

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the August 4, 2025 Meeting

The Boone County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 AM on Monday August 4, 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 Crum did a Roll Call vote. Quorum met—three (3) Commissioners present. Pledge of Allegiance done.

MINUTES

Approval of minutes from July 14, July 21, and the Special Meeting on 7/28; Commissioner Beyer noted that the last line under new business of the minutes for 7/28 needs to be stricken from the record. Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve all three minutes with the amendment to the 7/28 minutes; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Pell asked if any Commissioner had 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. New/amended Human Resource policies-Health Savings Account policy; Auditor Crum presented in place of Clerk Bruder; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve the policy; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Bereavement Leave Policy; Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve the policy; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- B. New/amended Human Resource Policies-Wellbridge Surgical Incentive Program policy, PTO policy, Timekeeping policy, and Years of Service policy were are all tabled.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

A. Legal Issues

1. Accept/Release of maintenance/performance bonds; Request to release maintenance bond for Trailside sections 2 A & B for a total amount of \$144,789. Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 2. Resolution 2025-07-Authorizing Petition to Establish Regional Sewer District for Boone County; Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve to file the petition; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. County Council will also need to approve the resolution.
 3. Resolution 2025-08-Amend Resolution Establishing the Small Purchasing Policy of Boone County; To include the Cooperative Extension Office (4-H). Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- B. Request to recognize September as Childhood Cancer Awareness month; To include yellow dome lights and yard signs at the courthouse. Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- C. Health Action Council/HAC terms amendment; Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- D. Ordinance 2025-08-An Ordinance Amending from AG to I-1 the Zone Map for the RL Turner Property (8.75 acres on SR 39 S); After a lengthy discussion and presentation, Commissioner Lawson made a motion to table; Commissioner Pell seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- E. Consideration of Engagement of outside Legal Services for Health Department for remainder of 2025; Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pell seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-1. Commissioner Beyer voted nay.
- F. Consideration of Projects 2024-08-Liquid Road in various locations; BF&S Task order #61 for construction inspection. Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve. Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- G. Boone County Bridge 93 Quote; Milestone for repairs in the amount of \$28,014. Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve. Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- H. Ordinance 2025-07-An Ordinance Amending Chapter 70 regarding the use of UTV'S (first reading/no vote)
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COMPENSATION COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Commissioner Pell will have an update at the next meeting.
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INSURANCE COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Commissioner Beyer has received data and an analysis by Henriott. Anyone can feel free to reach out with any questions.
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STAFF REPORTS

- APC
 - John Merson-update on Comprehensive Plan and Road Safety Plan.
- Capital Investments / Facilities
 - None
- Health Department
 - None
- Highway Department
 - Nick Parr gave an update on road closures in the county.
- HR
 - None
- Capital Investments / Facilities
 - None
- IT Support
 - None
- Communications
 - Brent Wheat gave an update on the Facebook page for the county.
- 4-H Fairgrounds/Extension
 - Andrea Hatfield gave an update on how the 4-H Fair went.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dee Reeves, Debbie Ottinger, Peggy Daggy, and John Merson gave public comments.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Beyer moved to approve claims subject to verifying Highway claims made payable to the Clerk were correct. Attorney Copeland stated those were by court order and she could give him those documents. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawson. The motion passed 2-0. Commissioner Pell abstained from voting.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Beyer made 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 unanimously, with a vote of 3-0.