

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 7, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING

The Boone County Board of Commissioners met in a special meeting session at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 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:

Jeff Wolfe	Commissioner, President
Donnie Lawson	Commissioner, Vice President (telephonically)
Tom Santelli	Commissioner
Bob Clutter	County Attorney
Kaylee Jessie	Administrative Assistant
Kim Taylor	Township Trustee
Cindy Poore	

ABSENT: Gary Silva

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Wolfe opened the meeting at 8:51 AM with a quorum of two (2) Commissioners present in person and one (1) telephonically. Commissioner Wolfe led the Pledge to the Flag in unison.

IN THE MATTER OF APPEAL REQUEST – TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE ACTION

Gary Silva, a Zionsville Resident, filed an appeal request on a township assistance action. The Commissioners' office received the appeal request on May 31, 2022, within the fifteen (15) days from the date the Township Trustee denied the assistance. Kaylee Jessie, Commissioners Assistance, coordinated with the Commissioners, Kim Taylor (Township Trustee) and Gary Silva (Requestor) on Thursday, June 2, 2022, to schedule the special meeting for today, June 7, 2022. Kaylee spoke with Mr. Silva at 9:33am regarding the date and at 10:07am to confirm the time of the special meeting. The special meeting notice was advertised appropriately. Kaylee also sent a meeting invite via outlook with the notice attached to all parties, including Gary Silva to his personal email per his request. The Commissioners delayed the start of today's meeting waiting for the arrival of Mr. Gary Silva and for an unknown reason he did not attend. Kaylee attempted to call Gary Silva three times prior to the start of this meeting, and it went to voicemail each time.

Timeline:

Date of the application for assistance was filed on May 4, 2022.

Date of the notice of denial for assistance was sent on May 10, 2022.

Date of the appeal request was filed on May 31, 2022.

Date of public hearing on June 7, 2022.

Bob Clutter, County Attorney, asked Kim Taylor if she had worked with Mr. Gary Silva previously. Kim Taylor, Township Trustee of Zionsville, replied that she has worked with Mr. Gary Silva in the past on assistance for rent in December 2021. At that time, he did qualify for assistance and received two months' worth of rent. He requested rent assistance again in April 2022 after being two months behind on rent plus the current month rent that is due. The reason for the denial is due to the monthly household income exceeding the poverty level based on the public assistance guidelines. His son was living with him at the time the application was submitted for review.

Kim also advised Gary to apply for other assistance programs/organizations he may qualify for and provided guidance on how to apply.

Commissioner Santelli made a motion that there was not enough supporting information to overturn the Township Trustee's denial of assistance for rent. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wolfe; motion passed unanimously 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Commissioner Santelli moved to adjourn the Boone County Commissioners' Meeting at 9:06 AM on Tuesday, June 7, 2022. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wolfe; motion passed unanimously 2-0.