

# BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## **Minutes of the January 6, 2026 Meeting**

The Boone County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, 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:

Tim Beyer	Commissioner, President
Scott Pell	Commissioner, Vice President
Donald Lawson	Commissioner
Beth Copeland	County Attorney

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### **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Pell opened the meeting at 9:00 AM. Auditor, Debbie Crum, did a Roll Call. Quorum met—three (3) Commissioners present. Pledge of Allegiance done.

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### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Commissioner Pell made a motion to elect Commissioner Beyer as President for the year. Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Lawson made a motion to elect Commissioner Pell as Vice President for the year. Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

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### **MINUTES**

Approval of minutes from December 15, 2025 and December 19, 2025; Commissioner Pell made a motion to table the approval of minutes; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

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### **BID OPENINGS**

Bid Opening for Project 2026-04-Crack Sealing in Various Townships; Five bids were received-All Star Paving for \$329,831.40, DC Construction Services for \$376,598, Freehill Asphalt for \$402,227.94, Howard Companies for \$319,450, and Pavement Solutions for \$544,897. Commissioner Lawson made a motion to take the bids advisement; Commissioner Pell seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Bid Opening for Project 2026-05-Rejuvenating Surface Treatment in Various Townships; Four bids were received-All Star Paving for \$411,731.30, Evergreen Roadworks, LLC for \$418,881.25, Howard Companies for \$445,887, and Rejuvtec for \$372,044.85. Commissioner Lawson made a motion to take the bids advisement; Commissioner Pell seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Beyer asked if there were any questions on the list of Consent Agenda items for individual discussion. Upon hearing none, a motion was called. Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve the consent agenda items; Commissioner Pell seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

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### IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance 2025-16-An Ordinance Amending Chapter 111 (second reading/public hearing); Commissioner Beyer opened a public hearing for public comment; Upon hearing none, he closed the public hearing; Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve the ordinance; Commissioner Pell seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
  - B. Discussion of Health Clinic Contract; Amber Choate presented two contracts for the health clinic; Hendricks Regional Health/Witham and Marathon; Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve the Hendricks Regional Health/Witham contract; The motion was not seconded. The motion dies. Commissioner Pell made a motion to approve the Marathon contract pending Council approval of funding; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-1. Commissioner Lawson voted nay.
  - C. Board Appointments for 2026;
    - i. Commissioner Pell made a motion to appoint Tony Harris to the Regional 5 Department of Planning; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
    - ii. Commissioner Pell made a motion to appoint Matt Gentry to the Solid Waste Board; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
    - iii. Commissioner Lawson made a motion to appoint Huck Lewis, Nicole Lewis, and Matt McDonald to the PTA/BOA Board; Commissioner Pell seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
    - iv. Commissioner Pell made a motion to appoint Kassie Frazier to the Alcohol & Beverage Board; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
    - v. Commissioner Lawson made a motion to appoint Tom Lingafelter and Mark Ransom to the Redevelopment Commission Board; Commissioner Pell seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve Danielle Morrisson to the Redevelopment Commission Board; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
    - vi. Commissioner Pell made a motion to table the appointment for the Health Board until the next meeting; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
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### IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

- A. Legal Issues
  - 1. Accept/Release of maintenance/performance bonds-Accept performance bond for Peabody Farms West section 3 for \$444,101; Commissioner Pell made a motion to approve; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
  - 2. Accept/Release of maintenance/performance bonds-Release maintenance bond for Erosion Control for Gateway Dental for \$6,173; Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pell seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

- B. BFS Construction Inspection of Comcast Fiber Build-Permit #202510124; Task order for QC Communications for \$13,000; Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pell seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- C. Appointment of Director of Administration/Payroll Change Form; Commissioner Pell announced that Nick Parr is taking the role and made a motion to approve; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

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### **COMPENSATION COMMITTEE UPDATES**

None.

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### **INSURANCE COMMITTEE UPDATES**

None.

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### **STAFF REPORTS**

- APC
  - John Merson introduced the new Area Plan Director, Nicole Schell.
- Capital Investments / Facilities
  - None
- Health Department
  - None
- Highway Department
  - None
- HR
  - None
- IT Support
  - None
- Communications
  - Brent Wheat gave updates on the new briefing podcast.
- 4-H Fairgrounds/Extension
  - Andrea Hatfield gave updates on events and programs at the 4-H Fairgrounds.

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### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lisa Bruder, Debbie Ottinger, and Zach Newson gave public comments.

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### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

Commissioner Lawson moved to approve claims. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pell. The motion passed 3-0.

## COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

None.

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## ADJOURNMENT

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