





## 2023 EXPEDITED MAINTENANCE



### NEW OR REPLACED BRIDGES 2021-2024

- Bridge 41
- Bridge 102
- Bridge 148
- Bridge 150
- Bridge 151
- Bridge 152
- Bridge 174
- Bridge 175
- Bridge 180
- Bridge 217
- Bridge 223
- Bridge 316
- Bridge 317

PRIORITY REHABILITATIONS			
Bridge Number	Unofficial Sufficiency Rating	Estimated Construction Cost	Anticipated Year of Improvement
44	70.6	\$404,000	2024
19	84.9	\$293,00	2024
17	95.9	\$497,000	2024
205	79	\$628,000	2025
113	72.1	\$162,000	2026
203	82.6	\$366,000	2026

PRIORITY REPLACEMENTS			
Bridge Number	Unofficial Sufficiency Rating	Estimated Construction Cost	Anticipated Year of Improvement
192	28.5	\$1,846,000	2024
84	49.8	\$1,453,000	2026
162	70.6	\$1,256,000	2026
70	50.8	\$1,731,000	2026

## BRIDGE INSPECTION TEAM



**Joe Clark, PE**  
Project Manager  
& Team Leader



**Bailey Spear, EI**  
Team Leader



**Howard Clark**  
Team Member



**Kyle Bacon, EI**  
Team Member &  
Load Rating Engineer



**Mike Peterson, PE**  
Load Rating Engineer