

**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA**  
**March 10th, 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, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 8:30am.

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

**AMEND THE AGENDA**

Councilwoman Hostetter asked for a motion to remove items 5.a., 5.b., and 7.b. that were previously tabled from the agenda. Councilman Plunkett made the motion to remove the items from the agenda. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilwoman Hostetter asked for a motion to approve the February 10th, 2026 meeting minutes. Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve. Councilman Lamar seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

**LEGAL UPDATE**

Attorney Lee discussed updates on new legislation for House Bill 1001 and House Bill 1210.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Andrea Hatfield from Purdue Extension, along with Michelle Hight-Thomas, Anita Bowen, Hannah Myers, and Stephanie Gay, presented the 2025 annual report. Brooklyn Albertson, a nine-year 4-H member, spoke on her experience with the program.
- Mendi Twitty, Health Department, sent the 2025 annual report via email to the council.
- Nick Parr presented the 2025 annual report for the Highway Department.
- Jim Caldwell, Chief of Advance Volunteer Fire Department, gave a presentation and is requesting funds for next year's budget to help buy new equipment for the department. Joseph Weder, Chief of Jamestown Volunteer Fire Department, also spoke on the needs of Volunteer Fire Departments.
- The council discussed dates for the 2027 budget workshops. They decided to meet for the workshops on 8/11, 8/18, 8/19, 9/09, 9/10 (if needed), and 10/06.

**RE-APPROPRIATIONS**

None.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Auditor Debbie Crum presented an additional appropriation request for the Longevity Fund (5365.0000.7000) for \$50,000 with it being retroactive back to 2/20/26. Councilwoman Hostetter opened a public hearing for public comment. Upon hearing none, she closed the public hearing. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

**SALARY ORDINANCE**

- Auditor Crum is requesting to amend the salary ordinance for the Highway Superintendent of Operations and retroactive it back to 2/12/26 to \$87,147. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.
- Auditor Crum also requested to amend the salary ordinance and make the Highway Projects Director position exempt. Councilman Lamar made a motion to approve. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Attorney Lee let the council know that he has received a lot of documents and ledgers from Auditor Crum and they are making progress on the Justice Center update.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Hume, Debbie Crum, Peggy Daggy, Debbie Ottinger, Lisa Bruder, and Nick Parr gave public comments.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**


Councilwoman Hostetter gave a brief update on the Opioid Settlement Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

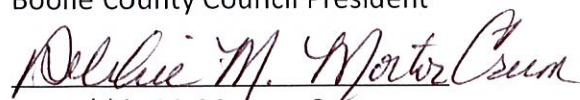
Councilman Plunkett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

**Minutes prepared by:**

Caryn Strode, Deputy Auditor.

  
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 Jennifer Hostetter  
 Boone County Council President

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 Debbie M. Morton-Crum  
 Boone County Auditor

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