

**COUNCIL MINUTES
BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA
DECEMBER 12, 2023**

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, December 12, 2023, at 8:30am.

Councilman Hedge called the meeting to order. Council members in attendance were Kevin VanHorn, Aaron Williams, Jennifer Hostetter, Shari Richey, and John Riner.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES

Councilman Hedge asked for a motion to approve the November 14, 2023 Council minutes. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Richey seconded. The motion carried, 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Hedge presented former President of the County Council Nieshalla with a plaque for her services to Boone County. She recently resigned from the County Council and took office as the new Indiana State Comptroller.

The Council discussed a letter of commitment for Comcast for a \$10,000 local match. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the letter of support. Councilman. Councilman Riner seconded. The motion carried, 6-0.

SALARY AMENDMENT

The Council was presented a newly updated 2024 salary ordinance by Auditor Crum. Some revisions were made during the meeting. After revisions were made, Councilman Williams made a motion to approve with changes made. Councilwoman Hostetter seconded. The motion carried, 6-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

EXTENSION

Andrea Hatfield presented an additional for:

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Councilman Riner made a motion to approve the request. Councilwoman Hostetter seconded. The motion carried, 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman VanHorn presented the applicants for the open board appointment for 2024. The applicants used a new application for board appointments via the Boone County website this year. There were several applications for multiple open positions. The appointed board appointments for 2024 are as follows:

Alcohol Beverage Board-Michael Burtron

Councilman VanHorn made a motion. Councilwoman Richey seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

Boone County Area Plan Commission-Jay Schaumberg

Councilman Williams made a motion. Councilwoman Hostetter seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

PTBOA-Lisa Batts, Matthew Jackson, and Walter Burtner

Councilman VanHorn made a motion. Councilwoman Hostetter seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

Boone County Convention & Visitors Bureau-Kevin VanHorn

Councilman VanHorn made a motion. Councilwoman Hostetter seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

Boone County Redevelopment Commission-Ben Lawson & John Riner

Councilman VanHorn made a motion. Councilman Williams seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

Boone County Solid Waste District-Shari Richey

Councilman VanHorn made a motion. Councilwoman Hostetter seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

Boone County Health Board-John Casey

Councilman VanHorn made a motion. Councilman Riner seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

The appointment holder for the Hussey-Mayfield Library and the Boone County Economic Development Corp boards both had someone resign from their positions. Councilman VanHorn announced that they needed applicants for both of those boards.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Recorder Debbie Ottinger spoke on Senate Bill 65 which allows the Recorder to transfer funds from the County Elected Officials Training Fund into the Recorders Perpetuation Fund in 2023. The Council decided to leave a balance of \$40,000 in the County Elected Officials Training Fund and to transfer the rest into the Recorders Perpetuation Fund. The bill allows this because the Recorders Office is the office that collects money to fund the Election Officials Training Fund. The bill also states this transfer must be done before December 31, 2023.

Councilwoman Hostetter made a motion to approve the transfer. Councilwoman Richey seconded. The motion carried, 6-0.

Prosecutor Kent Eastwood wanted to let the Council know that next year the Case Task Force will be getting grant funds from the State Police. Those funds will help pay for training and equipment.

Councilman Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Hostetter seconded. The motion carried, 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

N/A

Minutes Prepared by Caryn Strode, Deputy Auditor.

Kenneth Hedge
Boone County Council President

Date

Debbie M. Morton-Crum
Boone County Auditor

Date