

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 1, 2021 MEETING

The Boone County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 AM on Monday, November 1, 2021 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 with the following personnel in attendance:

Tom Santelli	Commissioner, President
Jeff Wolfe	Commissioner, Vice President
Donald Lawson	Commissioner
Bob Clutter	County Attorney
Kaylee Jessie	Administrative Assistant

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Santelli opened the meeting at 9:10 AM with a quorum of all three (3) Commissioners present and led the Pledge to the Flag in unison.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES

The meeting minutes for October 18, 2021 were tabled.

IN THE MATTER OF LEGAL ISSUES

There were no legal issues for today's meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE 2021-07 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-05

County Attorney Bob Clutter presented Ordinance 2021-07 amending Ordinance 2021-05 establishing a fund for the receipt of funding from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) and read it aloud in pertinent parts pursuant to state law. This change was recommended by Ice Miller who is contracted as special counsel to assist with the American Rescue Plan Act funding process and the creation of a plan for the use of funds by the Commissioners.

Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve Ordinance 2021-07 amending Ordinance 2021-05. Motion seconded by Commissioner Lawson; motion passed unanimously 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTION/APPROVAL OF ARP PROJECT LIST AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

County Attorney Bob Clutter presented American Rescue Plan ("ARP") Act funding list, U.S. Department of the Treasury Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds terms and conditions, and assurances of compliance with civil rights requirements.

Commissioner Lawson moved the adopt the County's American Rescue Plan Act funding plan as follows:

- A. *Proposed Actions to Support Public Health Expenditures.*
 - I. Investment in Boone County Drug Comi - Estimated cost of \$80,000 (EC 1.11)
 - II. Infirmary and programming space at county correctional facility for treatment of inmates and to provide space for mental health and substance abuse programming - Estimated cost of \$1,500,000 (EC I. IO & EC I.11)
- B. *Proposed Actions to Respond to the Negative Economic Impacts of COVID-19.*
 - I. Grant to Convention and Visitors Bureau for lost revenues - Estimated cost of \$280,000 (EC 2.11)
 - II. Grant to Witham Hospital for lost revenues - Estimated cost of \$350,000 (EC2.12)
- C. *Proposed Uses for the Replacement of Lost Public Sector Revenues.*
 - I. County information technology updates and cybersecurity improvements to protect citizen health data- Estimated cost of \$350,000 (EC 6.1)
 - II. Protective and remote equipment for Boone County Highway Department Estimated cost of \$100,000 (EC 6.1)
- D. *Proposed Actions to Invest in Water, Sewer and Broadband Infrastructure.*
 - I. Grassy Branch regulated drain and two bridge replacements necessary for reconstruction - Estimated cost of \$3,000,000 (EC 5.6)
 - II. Thorntown sanitary sewer project and lagoon enlargement - Estimated cost of \$2,000,000 (EC 5.2)
 - III. Broadband service expansion - Estimated cost of \$2,000,000 (EC 5.17)
 - IV. Terhune drainage improvements - Estimated cost of \$300,000 (EC 5.6)
 - V. Pearson regulated drain reconstruction and replacement or repair of bridges and culverts necessary for reconstruction - Estimated cost of \$2,000,000 (EC 5.6)
 - VI. Jackson Run two-stage ditch improvements to County Road 650 East – Estimated cost of \$400,000 (EC 5.6)
 - VII. Trailside 36-inch outlet across Main Street - Estimated cost of \$250,000 (EC 5.6)
 - VM. Carroll regulated drain reconstruction - Estimated cost of \$500,000 (EC 5.6)

Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

The project list is subject to change in the future after further review with Ice Miller.

Commissioner Lawson moved to approve the documents relating to the ARP funding process. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wolfe; motion passed unanimously 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION ON BAR COMMUNICATIONS CONTRACT

County Attorney Bob Clutter presented a letter to Bar Communication serving as a notice of termination for the media relations and communication services effective Monday, November 1, 2021.

Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the notice of termination to Bar Communication. Motion seconded by Commissioner Lawson; motion passed unanimously 3-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST TO REAPPOINT REV. C ARCHIBALD HAWKINS
TO THE WITHAM BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Raymond Ingham, Ph.D. mailed in a request for the County Commissioners consideration and approval to reappointment of C. Archibald Hawkins to the Witham Board of Trustee to serve another four year term.

Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve reappointing C. Archibald Hawkins to the Witham Board of Trustee to serve another four year term. Motion seconded by Commissioner Lawson; motion passed unanimously 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE FOR COMMISSIONERS 2022 MEETINGS

Pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-5 (c), the Boone County Board of Commissioners will conduct regular public meetings on the first and third Monday of each month, beginning at 9:00 a.m. (local time). If those dates are a recognized holiday or the County offices are closed due to emergency, the Commissioners will conduct their public meeting on the next business day.

