

COUNCIL MINUTES
BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA
August 13th, 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, August 13th, 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.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

President Hedge noted the agenda needed to be amended to include a discussion on the fuel station at the new Justice Center to be under new business. Councilman Williams made a motion to amend the agenda. Councilman Lamar seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES

Councilman Hedge asked for a motion to approve the July 9th, 2024 council minutes. Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

President Hedge opened a public hearing to approve and vote on Resolution 2024-03 with Boone County Tourism Board of Lebanon on the Inn Keepers Tax. Mayor Matt Gentry and the City Attorney Rob Schein were present. They noted that the city had owned the land of the new Farmers Bank Fieldhouse for over 10 years, and they wanted to build something for the community and would also grow Boone County tourism. This resolution will help to pay a portion toward the payment of obligations (including bonds and leases). The Resolution reads that it is to pledge the Innkeeper's taxes generated from no more than 500 hotel rooms constructed as part of the development on the site to pay a portion toward the payment of obligations of the Lease Rentals securing the bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,150,000 annually so long as the bonds remain outstanding and not to exceed \$24,150,000 in total over the term of the bonds. Councilman Williams made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

Councilman Williams made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-03. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

Councilwoman Richey is board member on the Boone County Economic Development Committee and wanted to give a brief update. She stated that as Councilmember on different boards should give a quarterly update to the public and the rest of the council. She stated that in 2023, \$1.8 billion in capital investment was secured in Boone County. \$127.8 million of that was not related to the LEAP project. She also noted the population for the county is 75,109. The labor workforce is at

41,164 and there are 3,050 businesses in Boone County. In the last 5 years, the Boone EDC has secured an estimated \$4.6 billion in capital investment included the Eli Lilly project. In 2023 the Boone EDC has 3 employees and managed 191 business leads.

President Hedge started the fuel station discussion. He stated that the Commissioners were looking at moving forward with the fueling station at the new Justice Center with Jail LIT funds. After speaking with other members of the Council and the Auditor and how that can be funded, he wants to make sure it is paid for from the correct fund. He said multiple people are reaching out to The State Board of Accounts and Taft which is the council's legal counsel before proceeding with the project. President Hedge asked for a motion to hold proceeding with the project until they obtain more information. Councilman Williams made a motion to hold proceeding with the project. Councilman Riner seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF RE-APPROPRIATIONS

N/A

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

President Hedge stated he had not received the ARP appropriations from the Commissioners but looked forward to discussing the items before approving the appropriations.

Budget Workshops continue after the council meeting and go through Thursday.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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