

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the December 1, 2025 Meeting

The Boone County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 AM on Monday December 1, 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.

AMENDING THE AGENDA

Commissioner Beyer made a motion to amend the order of the agenda by moving items 4, 5, 6, and 9.L. to be discussed after the approval of minutes. Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

MINUTES

Approval of minutes from November 17, 2025; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve the minutes; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

BID OPENINGS

1. #2 Bid Opening for Project #2025-11, Replacement of Small Structures JE001 and JE028
 - i. E & B Paving-\$215,600 (base A \$129,843 and base B \$85,807)
 - ii. Morphe Construction-\$241,000 (Base Bid A \$148,000 and Base Bid B \$93,000)
 - iii. Crackers Demo-\$231,716.32 (Base Bid A \$158,526.61 and Base Bid B \$73,189.71)
 - iv. Conexco Inc-\$178,298 (Base Bid A \$115,530 and Base Bid B \$62,768)

Commissioner Beyer made a motion to take the bids under advisement; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

2. #1 Bid Opening for 2026 Annual Material Bids-9 Categories
 - i. Category #1-Bids received for Liquid Asphalt Emulsions & Other Asphalt Materials by Asphalt Materials Inc, Central Paving Inc, E & B Paving LLC, and Milestone Contractors L.P.
 - ii. Category #2-Bids received for Aggregates and Materials by Lawson Aggregates, IMI, Lincoln Park Stone, US Aggregates, and Whitesville Mill Services Co.

- iii.* Category #3-Bids received for Pipe Materials by CivilCon Inc, Core & Main, E3Bridge, Metal Culverts Inc, St. Regis Culvert Inc, and E & H Bridge and Grating Inc.
- iv.* Category #4-Bids received for Pavement Markings by Accurate Striping Inc, Indiana Sign and Barricade, and Roadsafe Traffic Systems.
- v.* Category #5-Bids received for Fog Sealing by All Star Paving, Evergreen Roadworks LLC, HASCO Inc, Pavement Solutions Inc, and Rejuvtec Inc.
- vi.* Category #6-Bids received for Crack Sealing by All Star Paving Inc and Pavement Solutions Inc.
- vii.* Category #7-Bid received for Guardrails by E & H Bridge and Grating Inc.
- viii.* Category #8-Bids received for Microsurfacing by Evergreen Roadworks LLC and Pavement Solutions Inc.
- ix.* Category #9-Bid received for Bridge Deck Patching by E & B Paving LLC.
- x.* Category #10 for Bridge Deck Overlays-No bids received.

Commissioner Beyer made a motion to take the bids under advisement; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

3. Bid Opening for Project #2024-20, Replacement of Bridge #158

- i.* Hoosier Pride Excavating Inc-\$676,835.23
- ii.* Pontem Contractors-\$738,916.50
- iii.* HIS Constructors Inc-\$767,916.50
- iv.* Duncan Robertson Inc-\$791,506.22

Commissioner Lawson made a motion to take the bids under advisement; Commissioner Beyer 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

- A. Ordinance 2025-14-An Ordinance to adopt PTABOA (second reading/public hearing): Commissioner Pell opened the public hearing; Upon hearing no public comment, he closed the public hearing; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve the ordinance; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- B. Ordinance 2015-15-An Ordinance amending 31.05 Tourism Council (second reading/public hearing): Commissioner Pell opened the public hearing; Upon hearing no public comment, he closed the public hearing; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve the ordinance; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

A. Legal Issues

- 1. Accept/Release of maintenance/performance bonds-Two up for a vote; Accept performance bond for Kroger Drainage Infrastructure for \$339,130 and accept an irrevocable letter of credit

- for Beckman Park Southeast for \$750,000; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve both; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- B. Ordinance 2025-16-An Ordinance amending Chapter 111 (first reading): Abby Messenger is updating the food ordinance for the Health Dept. to reflect policy changes and state codes; No action needed for first reading.
 - C. #6 Project 2025-14-Polymeric Bridge Deck Overlays-Enneking Construction Contract: Nick Parr presented the contract with a not to exceed of \$268,163.95; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve the contract; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - D. #7 Project 2025-15-Rigid Bridge Deck Overlays in Various Locations: Nick Parr presented the contract with E & B Paving with a not to exceed \$243,880; Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve the contract; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0
 - E. #15 Bond Release Wabash Valley Power-Permits 202410054 and 202420021: Nick Parr requested the release of the bond; Commissioner Lawson made a motion to release the bond; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - F. #16 USI Authorization to Proceed for Road Conversion RW Dedication: Nick Parr presented that USI would assist him to collect a last deed of record search on 150 deeds for the Right of Way Dedication with a not to exceed of \$18,000; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - G. #8 VS Engineering On-Call Contract: Nick Parr presented a 4 year contract for hourly on-call work for bridge inspections; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve the contract; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - H. Purdue Extension Contractual Service Agreement: Andrea Hatfield provided the annual contractual agreement; Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve the agreement; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - I. Health Department Appointments: Michael Reynolds is requesting approval of Dr. Crystal Jones as Health Officer of the Health Department from 12/1/25-12/30/29; Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - J. GUTS Lease Agreement Renewal: Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve the renewal; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - K. Requesting Approval of an Engagement Letter with an Attorney to review the Assessor contract process: Jennifer Lasley presented her request; Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve the engagement letter. No second motion was made. Motion dies. Commissioner Pell asked that everyone get together to decide how to proceed.
 - L. Boone County Courthouse Preservation RFP Package Opening-Max Mendenhall presented a bid from Midwest Pressure & Restoration for \$894,500. Commissioner Lawson made a motion to take the bid under advisement; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - M. UMR Plan Document 2026-Amber Choate presented the plan document; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - N. UMR Financial Renewal 2026-Amber Choate presented the renewal costs; Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - O. Request to Approve Health Clinic Contract Pending Legal and Signature by President-Amber Choate requested to table this item until an official final document is received; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to table this item; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - P. Request to read notice-Jodi Stewart read a judicial notice.
 - Q. 2026 Payroll Change Notification Forms-Commissioner Lawson made a motion to use the maximum salary amounts for the 2026 salary ordinance; Commissioner Pell seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-1. Commissioner Beyer voted nay. Commissioner Beyer made a motion to make the Commissioners Executive Administrator an exempt position; Commissioner Lawson 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 hired an APC Director which starts 1/1/22026 and that the Draft B Ordinance for Energy Overlay District is on the county website.
 - Capital Investments / Facilities
 - None
 - Health Department
 - Abby Messenger wanted to formally announce that Mendi Twitty is the new Health Department's Administrator of Nursing & Vital Records Director.
 - Highway Department
 - Nick Parr gave updates on road closures and wanted to thank the Compensation Committee members for changes made for his employees.
 - HR
 - None
 - IT Support
 - None
 - Communications
 - Brent Wheat gave updates on the county Facebook page, website, and the AV system project in the Connie Lamar Room.
 - 4-H Fairgrounds/Extension
 - Andrea Hatfield gave updates on events and programs at the 4-H Fairgrounds.
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PUBLIC COMMENT

Debbie Ottinger, Jodi Stewart, and Lisa Bruder gave public comments.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Beyer moved to approve claims with the exception of fund 9214 and wants to look further into those. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pell. The motion passed 3-0.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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