

COUNCIL MINUTES
BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA
October 8th, 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, October 8th, 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.

AMEND AGENDA

Councilman Williams made a motion to amend the agenda as Judge Schein needs to first for the additional request for Circuit Court. Councilwoman Hostetter seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES

Councilman Hedge asked for a motion to approve the September 17th, 2024 council minutes. Councilman Lamar made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

President Hedge noted that the item on the agenda for Council duties presented by Taft Law would be postponed until next month.

SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

The salary ordinance needs to be amended to reflect the Clerk Stipend that was approved last month. The amendment notes that the \$2,500 stipend for the Clerk is only for General Election years which does include 2024. New legislation was passed in July 2024 for this new stipend. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the amendment to the salary ordinance. Councilwoman Hostetter seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF RE-APPROPRIATIONS

Coroner Justin Sparks requested to re-appropriate \$3,000 from line 1000.0007.410.411.0.0715 (Autopsy Investigations) to line 1000.0007.410.411.0.0716 (Deputy Admin/Training). Councilwoman Hostetter made a motion to approve request. Councilman Lamar seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

John Merson with the Area Plan Commission requested to re-appropriate \$10,679.84 from line 1000.0101.410.411.0.3111 (Executive Director) to line 1000.0101.430.431.0.3136 (Planning Consultant) to pay the Consultant standing in as there is no Director at this time. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Lamar seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Judge Lori Schein presented an additional request for \$80,000 for the Pauper Attorney fees (1000.0232.430.431.0.2132) line in the Circuit Court budget. The request was changed to \$46,000 as Superior Court 1 offered to let her use some of their Pauper Attorney fees in their fund. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the request. Councilwoman Hostetter seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

Clerk Lisa Bruder requested an additional \$2,500 for her stipend (1000.0010.410.411.0.1025) that was approved last month. Councilman Lamar made a motion to approve the request. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

REDUCTION OF APPROPRIATIONS

Nick Parr with the Highway Department presented two reduction of appropriations in the Cumulative Bridge fund. The first being a reduction of \$200,000 in the Bridge 17 line (1135.0000.430.423.0.7999). Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the request. Councilman VanHorn seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0. The second reduction is for \$225,000 in the Bridge 19 line (1135.0000.430.431.0.8009). Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the request. Councilwoman Hostetter seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Surveyor Carol Cunningham presented new quotes for the new trucks for the Surveyor and Area Plan departments which is being paid out of ARP funds. The Council must appropriate the amounts into lines for each vehicle. The amounts are \$45,673.75 and \$50,719.75. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the appropriations. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0. She also presented an appropriation request for another ARP project called Data Contour/Lidar readings for \$72,485.89. Councilwoman Hostetter made a motion to approve the appropriation. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

Sean Horan with the IT Department requested an appropriation for a project approved by the Commissioners to be paid from ARP funds. This IT project is for \$60,000. Councilman Lamar made a motion to approve the appropriation. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

Auditor Debbie Crum presented information to the Council on the 3 year excess levy growth appeal. The Council unanimously agreed to proceed with the appeal. Auditor Crum said she would submit it to the DLGF.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. 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