

**COUNCIL MINUTES  
BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA  
December 9th, 2025**

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, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 8:30am.

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

**AMEND AGENDA**

Councilwoman Hostetter asked for a motion to amend the agenda by removing three items. Councilwoman Richey made a motion to amend the agenda by removing items 4.F, 5.F, and 5.G from the agenda. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilwoman Hostetter asked for a motion to approve the November 12th, 2025 minutes. Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve the minutes with the addition of adding Hostetter after Councilwoman on the first bullet point under new business. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.

**LEGAL UPDATE**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Attorney Lee told the council they could suspend the rules to approve Ordinance 2025-05 for Highway (MVH) distributions from the State in this meeting, as it is the first reading. He stated that if they made a motion to suspend the rules, then they could approve the ordinance in this meeting. Councilman Riner made a motion to suspend the rules. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0. The ordinance states it is currently 45% for the restricted fund and 55% for the non-restricted fund and the new ordinance is changing it to 60% for the restricted fund and 40% for the non-restricted fund. Councilman VanHorn made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.
- Mike Spidel, Veteran's Affairs Officer, presented an expenditure report to the council.
- The council acknowledged receipt of the third quarter Commissary Report from the Sheriff's Office.
- Bob Clutter presented on behalf of the Redevelopment Commission, Ordinance 2025-06 and Ordinance 2025-07 for a first reading. Both ordinances are regarding the Economic

Development Revenue Bonds for the Merritt Project at 65/47. He noted that there is no county obligation for either of the bonds as they are being paid by TIF funds only. No vote is required for a first reading.

- Jennifer Lasley, Assessor, presented her plans to the council regarding the RFP and vendor contracts. She stated that the Commissioners won't approve the bid for the RFP from GUTS (current vendor) and want her to use Nexus Group (new vendor) which came in with a lower bid on the RFP. She has stated that Nexus Group had deficiencies in the bid and only have four employees to do the work compared to the thirteen employees that the current vendor, GUTS, uses to do the work for her office. She is letting the council know that if the Commissioners don't approve the GUTS contract for one year, then she will ultimately need to hire eleven new county employees in her office, which is not going to save the county money when you consider salaries and benefits. Attorney Lee noted that the Commissioners can't choose a vendor for the Assessor to use, they can only sign contracts that are presented to them by the office holder.

### **RE-APPROPRIATIONS**

Shane Daughtery, Chief Deputy Coroner, presented five reappropriation requests. He is requesting the following re-appropriations:

1. \$2,000 from Deputy Admin/Training line (.0716) to Deputy Coroner Autopsy Investigations line (.0715) Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve the re-appropriation. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.
2. \$12,066.40 from P/T Admin line (.0015) to Autopsy line (.0719)
3. \$8,288.25 from Deputy Admin/Training line (.0716) to Autopsy line (.0719)
4. \$5,145.67 from Fuel line (.0059) to Autopsy line (.0719)
5. \$6,480 from PPE line (.0720) to Autopsy line (.0719)

Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve the four re-appropriations. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.

### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Judge Lori Schein, Circuit Court, presented an additional appropriation request for Pauper Attorney Fees line (.2132) for \$100,000. Councilwoman Hostetter opened a public hearing for any public comment. Upon hearing none, she closed the public hearing. Councilman VanHorn made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.

### **SALARY ORDINANCE**

Auditor Debbie Crum presented the 2026 Salary Ordinance to the council. Auditor Crum noted one change that also needs voted on for the Weight & Measures part-time rate at \$25.17/hr. Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve the part-time rate for Weights & Measures. Councilman Riner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.

Councilwoman Hostetter asked for a motion to suspend the rules and vote on the salary ordinance today as it is the first reading. Councilwoman Richey made a motion to suspend the rules. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the 2026 Salary Ordinance. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Councilman VanHorn presented the applicants for the Hussey-Mayfield Library appointment to be filled as of this month, as the previous appointment retired early. Councilman VanHorn stated that he interviewed all the applicants and made a motion to elect Kevin Culp. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.
- Councilwoman Hostetter requested the Opioid Settlement Committee Slate was tabled. Councilman Riner made a motion to table this item. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.
- The council members and Auditor Crum discussed the total expenditures spent thus far at the Justice Center.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commissioner Tim Beyer gave a public comment via Zoom.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Richey, Councilman VanHorn, and Councilman Plunkett gave comments.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Riner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.

### **Minutes prepared by:**

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