

COUNCIL MINUTES
BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA
January 13th, 2026

Council Members: You are hereby notified that there will be a regular meeting of the Boone County Council at the Boone County Office Building, 116 W. Washington St., in the Connie Lamar Meeting Room, Room 105, in the City of Lebanon, on Tuesday, January 13th, 2026, at 8:30am.

Councilwoman Hostetter called the meeting to order. Council members also in attendance were Shari Richey, Kevin VanHorn, Dan Lamar, Dustin Plunkett, John Riner, and Aaron Williams.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Councilman VanHorn made a motion to elect Councilwoman Hostetter as President and Councilwoman Shari Richey as Vice President for 2026. Councilman Lamar seconded the motion. The motion carried, 6-1. Councilman Williams voted nay.

AMEND AGENDA

Councilwoman Hostetter asked for a motion to amend the agenda to table three items. Councilwoman Richey made a motion to amend the agenda and table items 5.A., 5.B., and 7 of the agenda. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Hostetter asked for a motion to approve the December 9th, 2025 minutes. Councilman VanHorn made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

LEGAL UPDATE

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Amber Choate, HR, presented a three year contract (Marathon) for the health clinic and is requesting an earmarking of appropriation of funds. The estimated total for the first year is \$140,439. She noted that this contract has a one year clause and the county can void the contract (within 90 days of the one year mark) if not happy with the services of the contract. The contract will be paid for from fund 5901 which is the Employee Health Fund that hasn't been used in five years and still has a balance available. The closest Marathon location is at Traders Point which is 17 miles from the courthouse. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.
- The members of the council acknowledged the Sheriff's 4th quarter Commissary Report.

RE-APPROPRIATIONS

Tabled.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Nick Parr presented three additional appropriations for the three new bonds the Highway received. These funds are being moved from the cash balance into lines for the different categories of projects. Councilwoman Hostetter opened a public hearing before each of the additional appropriation requests. With no public comment, the public hearing was closed. The additional requests are as follows:

- \$1,588,000 (.9000) and \$405,000 (.9010) in fund 4931-Councilman Riner made a motion to approve. Councilman Lamar seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.
- \$1,190,000 (.9000), \$330,000 (.9010), and \$476,000 (.9020) in fund 4932-Councilman Plunkett made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.
- \$370,800 (.9000), \$1,385,000 (.9010), and \$220,000(.9020) in fund 4933-Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

Nick Parr presented three additional appropriations for projects that were approved during the 2026 budget workshops to use reserves from county general. The funds are being moved from the cash balance into lines for the different categories of projects. Councilwoman Hostetter opened a public hearing before each of the additional appropriation requests. With no public comment, the public hearing was closed. The additional requests are as follows:

- \$2,968,000 (.7054) for Bridge Projects in county general-Councilman Lamar made a motion to approve. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.
- \$963,000 (.7055) for Small Structures in county general-Councilman VanHorn made a motion to approve. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.
- \$655,000 (.7056) for Road Conversions in county general-Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

SALARY ORDINANCE

Tabled.

OLD BUSINESS

- Councilman VanHorn presented his recommendations for the 2026 board appointments that have openings. They are as follows:
 - i.* Michael Burtron for the Alcohol & Beverage Board
 - ii.* Dustin Plunkett for the Lebanon Public Library Board (non-voting member)
 - iii.* Lisa Batts, Matt Jackson, & Walter Burtner for PTABOA Board
 - iv.* Kevin VanHorn for Discover Boone County Board
 - v.* Ben Lawson & John Riner for the Redevelopment Commission Board
 - vi.* Shari Richey for Boone County Solid Waste Board
 - vii.* Jennifer Hostetter for Boone County Economic Development Board
 - viii.* Aaron Williams for Whitestown Economic Development Board
 - ix.* Still to be decided-Unincorporated member for Discover Boone County Board

Councilman VanHorn made a motion to approve the above mentioned nominations. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

- Bob Clutter presented Ordinance 2025-06 for Economic Development Revenue Bonds (MCI Project) and Ordinance 2025-07 for Economic Development Revenue Bonds (Southwest Project) for a second reading and public hearing. Councilwoman Hostetter opened a public hearing. Jodi Stewart gave public comments. Councilwoman Hostetter closed the public hearing. Councilman Lamar made a motion to approve both ordinances. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.
- Councilwoman Hostetter presented her recommendations for the Opioid Settlement Committee Slate with the following members:
 - i.* Commissioner Tim Beyer or his appointee
 - ii.* Michael Nance from Community Corrections or his appointee
 - iii.* Steve Owens from Probation or his appointee
 - iv.* Auditor Debbie Crum
 - v.* Pascal Fettig from Mental Health America Boone County or his appointee
 - vi.* A member from Aspire Indiana Health-still to be determined
 - vii.* Rachel Hamby from Cummins Behavioral Health
 - viii.* Lynette Clark and Macy Simmons from Integrative Wellness
 - ix.* Lauri Thompson from Specialty Courts Coordinator
 - x.* Sheriff Tony Harris or his appointee

Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve the above mentioned names. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

- The council members and Auditor Crum discussed the total expenditures spent thus far at the Justice Center. Attorney Lee is still reviewing the information and will have an update soon.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jodi Stewart, Councilman VanHorn, and Lisa Bruder gave public comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Plunkett introduced the new Area Plan Director, Nicole Schell.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes prepared by:

Caryn Strode, Deputy Auditor.



Jennifer Hostetter

Boone County Council President



Debbie M. Morton-Crum
Boone County Auditor

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