

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the April 14, 2025 Meeting

The Boone County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 AM on Monday, April 14, 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. Quorum met—three (3) Commissioners present. Pledge of Allegiance done.

MINUTES

Commissioner Beyer moved to table the minutes from March 3 and March 24, 2025 Commissioners' Meetings. Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Vote passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

1. EXOS IT Agreement
 - a. Commissioner Lawson made a motion to terminate. No second for the motion was made. Motion dies. Commissioner Beyer wants to have meetings with departments and move forward.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

1. Legal Issues
 - a. Ordinance 2025-02—an Ordinance amending text to a zoning Ordinance; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to table; Commissioner Pell seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-1. Commissioner Lawson voted nay to table.
 - b. Acceptance of Performance Bond-for Westfall Place, section 1 for storm & erosion control; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
2. Petition for hard surface on 400 North
 - a. Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pell seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0 as Commissioner Lawson recused himself from the vote.

3. Request to rename Jail
 - a. Sheriff Tony Harris requested a name change to The Ern K. Hudson Justice Center; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
4. Breastfeeding and Lactation Policy
 - a. Amber Choate, HR, requested to add a policy to the handbook; Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
5. Parental Leave Policy
 - a. Amber Choate, HR, requested to change the parental leave policy from 2 weeks at full pay & 4 weeks at half pay to 6 weeks of full pay; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
6. Salary.com Contract
 - a. Amber Choate, HR, requested approval on new contract with Salary.com; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
7. Veridus Group LOR #163-Wired
 - a. Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve the payment; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
8. Veridus Group LOR #164-Hagerman
 - a. Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve the payment; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
9. Veridus Group LOR #165-Hagerman
 - a. Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve the payment; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
10. Veridus Group LOR #166-Hagerman
 - a. Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve the payment; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
11. Affidavit for GM Development draw request 029
 - a. Payment for construction draw for \$2,555,984.35; Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve the payment; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
12. Request for bond release-Work in ROW permit
 - a. For Wabash Valley Power for \$10,000; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve the release of the bond; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
13. Request for bond release-Drive Permit
 - a. For Wabash Valley Power for \$10,000; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve the release of the bond; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
14. Statements of Basis for Just Compensation
 - a. Letter of support for 2 parcels at Bridge 61; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve the letter of support; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
15. Project 2023-08 EA-021 Award Project
 - a. Small structure project in Pineview Subdivision-Milestone bid award; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve the bid award to Milestone; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
16. Project 2022-07 Bridge 44 Rehabilitation Construction Contract
 - a. Rehabilitation of Bridge 44 on CR 400 East-Milestone contract for \$438,700; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve the contract; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

17. Project 2022-24 Bridge 139 Replacement

- a. Request to send Thank You letters signed by Commissioner Pell for land donations; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve the letters; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

18. In-House County Attorney Position

- a. Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve the position. Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

STAFF REPORTS

- APC
 - a. None
- Capital Investments / Facilities
 - a. None
- Health Department
 - a. None
- Highway Department
 - a. None
- Human Resources
 - a. None
- IT Support
 - a. None
- Communications
 - a. None

Nick Parr, Director of Highways presented the following item(s): Updates on road closures

- CR 1200 E. (South of SR 47) for two small structure projects-Closing 4/28/25
- SR 32 (West of SR 75) bridge projects-one in Montgomery Co. and one between 1175 W/SR 75-Closing 4/21/25
- SR 47 (East of SR 39)-Closing 5/12/25-July

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brent Wheat gave public comments on a social media policy and the AV system in the Connie Lamar Room.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Beyer moved to approve claims. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawson and passed unanimously, with a vote of 3-0.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Pell wanted to publicly thank all the County Council members on getting Beth Copeland hired as the in-house county attorney.

ADJOURNMENT

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