

COUNCIL MINUTES
BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA
June 9th, 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, June 9th, 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 May 12th, 2026, meeting minutes. Councilwoman Richey made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

LEGAL UPDATE

- Hayley Sears, Taft Law, noted that she sent the report on the update of the Justice Center. She said she wanted the Council to look over the report, and they would discuss it in the July meeting.
- Hayley also noted that she and Chou-il Lee have been working on the RFP (Request for Proposal) for legal services and financial services, per the new county procedures, for contracts that have been in place for over five years. Councilman Williams made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss this as it wasn't on the agenda. Councilman Lamar seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the release of RFP's for legal counsel and financial advisors for the 2027 calendar year. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- Councilwoman Richey discussed the scope appendix to an engagement letter for the Baker Tilly MUST (Municipal Unit Strategic Taskforce) & LIT (Local Income Tax) Services Agreement/Engagement Letter. This service agreement is to support the Council and its overlapping taxing units in evaluating, negotiating, and implementing LIT structures in response to SEA 1 (2025) and HEA 1210 (2026). This includes facilitation of the MUST, financial modeling, and preparation of required submissions to the DLGF (Department of Local Government Finance). She stated that there are deadlines and is time sensitive. Baker Tilly would walk the Council through the process, so it is done properly and to make sure everything is done procedurally and in the right order. This scope appendix is an addition to the current Baker Tilly Services Agreement that needs to be voted on later in the meeting. Councilwoman Richey made a motion to move forward with the approval of this scope appendix (dated 1/31/2026) pending approval of the regular

Baker Tilly Services Agreement/Engagement Letter. Councilman Plunkett seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

RE-APPROPRIATIONS

None.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

- Councilwoman Hostetter asked the Council if there were any questions regarding the 2026 Baker Tilly Services Agreement/Engagement Letter presented at last month's meeting which Attorney Beth Copeland will release to Baker Tilly. Upon hearing none, Councilman Lamar made a motion to approve. Councilman VanHorn seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.
- The Justice Center update was talked about during the legal update portion of the meeting.
- Brittany Hicks, Matron, answered the questions from last month's meeting that Councilwoman Richey had regarding the Sheriff's 1st quarter Commissary Report. She stated that the returned check was due to ICS (inmate telephone system) had a bad batch of checks sent out and the new check was sent and deposited on 4/10/2026. She also stated that the other expenses paid were all on the approved ordinance.

SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

The Council received an email from Kim Harris from the Highway Department for a salary ordinance amendment to change the title of a position. The change is for a Highway Permits Administrative Assistant from the current Highway Administrative title. Hayley Sears, Taft Law, advised this needed a second reading. The Council did not vote on this amendment at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Caldwell provided public comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Plunkett acknowledged the Western Boone girls' softball team for playing in the State Championship next weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes prepared by:

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