

**COUNCIL MINUTES
BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA
OCTOBER 12, 2021**

Council Member: 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, October 12, 2021, at 8:30am.

Councilwoman President Elise Nieshalla called the meeting to order. Council members in attendance were Kevin VanHorn, Jennifer Hostetter, Don Lamb, Marcia Wilhoite, and John Riner.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Nieshalla asked for a motion to approve the council minutes from the September 14, 2021, meeting as written. Councilwoman Nieshalla had a couple changes that were made. Councilman Lamb motioned and Councilman Riner seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Koren Gray with the Town of Thorntown was asking for some ARP money. She was asking for \$2 million for their Wastewater Treatment Plan to keep rates low for residents. Thorntown has sewer ban for new construction. Thorntown has already received \$700,000 from a grant they applied for. Council discussed and thought \$1million then after discussion they decided to write a letter of intent to give Thorntown \$1.5million. Councilman Riner motioned and Councilman Lamb seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Prosecutor Eastwood discussed ARP money for the new Drug Court. Prosecutor stated it is under Circuit Court for the next year. Judge Schein, Kent Eastwood, Michael Nance, and Ashley McClure received \$60,000 from the Justice Partners grant, maximum has been received for Boone Co. by DOC. Prosecutor will fund this for 2 years, year 2 & 3 \$30-\$35K/year. Aspire and Inwell to be there for drug court as treatment providers. Comm Corr. to provide field officers and coordinator. Their request would approximately be \$85,000 from Council for new position.

Auditor, Debbie M. Morton-Crum discussed the County Fiscal Body Review (Levies, Rates and Property Tax Cap Impact. The Council reviewed the estimates and they did not see any issues. Councilwoman Wilhoite made a motion to approve the request as submitted. Councilman Lamb seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

Nick Parr with Highway discussed Future Federal Aid Projects. He also discussed bridges and future bond funds.

OLD BUSINESS

Megan Smith gave an update on the Compensation Committee.

Councilwoman Nieshalla gave an update on the Boone County Justice Commission, the list of people to work together in small groups will be coming out soon.

SALARY AMENDMENT

N/A

IN THE MATTER OF RE-APPROPRIATIONS

N/A

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL OF APPROPRIATIONS

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nathan Messer with the CVB discussed the ARP funds. Tourism/Inn Keepers tax \$450,000 yearly budget, the pandemic has effected them. Cut backs on marketing events, 2020 revenues less than 2019 and more for 2021, deficit of \$215,000.

The 2022 Budget Adoption to follow Council meeting immediately.

Councilman Lamb made a motion to adjourn. Councilman VanHorn seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

Minutes Prepared by Melissa Smith, Deputy Auditor.

Elise Nieshalla
Boone County Council President

Date

Debbie M. Morton-Crum
Boone County Auditor

Date