

COUNCIL MINUTES
BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA
November 12th, 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, November 12th, 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 October 8th, 2024 council minutes. Councilwoman Hostetter made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Auditor Crum presented a list of dates and times for Council meetings in 2025. Council members agreed with the proposed dates and times.

Councilman VanHorn spoke on the board appointments that are expiring at the end of 2024. He read off each one and said if anyone is interested, they are to reach out and fill out the form on the county website. That form is under the County Council page of the website and click on the link “apply for board appointment”. The open board appointments for 2025 are for the following boards: Alcohol Beverage, Lebanon Public Library, PTA/BOA, Convention & Visitors Bureau, Redevelopment Commission, Solid Waste & District Management, and Economic Development. He will have an update at the next council meeting.

Nick Parr with the Highway department presented the Council with proposed financial commitment letters for two federal aid projects. The first being for Bridge 139 replacement. The local funds for this project will be paid out of the Cumulative Bridge fund and other local funding sources. The County would be responsible for 20% of the funding for the project totaling \$206,468.70. Councilman Riner made a motion to approve the financial commitment letter. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0. The second federal aid project is for the construction of an intersection improvement which is at the intersection of CR 300S and CR 975E. The local funds for this project will be paid out of the MVH funds and other local funding sources. The County would be responsible for 10% of the funding for the project totaling \$1,665,689.49. Councilwoman Hostetter made a motion to approve the financial commitment letter. Councilman VanHorn seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

Auditor Crum presented the 2025 County Fiscal Body Review (levies, rates, & property tax cap impact). All Council members present acknowledged they have received the information. The Auditor's office will send confirmation to all entities.

SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

The salary ordinance needs to be amended to reflect the stipend for the Clerk 1st Deputy in general election years only. The amount is \$1,500 for each general election year only. Another amendment to be made is for the Auditor stipend that was approved two months prior. New legislation was passed in July 2024 for this new stipend. The amount is \$2,500 per year. Councilman Lamar made a motion to approve the amendments. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0

IN THE MATTER OF RE-APPROPRIATIONS

Prosecutor Eastwood presented a re-appropriation request from the OT-Investigator line (1000.0009.0919) to the OT line (1000.0009.0023) in the amount of \$20,000. Councilwoman Hostetter made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Lamar seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

Auditor Crum presented a re-appropriation request from the Deputies line (1000.0002.0213) to the Stipend-Auditor line (1000.0002.0212) in the amount of \$2,500. Councilwoman Hostetter made a motion to approve the request. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

Clerk Bruder presented a re-appropriation request from the Clerical/OT/Election pay line (1000.0010.1022) to the Election Stipend-1st Deputy line (1000.0010.1026) in the amount of \$1,500. Councilwoman Hostetter made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Lamar seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

Clerk Bruder also presented a re-appropriation request from the printing ballots line (1000.0010.0045) to the supplies line (1000.0010.0063) in the amount of \$1,500. Councilwoman Hostetter 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 presented an additional appropriation request in the Rainy Day fund in the Road Maintenance line (1186.000.7053) for \$839,351.07. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Riner seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

The Commissioners amended the ARP appropriation list which changed the amounts per project for the Highway. The total dollar amount combined didn't change and the Council had already voted on and approved the amount. No vote was made in this meeting for the amendment but noted. Commissioner Byer spoke on the \$25,000 ARP appropriation that the Commissioners

approved for Inglenook neighborhood in Zionsville. He stated that the alleyways and streets need to be finished and resurfaced. Many Council members said they didn't support that as Zionsville should help them with the ARP funds they received. They decided to table this until the December Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilwoman Hostetter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Williams 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