The public meetings will occur at the following location:

CONNIE LAMAR MEETING ROOM 105
116 W. WASHINGTON ST.
LEBANON, INDIANA 46052
(765) 483-4492

Commissioner Lawson moved to approve the annual meeting notice for the commissioners 2022 meetings. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wolfe; motion passed unanimously 3-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF INDOT LPA PROJECT COORDINATION CONTRACT DES NO. 2003020
FOR THE 400/100 ROUNDABOUT PROJECT**

County Attorney Bob Clutter presented the Indiana Department of Transportation (“INDOT”) Local Public Agency (“LPA”) Coordination Contract Des No. 2003020 for the intersection of CR 400 E and CR 100 S roundabout project signed by Commissioner Wolfe on October 19, 2021 for ratification.

Commissioner Lawson moved to approve INDOT LPA Coordination Contract Des No. 2003020. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wolfe; motion passed unanimously 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

- 1) **Discussion / Adoption of Title VI Nondiscrimination Plan and ADA Requirements** – Kaylee Jessie, Megan Smith, and Nick Parr met with Will Gay, Subrecipient Compliance Auditor with INDOT, to discuss Boone County’s deficiencies. Presented today, a VCAP letter to INDOT outlining how Boone County commits to addressing the deficiencies and the next steps resolving them to become fully compliant with all of INDOT’s nondiscrimination and accessibility requirements during the upcoming months/year.

2) Medical Plan Documents –

Megan Smith, Human Resources Director, presented the Specialty Care Management (“SCM”) contracts for carving out Outpatient Dialysis program effective January 1, 2022. The county’s medical insurance projected fixed and expected cost went from \$5.5 million (up 14%) to \$4.8 million (up 1.7%) for next year, which is about a \$700,000 difference, after implementing this change. Commissioner Santelli thanked Megan for all of her hard work with improved benefits for our employees in addition to the savings. Megan added that our employee(s) on Outpatient Dialysis will work with a patient advocacy group that will help them during the process. County Attorney Bob Clutter had one minor revision.

Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve SCM contracts. Motion seconded by Commissioner Lawson; motion passed unanimously 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF STAFF REPORTS

- APC – Rachel Cardis
- Coroner’s Office – Justin Sparks
- Facilities / Capital Investments – Max Mendenhall
- Health Department – Lisa Younts / Abby Messenger
- Highway Department – Nick Parr
- Human Resources – Megan Smith
- IT Support – GUTS
- Other Elected Officials

Nick Parr, Director of Highway Department presented the following items:

- 1)** Construction in right of way permit (#202110061) for Boone REMC at 9573 W 550 N for one bore under road to install power at a new house. The Boone County Highway Department recommends approval. There is a \$5,000 blanket bond on file.

Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the construction in right of way permit (#202110061) for Boone REMC. Motion seconded by Commissioner Lawson; motion passed unanimously 3-0.

- 2)** Construction in right of way permit (#202110062) for Trimak Building Services at 11885 E 500 N for one bore for perimeter drain for septic. The Boone County Highway Department recommends approval with a \$5,000 bond.

Commissioner Lawson moved to approve the construction in right of way permit (#202110062) for Trimak Building Services. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wolfe; motion passed unanimously 3-0.

- 3)** Construction in right of way permit (#202110063) for Alt & Witzig Engineering at Bridge 180, CR 500 E between ASW / CR 300 S for 4 sft. open road cut for Geotechnical Investigation. The Boone County Highway Department recommends approval with a \$15,000 bond.

Commissioner Lawson moved to approve the construction in right of way permit (#202110063) for Alt & Witzig Engineering. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wolfe; motion passed unanimously 3-0.

- 4)** Road closure permit (#202130013) for Alt & Witzig Engineering at Bridge 180, CR 500 E between ASW / CR 300 S. Dates for the closure are to be determined.

Commissioner Lawson moved to approve the road closure permit (#202130013) for Alt & Witzig Engineering. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wolfe; motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Sheriff Michael Nielsen:

Thanked the commissioners for their support as the Boone County Sheriff's Office wraps up Mental Health Awareness Month. The department worked on supporting mental health/officer wellness initiative with their peer support team and Mental Health Consultant. Commissioner Lawson also prepared a lunch for the department last Friday.

Commissioner Wolfe:

Thanked everyone who participated and attended the Town Hall Meeting on October 28th.

IN THE MATTER OF DOCUMENT SIGNING

- 1) Key request forms for the following: Christina Pace, Rebecca Lesh, Andrew Emhardt, Deidre Adams, Thomas Morris, Conrad Schrock, Kelsey Lenox, and Jourdan Clouser.

Commissioner Lawson moved to approve the key request forms submitted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wolfe; motion passed unanimously 3-0.

- 2) Claims Dockets – regular, prepaids, payroll, and insurance.

Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve Budgetary Claims presented from the Auditor's Office. Motion seconded by Commissioner Lawson; motion passed unanimously 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF MAIL

See (**Appendix #3**) for a list of mail opened by the Commissioners on this date.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Commissioner Lawson moved to adjourn the Boone County Commissioners' Meeting at 9:47 AM on Monday, November 1, 2021. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wolfe; motion passed unanimously 3-0.