

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The Boone County Board of Commissioners will be holding a special meeting on Monday, December 30, 2024, at 3:30 PM in the Connie Lamar Room located in the Annex Building at 116 W. Washington Street, Room 105, Lebanon, Indiana 46052.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed contracts related to the IT Assessment for APRA Funds.

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MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 30, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING

The Boone County Board of Commissioners met in special session at 3:30 pm on Monday, December 30, 2024 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:

Donnie Lawson	Commissioner, President
Jeff Wolfe	Commissioner, Vice President
Tim Beyer	Commissioner (Virtually)
Bob Clutter	County Attorney
Kaylee Jessie	Executive Administrator

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Lawson opened the meeting at 3:30 PM with a quorum of all three (3) Commissioners present (Beyer virtually) and led the Pledge to the Flag in unison.

IN THE MATTER OF PROPOSED CONTRACTS RELATED TO THE IT ASSESSMENT FOR ARPA FUNDS

Bob Clutter, County Attorney, reported that a power surge in October led to Boone County losing some data stored on drives. The incident was reported to insurance, which recommended that an independent third party evaluate the current setup and configuration to ensure protective measures are in place to prevent recurrence or mitigate its impact. It was clarified that this was not a malware attack or software failure, but rather a hardware issue.

Two agreements are under consideration: one with Sondhi for \$50,000 and another with Impact for \$25,000, both for assessment services. Sean Horan from GUTS has reviewed both contracts at Boone County's request. Both agreements meet the insurance company's requirement for the review. Sean Horan noted that the Impact contract is significantly more cost-effective, at half the price of Sondhi's. GUTS has had positive experiences with Impact on previous projects, noting that they were completed on time, on budget, with excellent communication. In contrast, GUTS has not had the same positive experience with Sondhi. Based on this, Sean Horan recommended proceeding with the Impact contract. Additionally, GUTS presented a quote for \$25,000 in hardware improvements, specifically addressing outdated and insufficient battery backup systems. This would fall under the \$50,000 allocation from ARPA Funds.

Commissioner Beyer stated that at the last Commissioners Meeting the board had approved the Sondhi agreement, pending confirmation that it met the insurance company's requirements, which had now been provided. Commissioner Beyer expressed confusion about considering another vendor, as he had been managing the contract and had not been consulted on this matter. He emphasized that the meeting

seemed unnecessary, given that the confirmation had been received. Bob Clutter explained that it is common for public agencies to seek multiple quotes for projects of this magnitude. When questioned by Commissioner Beyer if we received additional bids on the fueling station, Bob clarified that the bidding process for the fueling station had followed state law and bidding requirements.

Commissioner Lawson pointed out that the motion to approve the Sondhi agreement at the previous meeting was contingent upon legal review, and that only he was authorized to sign the agreement. However, Commissioner Beyer signed the proposal as the deadline was approaching for ARPA requirements and the Auditor's Office needed the agreement for uploading. Commissioner Beyer reiterated that he had led this process and felt excluded from discussions regarding the new proposals. He argued that the decision had already been made and that Commissioner Lawson should proceed with signing the contract.

Commissioner Lawson questioned the rationale behind proceeding with the Sondhi agreement when the Impact contract was significantly cheaper. He noted that many elements in the Sondhi agreement appeared unnecessary, potentially inflating the cost. Commissioner Beyer countered that the agreement could be scaled back and emphasized that Sondhi had been highly recommended by other municipalities.

Local residents, Jodi Stewart and Victoria Wessler, provided their input, with Jodi supporting the Sondhi agreement and Victoria questioning how the Impact proposal came about after the previous meeting. Sean Horan clarified that he had not seen the Sondhi agreement prior to the board meeting when it was voted on, nor had he been aware of it until it appeared on the agenda. This left insufficient time to seek a secondary quote. Following the meeting, he solicited a proposal from Impact, a company with which they had a good working relationship, and presented the quote for review. Impact had conducted a similar evaluation two years ago.

Commissioner Lawson expressed that he could not support the Sondhi contract, given the financial disparity with the Impact proposal, which would allow for additional upgrades and improvements. Jodi Stewart reiterated that the board had not initially expressed concerns with the Sondhi agreement and advocated for moving forward with it.

Commissioner Beyer made a motion to proceed with the Sondhi agreement, but the motion failed due to a lack of a second. After further discussion, the board reached no consensus on selecting a vendor and decided to table the project. They agreed to revisit the IT Assessment Project in 2025, following the issuance of a Request for Proposals.

Commissioner Wolfe made a motion to reallocate the funds originally designated for the IT assessment toward road conversion materials, increasing the total project budget to \$403,170.37. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Beyer, and it passed unanimously 3-0.

