

**COUNCIL MINUTES
BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA
December 10th, 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, December 10th, 2024, at 8:30am.

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

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES

Councilman Hedge asked for a motion to approve the November 12th, 2024 council minutes. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Swift gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Cornerstone Perpetuation work and processes.

SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

The Council was presented with a new 2025 salary ordinance. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the salary ordinance. Councilman VanHorn seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF RE-APPROPRIATIONS

Sheriff Harris presented a re-appropriation request from the Jailers line (1170.0000.0520) to the Personnel testing line (1170.0000.7034) in the amount of \$75,000. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Lamar seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

Commissioner Lawson presented a re-appropriation request from the Insurance Building line (1000.0068.6846) to the OASI line (1000.0068.5153) in the amount of \$200,000. He also presented a re-appropriation request from the Insurance Building line (1000.0068.6846) to the Highway Seasonal line (1000.0068.6907) in the amount of \$100. Councilman Lamar made a motion to approve both requests. Councilman Riner seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Judge Schein with Circuit Court presented an additional appropriation request in the Pauper Attorney fees line in the amount of \$50,000. Councilwoman Hostetter made a motion to approve the request. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

Clerk Bruder presented an additional appropriation request in the Election Software maintenance line in the amount of \$5,000. She also presented an additional appropriation request in the Election Clerical line in the amount of \$5,000. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve both requests. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

The Commissioners amended the ARP appropriation list in their last meeting. The Council needs to appropriate those new projects and the projects that were previously approved but not appropriated yet. The following projects were all approved for appropriation.

IT Assessment-\$50,000 approved 7-0

Tractor for Trail-\$125,000 approved 7-0

HVAC Control upgrades-\$125,000 approved 7-0

Jamestown water/sewer-\$565,000 approved 7-0

Jamestown Fire Dept-\$30,000 approved 7-0

Advance Fire Dept-\$30,000 approved 7-0

Thorntown Fire Dept-\$30,000 approved 7-0

Zionsville/Inglenook-\$25,000 with deadline of subrecipient agreement by 12/13/24 approved 4-3

Road conversion materials-\$348,726.16 approved 7-0

Contour data/Lidar readings-\$72,285.89 approved 7-0

Comcast-BEAD support-\$10,000 approved 7-0

Comcast-\$10,000 approved 7-0

Five reductions of appropriations on projects that were already appropriated as follows:

Carroll regulated drain reconstruction-Reduction of \$141,206.98

Regulated legal drain improvements-Reduction of \$83,255.10

Terhune drainage improvements-Reduction of \$130,000

Jackson Run two-stage ditch improvements-Reduction of \$102,513.26

Laughner/Trailside outlet-Reduction of \$323,885.35

The reductions of appropriations were all approved 7-0.

It was noted by the Auditor Crum that all documentation (contracts, subrecipient agreements, quotes, purchase orders, etc.) are required to be in the Auditor's office by 12/31/2024 for any ARP project. If they are not, then the appropriation won't be made as this is required by the Federal Treasury.

Councilman VanHorn noted that the Lebanon Public Library Board President sent a letter of recommendation for the two board applications that are set to expire at the end of December 2024. The Council will vote for all the new board appointments that are expiring 12/31/2024 in the January 2025 Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Auditor Crum and the Council discussed the 2025 HSA payouts. She stated that there will be three payouts. They will be March, July, and November. The first \$600 county contribution will be paid out in March and the second \$600 county contribution will be paid out in November. There will also be an opportunity to earn up to \$750 for the year for Wellness activities. There is also an incentive of \$1,000 each time you use a Wellbridge facility to have a surgery that would go into an HSA account. You have to be an employee starting January 1st, 2025 to be eligible for the county contribution. Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Hostetter seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

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

Minutes Prepared by Caryn Strobe, Deputy Auditor.

Kenneth Hedge
Boone County Council President

Date

Debbie M. Morton-Crum
Boone County Auditor

Date