

Boone County Board of Commissioners Minutes
January 22, 2019
Connie Lamar Meeting Room
Boone County Government Building

Commissioners Present: Jeff Wolfe, Donnie Lawson and Tom Santelli

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Attending: Bob Clutter (County Attorney) and Kaylee Jessie (Administrative Assistant)

Board President Jeff Wolfe opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes for January 7, 2019 (Regular Meeting):

Commissioner Tom Santelli made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 7, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Donnie Lawson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

In the Matter of Legal Issues:

There was none at this time.

In the Matter of Trail Summit Recommendations – Cory Whitesell, HWC Engineering:

Cory Whitesell, HWC Engineering, presented the recommendations for the Boone County Big 4 Trail Master Plan, PowerPoint Presentation included. (Appendix #2) The purpose of this plan was to look at Boone County as a whole and what it could be. How can we get the Big 4 Trail completed? There was a specific effort focusing on the section from Whitestown to Lebanon and what would be the best route. Five route options were explored and presented to the public. The number of parcels crossed, property owners affected, road/drive crossings and water crossing that would be impacted by each trail were also presented. They received input from farmers, pedestrians, cyclists, government, and property owners. The Railroad Corridor has been recommended as the preferred route. There is some funding available through Next Level Trails Grant that is a 90-million-dollar program that is accepting applications next month.

Commissioner Jeff Wolfe asked what the next steps would be? Cory Whitesell answered the key thing would be to move forward with the opportunities that have some momentum in where the County would have property controls. Specifically, with Next Level Trails, that program really emphasizes projects where you already have the land secured. In the northern portion of the corridor that land is secure. For example, the Friends of Boone County Trail are partnering with Colfax in Clinton County to see that portion of the trail connected moving from Thorntown out to the county line. Beyond that, there are recommendations of partnering with adjacent communities with Lebanon / Whitestown to move this specific area of the corridor forward.

Commissioner Jeff Wolfe asked do we know what the rights-of-way are? Cory Whitesell answered that it would be prescriptive right-of-way. There is not a dedicated right-of-way at the parallel roads.

Commissioner Tom Santelli commented that HWC has done a great job analyzing this project and looking at many different alternatives.

Commissioner Donnie Lawson made a comment that he wants to make sure the County is also accommodating the farmers in some way, allowing them to move from one field to another across the trail, and keeping them from running up and down the roads. The safety for the farmers and the people on the trail

is highly important. Cory Whitesell responded that it has been discussed putting in clear crossing points with signage warning pedestrians that farm equipment could potentially cross at that location.

*****Commissioner Jeff Wolfe opened the meeting for public comments at 9:15 am.*****

Angie Moody, Thorntown Resident / Community Development Director, commented that the trail will be a great opportunity for Thorntown and to get people to visit their small town. At the Indiana Parks & Recreation Conference last year, the keynote speaker went into detail on how trails will bring people to your area. The trail is going to be a big project, but overall it is to be believed that this will be a great thing for the people of Boone County. She hopes it will bring more Economic Development to the smaller towns and maybe have some pop-up shops along the trail.

Derek Warren, Treasurer for Friends of Boone County Trails / City of Lebanon Employee, commented that the city has been making some tremendous investment into trails over the last few years. He is extremely proud of where they started and where they are today. As part of the Next Level Trails Grant, the City of Lebanon is positioning themselves to be able to apply for that money to be able to take the trail from the downtown square down to the fairgrounds. So, the connection all the way through town is complete. The City of Lebanon has been willing to partner in any way that they can, whether it's maintenance or manpower, to make sure this happen between them and the township property lines. He also feels from a planning perspective it's important to get the connection between Zionsville to Colfax for development activity, property values, and construction. It would be a tremendous asset.

Nathan Messer, Town of Whitestown Parks Director, commented that Whitestown also wants to show their support for the Big 4 Trail and has made this a priority project. They are currently working with Zionsville on the south end connection for submission to the Next Level Trails Grant. Whitestown has also made the verbal agreement during the Trail Summits that they would also help with maintenance of the trails.

