

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The Boone County Board of Commissioners will be meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 8:00am regarding an appeal request for township assistance action. The meeting will be held in the Boone County Annex building located at 116 W. Washington Street, Room 105 Lebanon, IN 46052.

The Board of Commissioners for Boone County Indiana acknowledges its responsibility to comply with the American Disabilities Act of 1990. In order to assist individuals with disabilities who require special services (i.e. sign interpretative services, alternate audio/visual devices, and amanuenses) for participation in or access to County sponsored public programs, services and or meetings, the county requests that individuals make request for these services forty-eight (48) hours ahead of the scheduled program, services and/or meeting. To make arrangements, contact Kaylee Jessie, Administrative Assistant at (765) 483-4492 or email: kjessie@co.boone.in.us.

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MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING

The Boone County Board of Commissioners met in a special meeting session at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, September 24, 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
Casey Samson	Township Trustee
Rachel Perrine	Requestor

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Lawson opened the meeting at 8:16 AM with a quorum of three (3) Commissioners present and led the Pledge to the Flag in unison.

IN THE MATTER OF APPEAL REQUEST – TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE ACTION

Rachel Perrine, a Lebanon Resident, filed an appeal request on a township assistance action. The Commissioners' office received the appeal request on September 12, 2024, within the fifteen (15) days from the date the Township Trustee denied the assistance. Kaylee Jessie, Executive Administrator, coordinated with all parties to schedule a special meeting for Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 8:00am. The meeting was properly noticed. Additionally, all parties received a meeting calendar invite via outlook with attachments. The Commissioners delayed the start of today's meeting for the arrival of Ms. Rachel Perrine.

Casey Samson, Center Township Trustee, stated that the applicant first came to the trustee's office on 06/24/24 requesting assistance. The trustee provided assistance in the amount of \$1,162.27 on 07/03/24 that included two utility bills and rent. Those payments have all been cleared by the companies.

On 08/12/24, Ms. Perrine received a denial letter from the unemployment agency for failure to reporting documents and meeting requirements. She also failed to file her appeal for unemployment.

On 08/23/24, Ms. Perrine applied for assistance with housing in the amount of \$ 1,810.00. The trustee's office determined on 8/30/24 during an interview with Investigator Brown that she was denied unemployment benefits due to failure to file.

On 09/03/24, during a phone interview with Trustee Samson, Ms. Perrine stated that she was released by the doctor and eligible to find work as of 07/25/24.

The request for assistance was denied for the following reason(s):

5.12.1 WASTING RESOURCES Voluntarily

terminating gainful employment, or being involuntarily terminated for just cause (e.g. absenteeism, theft, or willful misconduct) A denial from the Indiana Office of Employment and Training for Unemployment Compensation may also be used as grounds for being denied township assistance benefits.

2) 5.12.2 WASTING RESOURCES Failure to actively seek or accept gainful employment when offered, whether the compensation for the work will be payable in money or in house rent, or in commodities consisting of the necessities of life.

(Copy of the Notice of Township Assistance Action provided to the board.)

Ms. Perrine was present at the meeting. She stated that she no longer has electricity in her home, is two months behind on rent, and her phone lines have been turned off. Her employment with Walmart was terminated. Ms. Perrine confirmed that she did apply for unemployment but does not believe she needs it due to her disability. She has an interview at Dollar General for a part-time position. Additionally, she has filed for disability through the Social Security Administration (SSA), and the decision is still pending. Copies of the application for disability through SSA were provided for review.

Commissioner Wolfe asked if Ms. Perrine was in the hospital or could explain what may have caused her to miss the filing deadlines and provide the necessary documentation required for the application. Ms. Perrine responded no.

Commissioner Wolfe made a motion, based on the information presented and the lack of meeting deadlines and providing required documentation, to support the Township Trustee's denial of assistance for rent. Motion seconded by Commissioner Beyer; motion passed unanimously 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Commissioner Beyer moved to adjourn the Boone County Commissioners' Meeting at 9:37 AM on Tuesday, September 24, 2024. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wolfe; motion passed unanimously 2-0.