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 Court – Estimated cost of \$80,000 (EC 1.13)

- 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 ~~\$2,250,000~~ \$2,096,600 (EC 1.12)
- iii. Economic Development Corporation/Community Corrections life skills and financial training – Estimated cost of \$125,000 (EC 2.10)
- iv. Sylvia’s Child Advocacy Center (CAC) – Estimated cost \$21,400
- v. Boone County Child Advocacy Center (CAC) and Witham Hospital for Center of Hope – Estimated Cost of \$10,000 (EC1.12)
- vi. ~~Community Corrections Opioid Grant Match – Estimated cost \$225,000 (Removed – Boone County did not receive the grant.)~~

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 2.35)
- ii. Grant to Witham Hospital for lost revenues – Estimated cost of \$350,000 (EC 2.36)

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~~ \$343,494.50 (EC 6.1)
- ii. Protective and remote equipment for Boone County Highway Department – Estimated cost of \$110,000 (EC 6.1)
- iii. Boone County Child Advocacy Center (CAC) for lost revenues - Estimated cost of \$21,400
- iv. HVAC Control Upgrades (Courthouse & Annex) – Estimated cost of \$125,000
- v. Tractor for Trail Maintenance - Estimated cost of \$125,000
- vi. Vehicle for the Boone County Surveyor’s Office – Estimated cost of ~~\$52,484.00~~ \$50,719.75
- vii. Vehicle for the Boone County Area Plan Office – Estimated cost of ~~\$48,118.00~~ \$45,673.75
- viii. PC/Laptop Replacement Project - Estimated cost of \$60,000.00
- ix. ~~IT Assessment – Estimated cost of \$50,000.00~~**

D. Proposed Actions to Invest in Water, Sewer, Broadband, and Infrastructure.

- i. Advance wastewater generators project – Estimated cost of ~~\$132,000~~ ~~\$87,000~~ \$88,861.29 (EC 5.2)
- ii. Advance READI Grant Match – Estimated cost of ~~\$50,000~~ \$25,000
- iii. Thorntown sanitary sewer project and lagoon enlargement – Estimated cost of \$2,000,000 (EC 5.2)
- iv. Jamestown water/sewer improvement project – Estimated cost of \$565,000.00
- v. Jamestown Fire Department – Estimated cost of \$30,000.00
- vi. Advance Fire Department – Estimated cost of \$30,000.00
- vii. Thorntown/Sugar Creek Fire Department – Estimated cost of \$30,000.00
- viii. Broadband service expansion – Estimated cost of ~~\$2,000,000~~ ~~\$260,000~~ \$270,000.00 (EC 5.21)

- ix. Jackson Run two-stage ditch improvements to County Road 650 East – Estimated cost of ~~\$400,000~~ \$297,486.74 (EC 5.6)
- x. Laughner/Trailside 36-inch outlet across Main Street – Estimated cost of ~~\$700,000~~ \$376,11.65 (EC 5.6)
- xi. Carroll regulated drain reconstruction – Estimated cost of ~~\$500,000~~ \$358,793.02 (EC 5.6)
- xii. Terhune drainage improvements – Estimated cost of ~~\$300,000~~ ~~\$900,000~~ \$770,000.00 (EC 5.6)
- xiii. Grassy Branch regulated drain and two bridge replacements necessary for reconstruction – Estimated cost of ~~\$3,000,000~~ \$1,371,262.14 (EC 5.6)
- ~~xiv. Pearson regulated drain reconstruction and replacement or repair of bridges and culverts necessary for reconstruction – Estimated cost of \$200,000 (EC 5.6)~~
- xv. Regulated Legal Drain Improvement Projects - Estimated cost of ~~\$508,000~~ \$411,644.90
- xvi. Bridge Replacement Projects - Estimated cost of ~~\$650,000~~ \$668,400.00
- xvii. Bridge Rehabilitation Projects – Estimated cost of ~~\$490,000~~ \$376,000.00
- xviii. Small Structure Replacement Projects – Estimated cost of \$890,000 \$1,185,600.00
- xix. Contour Data / LiDAR Readings for the Entire County - Estimated cost of ~~\$67,960.81~~ \$72,485.89
- xx. Zionsville / Inglenook County Match for Improvements – Estimated cost of \$25,000.00
- xxi. **Road conversion materials - Estimated cost of ~~\$353,170.37~~ \$403,170.37**

E. Revenue Replacement and Administrative Expenses

- i. Costs of administering the program (EC 7.1)
- Provision of government services, replacing lost revenue – All remaining funds (EC 6.1)

IN THE MATTER OF MONDAY.COM LICENSES RENEWAL

Bob Clutter, County Attorney, presented a proposal for the renewal of ten (10) Monday.com licenses at a cost of \$6,240. These licenses are used for the Boone County Justice Center expansion project.

Commissioner Wolfe made a motion to approve the renewal of ten (10) Monday.com licenses. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Beyer, and it passed unanimously 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Commissioner Wolfe moved to adjourn the Boone County Commissioners' Meeting at 4:23 PM on Monday, December 30, 2024. Motion seconded by Commissioner Beyer; motion passed unanimously 3-0.