

COUNCIL MINUTES
BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA
October 9th, 2025

Council Members: 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 9th, 2025, at 8:30am.

Councilwoman Hostetter called the meeting to order. Council members also in attendance were Shari Richey, Kevin VanHorn, Dan Lamar, Dustin Plunkett, John Riner, and Aaron Williams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Hostetter asked for a motion to approve the September 9th, 2025 minutes. Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Lamar seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

LEGAL UPDATE

Hayley Sears from Taft Law gave an update on how OPIOID settlement dollars can be spent by the county. She noted that state divides the funds into two different categories. 70% of the funds are allocated as restricted funds which can be spent on programs, treatment, and care. The other 30% are allocated as un-restricted, which can be spent on how the state or local governments see fit. The two categories of funds are then split between the state and local governments. The council discussed creating a committee regarding future OPIOID funds received. She also discussed with the council on the county utilizing the TRECS Program which partners with the Indiana Department of Revenue to collect unpaid debts. Auditor Crum noted that the Treasurer's office already utilizes this program. There is no cost to use this program except notices and postage regarding the debts owed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dennis Otten with Bose, McKinney & Evans gave a brief presentation on Ordinance 2025-03 for the Issuance of Negotiable Notes for the Highway bonds for three separate and distinct infrastructure improvement projects within the county. He noted there are three bonds notes that are each not to exceed \$2 million, with maximum interest rate of 6%, and are a maximum of 10 year terms. The council suspended the rules to waive the first reading. Councilman Lamar made a motion to suspend the rules. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0 to suspend the rules and waive the first reading. Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-03. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.
- Mr. Otten also introduced Ordinance 2025-04, which is the Appropriation Ordinance for the three bond notes. There will be a public hearing in the November Council meeting for approval.
- Ed Cambra with Hussey-Mayfield Library gave a brief update which included expense reduction, staffing, and tax revenue impact to the library.

RE-APPROPRIATIONS

Lori Rapp, Facilities Dept, presented a re-appropriation from the Capital Project line (.0067) to the Courthouse Windows line (.0380) for \$1,824.16. After discussion on the courthouse window project and some stating it is completed with others stating it is not completed, the council decided to table this item until next month to gather more information.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Councilman Plunkett presented an additional request for the Area Plan Department's Planning Consultant line (.3136) for \$33,000. Councilwoman Hostetter opened a public hearing for any public comment. Upon hearing none, she closed the public hearing. Councilman Lamar made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

- Nick Parr, Director of Highways, presented the two re-appropriations from the September council meeting which had incorrect line numbers and the vote just needs to be ratified. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve both re-appropriations. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.
- Beth Copeland, County Attorney, presented an amendment to Resolution 2025-01 which is a resolution amending the Investment and Depository Policy for Boone County. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the amended resolution. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.
- Councilwoman Hostetter presented Ordinance 2025-02 which is for the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund for FY2026 and includes the sworn statement of the Recorder attached. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.
- Councilwoman Hostetter reminded everyone that the November council meeting will be on Wednesday, November 12 as Tuesday, November 11 is Veterans Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leonard Stepp gave a public comment.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes prepared by:
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