

**COUNCIL MINUTES
BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA
February 13, 2024**

Council Member: You are hereby notified that there will be a regular meeting of the Boone County Council at the Boone County Office Building, 116 W. Washington St., in the Connie Lamar Meeting Room, Room 105, in the City of Lebanon, on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 8:30am.

Councilman Hedge called the meeting to order. Council members in attendance were Kevin VanHorn, Aaron Williams, Jennifer Hostetter, Shari Richey, John Riner and Dan Lamar.

Councilman Williams made a motion to amend the agenda to add the Boone County Council Public Comment and Presentation Rules to the new business for Council approval. Councilman Lamar seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES

Councilman Hedge asked for a motion to approve the January 9, 2024 council minutes. Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve the minutes with one amendment of a last name change for an appointment. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Hedge said he and other Council members will be meeting with Nick Parr at the Highway Department to discuss the direction of what to do with his lack of office administration.

Stephen Elkins with Area Plan had a request for a joint workshop with the Council and the Commissioners about planning for the Comprehensive Plan. He will be sending out dates to find a date that they can schedule and advertise the workshop.

Councilman Hedge discussed the Public Comment and Presentation Rules that were added to the agenda. He stated he had sent the information to the Council to review and asked for a motion to approve. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve. Councilman Lamar seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

SALARY AMENDMENT

Prosecutor Kent Eastwood asked for the salary ordinance to be amended by adding OT for the Child Support project in fund 8897. They are digitizing files. It is for a maximum of \$50/hour. Councilwoman Hostetter made a motion to approve the request. Councilman VanHorn seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

Michael Nance with Community Corrections asked for the salary ordinance to be amended by adding on-call pay for Project Income fund 1122. It is for \$200/week while on call. Councilman VanHorn made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Nick Parr with the Highway Department requested an additional appropriation in grant fund 9194 for \$200,304.81. The funds have been receipted in and he just needs them moved into the line to pay invoices. Councilman Riner made a motion to approve the request. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Susan Reed with Baker Tilly presented an update on the Capital Improvement Plan. She stated there would be a draft for the Capital Improvement Plan in March. She went over the Debt Management Policy and the Reserve & Liquidity Policy with the Council. They agreed on the policies which are Resolution 2024-01. Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve the policies and new Resolution. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

Councilman VanHorn presented that several applications were received for the Council appointed position on the Hussey-Mayfield Library board. After review, Councilman VanHorn nominated Sarah Jones for the position. Councilman Lamar seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Wolfe announced the public meeting to show the K2M presentation for facilities. The meeting is on February 20, 2024 at 6:30pm at the Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds. It is open to the public.

Recorder Ottinger spoke on the new program her office is using called Property Watch Program. It is a program for the public to use to alert any activity on the property to the property owner and to protect the property. It was recently launched and is up and running. The website is watch.doxpop.com and is free to use.

Councilman Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Hostetter seconded. The motion carried, 7-0.

Minutes Prepared by Caryn Strode, Deputy Auditor.

Kenneth Hedge
Boone County Council President

Date

Debbie M. Morton-Crum
Boone County Auditor

Date