

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the November 3, 2025 Meeting

The Boone County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 AM on Monday November 3, 2025, 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:

Scott Pell	Commissioner, President
Tim Beyer	Commissioner, Vice President
Donald Lawson	Commissioner
Beth Copeland	County Attorney

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Pell opened the meeting at 09:00 AM. Auditor, Debbie Crum, did a Roll Call. Quorum met—three (3) Commissioners present. Pledge of Allegiance done.

MINUTES

Approval of minutes from October 20, 2025; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve the minutes; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Pell asked if there were any questions on the list of Consent Agenda items for individual discussion. Upon hearing none, a motion was called. Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve the consent agenda items; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

None.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

A. Legal Issues

1. Accept/Release of maintenance/performance bonds; None

- B. Ordinance 2025-14-An Ordinance Amending the 47 Commons Planned Unit Development and Planned Unit Development Ordinance; Jake Merritt presented the amendments to the ordinance. Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve the ordinance; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- C. Request regarding County Telephone/Internet Lines; Chet Crow showed photos and spoke to the Commissioners about power, phone, and internet lines that are in the way when he is moving his farming equipment. He is asking for their support to resolve this problem.
- D. Request for Annual Downtown Christmas Parade Event; Kelly Cook requested the use of the rotunda for an event on December 6, 2025 from 3:30pm-8pm. Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve the request; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0.
- E. Family Recovery Court-JDAI Grant MOUs; Lauri Thompson presented a list of subgrantees that the program helps with grant funds. Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- F. Resolution 2025-12-A Resolution of the Boone County Board of Commissioners Regarding Approval of Expansion of the 65/47 Economic Development Area and Allocation Area; Bob Clutter, on behalf of the RDC, presented the resolution. Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve the resolution with the change of year at the end of the first paragraph, from 2004 to 2024; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- G. Bridge 61 Memorandum of Understanding; Nick Parr presented the MOU for the replacement of Bridge 61. Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve the MOU; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- H. New/Amended Human Resource Policies; Lisa Bruder presented the following policies for approval:
 - 1. PTO Policy: Commissioner Lawson made a motion to table; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed to table 3-0.
 - 2. Years of Service Policy: Commissioner Beyer made a motion to table; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed to table 3-0.
 - 3. Holiday Policy: Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve as presented; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- I. Appointment of Russ Robers to the Boone County Hospital Association; Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- J. Appointment of Rev. C. Archibald Hawkins to the Board of Trustees at Witham Health Services; Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- K. Announcement concerning Commissioners Appointments for 2026; It was noted that you must apply for a board appointment even if you are already on a board and it is expiring and want to be re-appointed. Commissioner Pell also requested that Brent Wheat post all expiring board appointments on the county Facebook page. Board appointments will be selected in an upcoming December Commissioner meeting for 2026.
- L. Commissioner Lawson added to the agenda to request the Courthouse dome lights be green in observance of Veteran's Day which will be November 4-11. He made a motion to approve; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE UPDATES

None.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE UPDATES

None.

STAFF REPORTS

- APC
 - John Merson gave an update that they have had six applicants and two interviews for the Executive Director position. He also gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan.
- Capital Investments / Facilities
 - None
- Health Department
 - None
- Highway Department
 - Nick Parr is requesting approval to have guard rail repairs/replacements in various locations as there will be someone in the area soon from Milestone. Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve the work pending legal counsel review. Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- HR
 - Amber Choate wanted to remind county employees that there is one week left for open enrollment.
- IT Support
 - None
- Communications
 - Brent Wheat wanted to clarify who to reach out to for the information that needs to be on the county Facebook page. He also gave an update on a potential U.S. Customs Office and the Indianapolis Executive Airport.
- 4-H Fairgrounds/Extension
 - Andrea Hatfield gave updates on events and workshops.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jodi Stewart gave public comments.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Beyer moved to approve claims as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawson. The motion passed 3-0.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Beyer gave comments.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Commissioner Lawson moved to adjourn the Boone County Commissioners' Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Beyer and passed, with a vote of 3-0.