

COUNCIL MINUTES
BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA
April 14th, 2026

Council Members: 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, April 14th, 2026, at 8:30am.

Councilwoman Hostetter called the meeting to order. Council members who were also in attendance were Shari Richey, Kevin Van Horn, Dan Lamar (Via Zoom), Dustin Plunkett, John Riner, and Aaron Williams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Hostetter asked for a motion to approve the March 10th, 2026 meeting minutes. Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.

LEGAL UPDATE

Attorney Lee gave an update on the progress on the expenses for the Justice Center. He will put together a report of his findings soon for the Council to review.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Council discussed the Public Safety LIT rates from the Baker Tilly report for distributions to fire and EMS providers. They presented the Council with three different scenarios for next year. These scenarios include how much the Fire Department distributions would be and the impact on other municipalities. Any Fire Department must file a written request by July 1st.
- Brian Colton and Emma Adlam from Baker Tilly presented the TIF Management Report to the Council.
- Max Mendenhall, Facilities Department, requested a new position which would be an Operations Supervisor with a salary of \$65,000 a year. This position would be non-exempt and be on-call as well. Councilman Williams stated they have tried to set a precedent in the county to not create new positions in the middle of the year and to request those new positions at budget time. The Council discussed the situation with Max and decided to table this item until next month's meeting. Councilman Lamar made a motion to table until the next council meeting. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.
- Auditor Crum presented the Budget Form 144 to the Council for salaries to be used at budget time. The completed form will go to the Commissioners for comment, then to the Council at budget time. Auditor Crum will submit the forms to the Commissioners for comment in their first July meeting. Councilwoman Hostetter would like to amend the form and add two columns to the form for updated job descriptions and matrix for wages that the Commissioner's office will check off. Since the form is prescribed by the DLGF,

and approved by the State Board of Accounts, they have decided to add the additional information for the Commissioners to check off onto a separate form that will be attached to the Form 144. The requested amounts to be on the Form 144 will be any increase on the 2025 rates from the salary ordinance. The Council will need to come up with a percentage increase by the end of June, so that the correct amounts can be submitted on the form. They will continue to discuss what percentage they want to use.

- Beth Copeland, County Attorney, presented Ordinance 2026-02. It is an ordinance establishing a non-reverting fund for facility maintenance. This is the first reading and will have a second reading and up for approval at the next council meeting.
- Councilwoman Hostetter announced the merger of Witham and Parkview. She wants to create a committee that will include three council members as it is a county backed hospital. Councilman VanHorn made a motion to appoint Councilman Lamar, Councilman Williams, and himself. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. They had discussion on the matter and Councilman VanHorn withdrew his motion. Councilman VanHorn made a new motion to appoint Councilman Lamar, Councilwoman Hostetter, and himself. Councilman Lamar seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion dies 3-4. Councilwoman Richey made a motion to appoint Councilwoman Hostetter, Councilman Lamar, and Councilman Williams to head up the committee. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 6-1.
- Auditor Crum discussed the Rainy Day fund with the council members and suggested that they move \$2 million from county general to the Rainy Day fund. Councilwoman Hostetter noted that there will need to be a resolution to move the funds. Attorney Lee will draw up the resolution. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve to move the funds once the resolution is approved. Councilman Riner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.
- Councilwoman Hostetter presented the Baker Tilly agreement with the other board members. There are no changes on the scope of work. The agreement has been separated out for work done for just council as it was previously for both the Auditor and the Council. Councilman Lamar made a motion to table until the next meeting to further discuss what they want the contract to include. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.

RE-APPROPRIATIONS

None.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Kim Harris presented an additional appropriation request for the Local Road and Bridge Grant Fund (9194.0000.9697) for \$208,987 in the INDOT Matching Grant MA034 line. Councilwoman Hostetter opened a public hearing for public comment. Upon hearing none, she closed the public hearing. Councilman Plunkett made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion passed 7-0.

Kim Harris presented an additional appropriation request for the Local Road and Bridge Grant Fund (9194.0000.9698) for \$338,417.62 in the INDOT Matching Grant Bridge 158 line. Councilwoman Hostetter opened a public hearing for public comment. Upon hearing none, she

closed the public hearing. Councilman Plunkett made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Auditor Crum gave an update on the Opioid funds available to the county. These are different than the State funds previously talked about. These are funds from drug manufacturers. It will depend on how many entities apply for the funds to decide on how much Boone County will receive. She is working on the process to apply for those funds.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Daggy and Samir, a hotel owner, gave public comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

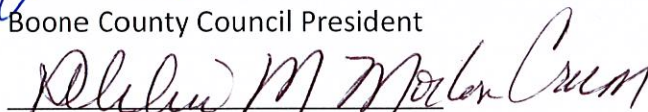
ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done. The motion carried, 7-0.

Minutes prepared by:

Caryn Strode, Deputy Auditor.


Jennifer Hostetter
Boone County Council President


Debbie M. Morton-Crum
Boone County Auditor

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