Tom Santelli, County Commissioner, commented that one of the big concerns has been public safety. During the trail summit, some of the equipment was on display in terms of being able to serve the public safety as well as EMT response to the trail areas. That has been integral to these considerations with what is being looked at. There's a lot of elements that go into this. From a County perspective, you can see that Lebanon, Zionsville, Whitestown all the way up to Colfax has been very interested in supporting this effort as well as stepping up to the cost of development of this trail along with the state.

Elise Nieshalla, County Councilor, commented that it has been so fun to work on this project and having the opportunity to work together with Zionsville, Whitestown, Lebanon, Thorntown, Colfax, and those from public safety. It is a unifying project. It is an amenity that's going to bring us together to enjoy all that we have here in Boone County, not only currently, but what will be become as a result of this. Thank you for your interest in this trail.

Matthew Gentry, Mayor, commented that we have all seen the impact of the Monon Trail and what it has done for Hamilton County. The Big 4 Trail has the potential of connecting Indianapolis to Lafayette with the heart of it being right here in Boone County, anchoring our communities together.

In the Matter of MicroVote Maintenance Agreement – Jessica Fouts:

Jessica Fouts, County Clerk, presented the request for the Commissioners to execute the annual MicroVote Maintenance Agreement, there are no changes to the agreement.

Commissioner Tom Santelli made a motion to approve the annual MicroVote Maintenance Agreement. Commissioner Donnie Lawson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

In the Matter of Impact Contract Amendment – Sean Horan:

Sean Horan, IT Specialist, presented the request for the Commissioners to execute the Impact Contract Amendment. One (1) of the five (5) printers that was ordered for the Sheriff's Office was exchanged for a smaller unit due to it being too large for the location it was going to reside.

Commissioner Donnie Lawson made a motion to approve the Impact Contract Amendment. Commissioner Tom Santelli seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

In the Matter of Staff Reports

- a. Facility Maintenance – Mike Miller
- b. APC – Rachel Cardis
- c. IT Support – GUTS
- d. Health Department – Cindy Murphy / Josh Dickey
- e. Highway Department – Craig Parks

1. Craig Parks, County Engineer and Director of Highway Department, had zero items requiring action today. He did want to acknowledge the Highway Department, Boone County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management, and Municipalities efforts in working together as a team to prepare for the snowfall this past Saturday.

In the matter of Old Business:

Mike Miller, Facilities Manager, presented an update on the walk-through that occurred last Friday at the KeyBank building before signing off on the ESG Certification. It was brought to the Commissioners attention that the final payment also includes the retainage. The Commissioners have decided they would like to hold the retainage before releasing the final payment in full until the project has been completed. No action was taken on the ESG Certification at this time and has been postponed until a future Commissioners meeting in February.

In the Matter of Other Elected Officials:

Cindy Murphy, Health Department Director, presented the request to add a new cell phone for the Health Department Preparedness Program, and it will be paid by a grant.

Commissioner Tom Santelli made a motion to approve the addition of a new cell phone for the Health Department Preparedness Program. Commissioner Donnie Lawson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

In the Matter of Public Comments:

There was none at this time.

In the Matter of Document Signing:

1. Key request forms for the following:
 - Lisa Bruder for the Clerk's Office and Courthouse Entrance
 - Emily Dougherty for the Health Department and Annex Building Entrance
 - Amy Ayers for the Health Department and Annex Building Entrance

Commissioner Donnie Lawson made a motion to approve the key request forms. Commissioner Tom Santelli seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

In the Matter of Claims presented in today's meeting

See (Appendix #3)

Commissioner Donnie Lawson made a motion to approve claims as submitted. Commissioner Tom Santelli seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

In the Matter of Mail

See **(Appendix #4)** for a list of mail opened by the Commissioners on this date.

- Attorney Bob Clutter wanted to draw the Commissioners attention to the Ordinance Certification from Area Plan Commission; Rachel Cardis, Executive Director of Boone County APC. This is regarding the rezoning request for Smart Manufacturing, Incorporated. The ordinance was given a no recommendation by a 4-1 vote of the Boone County Area Plan Commission after a duly held public hearing on January 9, 2019. The Commissioners have taken this under advisement and added it to the next Commissioners meeting scheduled for February 4, 2019.

With no further business, Commissioner Tom Santelli made a motion to adjourn at 9:41 am. Commissioner Donnie Lawson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.