

**COUNCIL MINUTES  
BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA  
November 12th, 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 Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 8:30am.

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

**AMEND AGENDA**

Councilwoman Richey made a motion to amend the agenda by moving items 5.K, 5.L, and 6.A to take place right after the legal update. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilwoman Hostetter asked for a motion to approve the October 9th, 2025 minutes. Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve the minutes with two spelling corrections. Councilman Lamar seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.

**LEGAL UPDATE**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Councilwoman Hostetter opened a public hearing for Ordinance 2025-04 for Highway bond renewal. After hearing no public comments, she closed the public hearing. Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.
- Lynette Clark and Macy Simmons, with Integrative Wellness, proposed a request for any new opiate settlement funds that may come to the county as they have lost some of their funding for jail programs and drug court programs. They stated that there are currently nine opiate settlements listed on the Attorney General's website that will be distributed over the next eighteen years in different buckets of funds to be distributed to counties and cities. These funds can be used in various programs. They are also proposing that Boone County form a committee on how to distribute the funds and how the funds are being used. The council has decided to create a committee. They will meet and discuss how to use funds and then bring those recommendations to the council. Councilman Lamar made a motion to form the committee. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0. Councilman Williams made a motion to appoint Councilwoman Hostetter as the Chair of the committee. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.

- Bob Clutter on behalf of the Redevelopment Commission (RDC), in relation to the Merritt project at 65/47. He stated that they have established an allocation area for the issuance of bonds. A decision has been made by bond counsel and the Merritt Company that they want an Economic Development Bond. The county hasn't issued one of those types of bonds since 2014. An Economic Development Commission does exist that was created in 2012 but has not met since 2014. The Commission is comprised of three members appointed by the Commissioners. There is one council member, one commissioner, and one from the town of Zionsville. Historically, it is the President of the council that serves on the board but can be any council member. It is for a one-year term. Councilman Lamar made a motion to appoint Councilwoman Hostetter to the board. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.
- Auditor Debbie Crum presented the yearly fiscal body review to the council and needs acknowledgment from them. Councilman Williams made a motion to acknowledge the fiscal body review. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.
- Nick Parr, Director of Highway, presented the council with two financial commitment letters for Bridge 166 replacement and the 300S/975E intersection projects. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve both commitment letters. Councilman Riner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.
- Councilwoman Hostetter presented the 2026 council meeting dates and proposed that there are two changes in September and October. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the dates with the two changes. Councilman Lamar seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.
- Councilman VanHorn presented all the board appointments that are expiring at the end of 2025. He noted that there are three boards with vacancies and the rest are just expiring. The council will vote on the board appointment for the Hussey-Mayfield Library in the December council meeting and will vote on the rest of the board appointments in the January council meeting.

## **RE-APPROPRIATIONS**

- Tim Beyer, Commissioner, presented three items for consideration to pay for the Exos contract for an IT assessment that has already been completed. He noted that he cannot share the outcome of the assessment right now. One of the options is a re-appropriation request in the Food & Beverage fund from the Safety Projects line (.7054) to the Contracts line (.0005) for \$50,000. This is along with another re-appropriation request in the CCD fund and an additional request in the Riverboat fund. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to vote on this option of a re-appropriation in the Food & Beverage fund with a reimbursement to the Safety Projects line from Color 180 Project (Indianapolis Arts Museum) when it is received. Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0. The other re-appropriation and additional requests were not voted on, as the council went with this option.
- Councilwoman Hostetter presented the re-appropriation request for Facilities for \$50,000 from the Utilities line (.0026) to the Building & Equipment line (.0052). Commissioner Pell gave some insight into the request which is for the 4<sup>th</sup> floor renovation in the KeyBank

building for the Commissioner's new office. Councilman Lamar made a motion to approve the re-appropriation. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.

- Councilwoman Hostetter presented a re-appropriation request for Facilities for \$15,416.16 from the Capital Projects line (.0067) to the Courthouse Windows line (.0380). Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve the re-appropriation. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.
- Max Mendenhall, Director of Facilities, presented a re-appropriation request for \$210,000 from the Contract Cleaning line (.9037) to the Jail Building Maint/Repairs line (.0018) which are in the LIT Correctional Facility fund. He stated that his staff was able to do all the cleaning at the Justice Center and a contract cleaning company was not needed. The transferred funds will be used to pay for data lines for the water control management system in the old part of the jail and change out lock cylinders on the old portion of the jail. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the re-appropriation. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.
- Beth Copeland, County Attorney, presented a re-appropriation request for \$11,000 from the HR Asst. line (.6881) to the Postage line (.0061). Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve the re-appropriation. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.
- Beth Copeland, County Attorney, presented four re-appropriation requests from numerous lines to go into the Insurance Building & Other line (.6846). The lines being transferred from are as follows:  
\$10,000 from the Project Manage line (.6814)  
\$10,000 from the Consulting Engineer line (.0002)  
\$50,000 from the Legal Svc. Line (.0001)  
\$72,000 from the Indirect Contract Consulting line (.6834)  
Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve all four re-appropriations. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 6-1 with Councilman Lamar abstaining from the vote.
- Beth Copeland, County Attorney, presented a re-appropriation request for \$1,100 from the HR Asst. line (.6881) to the OT line (.0023). Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve the re-appropriation. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.
- Councilman Plunkett presented a re-appropriation request for \$800 from the Area Plan Board line (.3142) to the Office Supply line (.0060). Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the re-appropriation. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.

## **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

None.

## **SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

- Auditor Debbie Crum presented the amendment for the Health Department to add the School Resource Grant Fund (9214) for \$250,000 to the salary ordinance. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.
- Michael Nance, Director of Community Corrections, presented via Zoom to amend the salary ordinance to include an Intake Officer in the Jail LIT Fund (1233) not to exceed \$56,628. He intends to hire someone now, but they won't start working until January 1, 2026. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve. Councilman Lamar seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Auditor Debbie Crum informed the council that the Town of Ulen repealed Ordinance 2025-6 for the Wheel Tax & Vehicle Excise Tax.
- Beth Copeland, County Attorney, presented an amended Resolution 2025-01 to the council. It is a resolution for Boone County's Investment and Depository Policy. Paragraph three, which listed specific banks' names, was removed so that any bank that the Treasurer sees fit to invest with can take place. This resolution needs to be approved every four years. Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tony Teal, Tomay Thomas, and Debbie Ottinger gave a public comment.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman VanHorn, Councilman Riner, Councilman Williams, and Councilman Plunkett gave comments.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

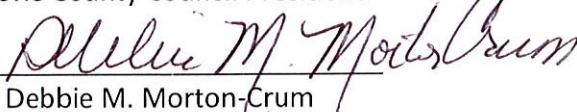
Councilwoman Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.

### **Minutes prepared by:**

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Jennifer Hostetter

Boone County Council President

  
Debbie M. Morton-Crum

Boone County Auditor

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