

**COUNCIL MINUTES
BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA
May 12th, 2026**

Council Members: You are hereby notified that the Boone County Council will hold a regular meeting at the Boone County Office Building, 116 W. Washington St., in the Connie Lamar Meeting Room, Room 105, Lebanon, on Tuesday, May 12th, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Councilwoman Hostetter requested a motion to approve the April 14th, 2026, meeting minutes. She also requested an amendment under New Business to change the word 'approval' to 'comment' in the second and third sentences of the fourth bullet point. Councilman Lamar made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.
- Councilwoman Hostetter requested a motion to approve the April 28th, 2026, special meeting minutes. Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

LEGAL UPDATE

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Auditor Crum presented Resolution 2026-01, a resolution to transfer funds from the County General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. The resolution authorizes a transfer of \$2,000,000 effective May 12th, 2026. Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve. Councilman Van Horn seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.
- Bob Clutter presented Ordinance 2026-03, an ordinance authorizing Boone County to issue its taxable economic development revenue notes, Series 2026 (Browning/Duke, LLC), and approving related actions. The amount shall not exceed \$1,000,000. He stated there is no county backing for the loan, and Boone County will not be responsible for repayment. Because this was the first reading, Mr. Clutter requested that the council suspend the rules and adopt the ordinance that day. Councilman Riner made a motion to suspend the rules. Councilman Lamar seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0. Councilman Lamar then made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.
- Allyson Gutwein of Discover Boone County requested approval to use \$250,000 from the Convention, Visitors, and Tourism Fund (7027) to develop a new customs office at the Indianapolis Executive Airport. She stated that this initial funding will support the

office through its first two years, after which it is expected to become self-funded. She also noted that she will request a monthly draw structure rather than the annual draw structure used in the past. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

- Nick Braner of the Highway Department presented an interlocal agreement between Boone County and the City of Lebanon for road projects. Under the agreement, the City of Lebanon will reimburse Boone County for project costs incurred within city limits. He also noted that minor corrections are needed to Exhibit A. Councilman Lamar made a motion to approve the agreement with the corrections to Exhibit A. Councilman Van Horn seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.
- The council acknowledged the Sheriff's first-quarter Commissary Report.
- Councilwoman Hostetter raised the issue of Form 144 salary figures for budget planning and asked what percentage increase the council wished to advertise. The council discussed 3% and 5%. Auditor Crum noted that she preferred advertising 5% because the council may later choose a lower percentage, but cannot advertise a lower percentage and later adopt a higher one. The council decided to use 5% on Form 1 and Form 144.

RE-APPROPRIATIONS

- Nicole Schell of Area Plan presented a re-appropriation request to transfer \$60,000 from the Planner line (1000.0101.3113) to the Executive Director line (1000.0101.3111). She explained that, during last year's budget process, the salary was split between the two lines because no Executive Director had yet been hired and half of the salary was budgeted in the Planner line. Councilman Plunkett made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.
- Max Mendenhall of Facilities presented a re-appropriation request to transfer \$10,000 from the OT line (1000.0380.3815) to the Maintenance Staff line (1000.0380.3812) to fund the new Operations Supervisor position for the remainder of the year. Councilman Lamar made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 6-1. Councilman Williams voted nay.
- Max Mendenhall of Facilities presented a re-appropriation request to transfer \$10,000 from the Weights & Measures line (1000.0380.3817) to the Maintenance Staff line (1000.0380.3812) to further fund the new Operations Supervisor position for the remainder of the year. Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve. Councilman Lamar seconded the motion. The motion carried, 6-1. Councilman Williams voted nay.
- Nick Parr, on behalf of the Commissioners, presented a re-appropriation request to transfer \$9,000 from the Office Supplies line (1000.0068.0060) to the Indirect Contract Consulting line (1000.0068.6834) to fund an independent internal controls audit by CLA Connect. Councilman Lamar made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

- Nick Parr, on behalf of the Commissioners, presented a re-appropriation request to transfer \$15,000 from the Train/Emp Engagement line (1000.0068.0009) to the Indirect Contract Consulting line (1000.0068.6834) to fund an independent internal controls audit by CLA Connect. Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve. Councilman Van Horn seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.
- Nick Parr, on behalf of the Commissioners, presented a re-appropriation request to transfer \$24,000 from the Engineering Svc line (1000.0068.9024) to the Indirect Contract Consulting line (1000.0068.6834) to fund an independent internal controls audit by CLA Connect. Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve. Councilman Lamar seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.
- The council chose to table the re-appropriation request to transfer \$11,000 from the Food & Beverage-Ambulance Svc line (1157.0061.3157) to the Food & Beverage-Contracts line (1157.0061.0005). Councilman Lamar made the motion to table. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

- The council discussed the previously tabled request for a new Operations Supervisor position in the Facilities Department. Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve the new position. Councilman Lamar seconded the motion. The motion carried, 6-1. Councilman Williams voted nay.
- Councilwoman Hostetter presented the second reading of Ordinance 2026-02, an ordinance establishing a non-reverting fund for Facility Maintenance. Councilwoman Hostetter opened the public hearing for comment. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing. Councilman Lamar made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.
- Councilwoman presented the Baker Tilly Service Agreement that was discussed at the last meeting. This is for an agreement for the remainder of 2026. It was discussed what items should be billed separately for the Council, Auditor, and Commissioners. Councilwoman Hostetter stated that she would like to always receive monthly statements going forward for services rendered. Attorney Beth Copeland has already sent a scope of service agreement to Baker Tilly for the Auditor's office. She will draft a service agreement for the Council and send it to Baker Tilly to be approved in next month's meeting. The Council and the Auditor will work together on an RFP for next year.
- Attorney Lee noted that he has two more calls to make on his Justice Center update and report. He should have the report ready for next month's meeting.
- Councilwoman Hostetter stated the Opioid Committee is trying to get a date set with the other members to review next steps for the grant cycle process with the money

received. Auditor Crum hasn't confirmed the amount that Boone County is expected to receive yet.

- Councilwoman Hostetter wanted to announce the future dates for budget workshops. They are as follows:
 - July 14 discuss salaries during the council meeting
 - August 11 all day after council meeting
 - August 18 all day
 - August 19 all day and will need numbers to advertise
 - September 9 all day after council meeting
 - September 10 if needed
 - October 6 adoption day after council meeting

SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

The council approved the new Operations Supervisor position in Facilities at an annual salary of \$65,991. Councilwoman Hostetter opened the public hearing for comment. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing. Councilman Lamar made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried, 6-1. Councilman Williams voted nay.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Caldwell, Debbie Ottinger, Brian Daggy, and Scott Pell provided public comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Van Horn thanked all officers and emergency responders.

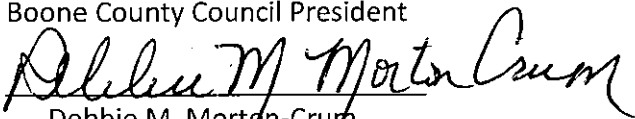
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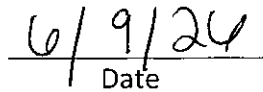
Councilwoman Richey made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

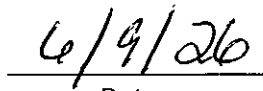
Minutes prepared by:

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Jennifer Hostetter
Boone County Council President


Debbie M. Morton-Crum
Boone County Auditor


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