

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the December 19, 2025 Meeting

The Boone County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Meeting at 8:00 AM on Friday December 19, 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 to continue the previous meeting on December 15, 2025 with the following personnel in attendance:

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| 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 8:00 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 6.O. & 6.P. to be discussed at the beginning of New Business. Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

MINUTES

Approval of minutes from December 15, 2025; Tabled

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved in the previous meeting on December 15, 2025.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

- A. Assessment/Reassessment of Professional Appraisal Services;
 - i. Jennifer Lasley rejected all bids received for the RFP and is requesting approval of a one year extension of the contract for G.U.T.S. for cyclical reassessment and annual adjustments/other appraisal services. Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve the one year extension of the contract; The motion was not seconded. Motion dies; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to deny the one year extension of the contract for G.U.T.S.; Commissioner Pell seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-1. Commissioner Lawson voted nay.
 - ii. Her next request, since the first one was not approved, is to extend the contract for one year for G.U.T.S. for annual assessment/other appraisal services and to hire 3 full-time and 2 part-time

in-house employees to complete the work that used to be contracted. She has submitted job descriptions for those positions. Commissioner Beyer made a motion to deny the one year extension of the contract for G.U.T.S.; Commissioner Pell seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-1. Commissioner Lawson voted nay.

- iii. Her third option would be to hire 9 full-time and 2 part-time employees to do all the work in her office in-house and not have any contract work done. She is asking for all job descriptions submitted to be approved. She would also need to get council approval to hire new employees. Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve the job descriptions for the new positions. Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- B. Health Department School Resource Grant Claims; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to table this item; The motion was not seconded. The motion dies. Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve the claims submitted; Commissioner Pell seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-1. Commissioner Beyer voted nay.
- C. BCSSI Debarment and Suspension Certificate; Auditor Crum requested this as it is required annually by State Board of Accounts; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- D. Project 24-216, Replacement of Bridge 158 Construction Agreement-with Hoosier Pride Excavating not to exceed \$676,835.23; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- E. Project 2025-11, Replacement of JE001 and JE028 Construction Agreement-with Conexco not to exceed \$117,340; Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- F. Acceptance of Annual Material Bids- Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- G. Request to Approve Health Clinic Contract Pending Legal Review and Signature by the 2025 President- Tabled.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

A. Legal Issues

1. Accept/Release of maintenance/performance bonds-Accept performance bond for Merritt Contracting (65/47 Commons) for \$222,431; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve both; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- B. Heart of Lebanon 10 Year Celebration Proposal Use of Courthouse-Missy Krulik requesting the use of the courthouse rotunda for the celebration on April 18, 2026 from 4pm-9pm; Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- C. Digital Transformation Services Agreement for \$15,970; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve the agreement; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- D. Des# 1900313 Unofficial Detour Reimbursement Contract for \$163,186.91; Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve the contract; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0
- E. Bridge 28 Rehabilitation Design Agreement for design for \$86,080; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- F. Bridge 166 Design Agreement for \$169,612; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- G. PE002 & CE039 Replacement Authorization to Proceed with USI for \$15,500; Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- H. Ordinance 2025-19-An Ordinance Amending Chapter 71 (first reading)-no vote needed

- I. 2026 Annual Fuel Bids-Advertise for the January 20, 2026 meeting.
- J. Midwest Pressure Washing & Restoration, Inc.-Courthouse Preservation Proposal; For limestone and granite projects for \$894,500; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- K. NRG Renewal Contract-for 24 months at 4.18/per million BTU; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- L. Boone County Government Communications Director Proposal-For \$3,000/month; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve the renewal; Commissioner Pell seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- M. Board Appointments for 2026;
 - i.* Commissioner Beyer made a motion to appoint Wendy McMann, Megan Lingerfeldt, Natasha Krupp, and Doug Weisheit to the Tourism Board. Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - ii.* Commissioner Beyer made a motion to appoint Wendy McMann to the Discover Boone County Board. Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - iii.* Commissioner Lawson made a motion to appoint Commissioner Beyer to serve on the Discover Boone County Board as well. Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - iv.* Commissioner Beyer made a motion to appoint BC Henschen and Danielle Morrison to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - v.* Commissioner Beyer made a motion to appoint Linda Fahrenbach and Amber Brown to serve on the Thorntown Public Library Board. Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - vi.* Commissioner Beyer made a motion to appoint Doug Everett to serve on the Drainage Board. Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - vii.* Commissioner Beyer made a motion to appoint Commissioner Lawson to serve on the EMA & LEPC Board. Commissioner Pell seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - viii.* Commissioner Beyer made a motion to appoint Commissioner Pell to serve on the Region 5 Regional Workforce Board. Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - ix.* Commissioner Beyer made a motion to appoint the following: Max Mendenhall as the Safety Officer and Capital Investments Director, Nick Parr as the Highway Director, Mike Spidel as the Veterans Service Officer, Mike Martin as the EMA Director, and Beth Copeland as the County Attorney. Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - x.* Commissioner Lawson made a motion to appoint Nick Parr, Mike Goralski, and Commissioner Beyer as the appointments and proxies for the Metropolitan Planning Organization. Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - xi.* Commissioner Lawson made a motion to appoint Nicole Schell as the APC Director. Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - xii.* Commissioner Beyer made a motion to appoint Mike Goralski for the CIRTA Board. Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- N. Impact Printer Maintenance Contract; Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve the contract; Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- O. Ordinance 2025-17-An Ordinance to Amend the Text of the Boone County Zoning Ordinance Regarding Accessory Structures (second reading); Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

- P. Ordinance 2025-18-An Ordinance to Amend the Boone County Zoning Ordinances to Adopt an Energy Overlay District; Bob Clutter noted that the APC meeting held a public hearing for this ordinance on 12/17/25. Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve; Commissioner Beyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
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COMPENSATION COMMITTEE UPDATES

None.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE UPDATES

None.

STAFF REPORTS

- APC
 - None
 - Capital Investments / Facilities
 - Max Mendenhall spoke about the Justice Center expenses and reports.
 - Health Department
 - None
 - Highway Department
 - Nick Parr gave updates on Community Crossing grant funds for projects and requested a signature page for bridge plans on Bridge 285.
 - HR
 - None
 - IT Support
 - None
 - Communications
 - None
 - 4-H Fairgrounds/Extension
 - Andrea Hatfield gave updates on events and programs at the 4-H Fairgrounds.
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PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Bowen, Debbie Crum, Yvonne Koch, Lisa Bruder, Tom Wethington, and Zach Newson gave public comments.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Lawson moved to ratify claims. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Beyer. The motion passed 3-0.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Lawson noted that the next meeting is changed to Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 9 a.m. Commissioners Beyer made a motion to change the meeting date. Commissioners Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

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.