

Board of Directors
Boone County Historical Society
October 21, 2025

Board Members present: Gina DelRose (President), Heidi Thacker (Secretary), Sonya Dobberfuhl (Treasurer), Don Banks, Toni Ellingson, Gail Jacky, Cindy Poulter (via telephone)

Board members absent: Jenny Breckenridge, Micki Ernest, Sue Holmes, Cheryl Lindberg, Jason Sanford, Jeff Walton

Staff present: Chris Gardner

The meeting was called to order by President Gina DelRose at 5:34 PM. Roll Call, the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation by Gina DelRose, and recitation of the Society Mission Statement followed.

At Gina's request, the agenda was amended to consider several new business items immediately following the Treasurer's report. Motion was made by Toni Ellingson and seconded by Sonya Dobberfuhl. Motion carried.

At Gina's request, Toni Ellingson moved, and Sonya Dobberfuhl seconded, a motion to add the following agenda items under new business.:

- Moving \$25,000 to the Society checking account
- Moving the sweep account money to another account
- New board nominations
- Proposed 2026 budget

Motion carried.

Secretary's Report

- No additions or corrections were requested for the minutes of the September 2025 meeting. Motion was made by Sonya Dobberfuhl and seconded by Gail Jacky to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

- Sonya distributed a simplified Statement of Financial Position, September 30, 2025, year-to-date. An additional column indicating budgeted amounts were added to the report.
- The year-to-date balance in the Society's checking account is \$8,218.55, while that in the Funderburg House checking account is \$34,997.10.
- The BCHS Endowment account and Funderburg Maintenance Fund stand at \$397,626.63 and \$296,166.41, respectively.
- A motion was made by Gail Jacky and seconded by Don Banks to file the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

New Business

- A motion was made by Sonya Dobberfuhl to transfer \$25,000 from our investments to the Society checking account to cover bills. Don Banks seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- Don Banks explained that the Society does not have the balances to justify having a sweep account. Our existing sweep account is assessed a \$53.00 monthly fee. A motion was made by Toni Ellingson to move the money currently in the Society sweep account into our regular checking account. Sonya Dobberfuhl seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The 2026 Budget proposals for both the Society and the Funderburg House were presented by Sonya. The Funderburg House budget projection includes a gross profit of \$23,950.00 and a total expense of \$44,200.00, resulting in a net income of -\$20,250.00. The proposed 2026 budget for the Society shows a gross profit of \$46,671.00, expenses of \$90,150.00, and a net loss of \$43,479.00. It was acknowledged that operating at a deficit is not sustainable. Gina recommended considering a mid-year budget amendment to adjust line items and allow greater flexibility for the remainder of the year. A vote will be taken at the next meeting on the proposed budgets.
- Don opened the discussion on 2026 board nominations. Those whose terms end December 31, 2025, have agreed to continue serving. Micki Ernest, however, will complete the third year of her third term and is ineligible for reappointment. Don will also be stepping down because of work commitments. As chair of the nominations committee, Don requested names of potential candidates for the two open seats prior to the November meeting, when voting will take place.

District Report – No District board member present. Report was presented by Chris.

- The air conditioning work in the cabin area has been completed.
- The architects Ollmann and Ernest spent time at the museum to determine the layout of the new HVAC system. Bids for the system will be solicited in the near future.

Museum Staff Report

- The new exhibit “Handmade and Horse-Drawn” is finished. A membership-exclusive tour will be offered on October 23, from 4 to 6PM.

Committee Reports

- Membership Committee:
 - The committee has not met but will be doing so soon in order to discuss the December 7 General Membership luncheon or breakfast.
- Off-site Liaison Committee:
 - No news.
- Oral History Committee:
 - No updates.
- Fundraising Committee:
 - A Christmas party will be held at the Funderburg House on December 13 from 7 to 9 PM.
 - A family-friendly Santa Sing-Along, featuring Dan Holmes, will take place at the museum on December 14, 4 to 6 PM.
 - Twilight Tours at the Funderburg house are scheduled for December 2, 9, and 16.
 - A blue spruce Christmas tree is being donated for the Funderburg House lawn and will be delivered by the City.
- Volunteer Committee:

- The allowed expenses for the annual volunteer luncheon have been increased in the proposed budget.

Old Business

- District Cooperative Agreement, Collections Policy
 - The Museum District board has not discussed the Agreement yet, but will do so at the November meeting.

New Business (continued)

- Annual sponsors for the Christmas party and trees at the Funderburg House will be receiving letters, asking them to consider donating again. Chris is seeking suggestions from board members for further possible sponsors.
- Chris will be sending out annual appeal letters soon.
- The quest for a new accountant is continuing.
 - Natali contacted Morrissey, who wants to charge an hourly fee. Sonya expressed concern about using this company.
 - Michelle Thomason at Calculated Financial has also been contacted. Using her services will require the board to switch to Quicken online, but she has agreed to set the system up free-of-charge. We would have the opportunity to choose which aspects of our finances she will handle; tax preparation is not included in her services.
 - Natali also reached out to the Lucas Group, but they have not responded.
- The Board revisited prior discussions about an audit, though costs continue to be a limiting factor. Don indicated that, in his view, an audit is not required.
- Annual bonuses will be discussed at the November meeting.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 6:19 PM.
- The next meeting will be November 18, 2025, at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Thacker

October 23, 2025

