

Board of Directors
Boone County Historical Society
February 17th, 2026

Board Members present: Gina DelRose (President), Sonya Dobberfuhl (Treasurer), Jenny Breckenridge, Gail Jacky, Cindy Poulter, Carol Rowe

Board members absent: Jeff Walton (Vice President), Heidi Thacker (Secretary), Toni Ellingson, Cheryl Lindberg, Sue Holmes, Zach Yakey

Staff present: Natali Monaghan

The meeting was called to order by President Gina DelRose at 5:33 PM. Roll Call, the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation by Gina DelRose, and recitation of the Society Mission Statement followed.

Secretary's Report

- No quorum present to vote on previous minutes.

Treasurer's Report

- The new accountant, Michelle, now has access to all needed information to take over our accounting needs. She is still in the process of assembling the information and we will have a financial report next month. Bri was unable to access Quickbooks in the process and she will provide our yearly report for next month's meeting.
- A meeting has been scheduled to create a letter for Rob Funderburg as to the current financial status of the Funderburg house.
- We have a 3 year agreement with Frontier for a direct fiber line to the Funderburg House for a cost of \$109 a month, thus giving us an annual savings of \$3,684 from the cost of Comcast.

District Report

- Ohlman, Ernest and Martin has the needed information to create the report to send out for a bid. Once we receive the report with the bid details, the bid will have to be published for one month before it can be voted on and begin work.
- Lights will be added to the parking lot by retrofitting the current light poles with lights that will face the parking lot.
- The marquee lights have been repaired. They will no longer flicker.

Museum Staff Report

- Gail Jacky has written out a complete tour of the museum. It will need to be reviewed, translated into Spanish and then narrated.

- We would like to have the opening of the Hispanic exhibit by September to celebrate Mexican Independence Day. It would be nice to have local families share their stories of coming to Belvidere.
- There was a discussion of the first Hispanic family that lived in Belvidere, the Martinez family. Gina suggested that Natali should reach out to Mindy Long, executive director of the library. She has a lot of information about the family. It was also suggested to reach out to Ruth Mendez who owns Magico Mexico for traditional Mexican dancers to possibly perform at the opening of the Hispanic exhibit.
- It was mentioned to have a world map where visitors can pin where they are from.

Committee Reports

- Fundraising Committee:
 - Nothing new. The Valentine's day event was cancelled.
- Volunteer Committee:
 - There is a new volunteer that will be joining us in 2 weeks, Jacqueline Fredrick. She is a friend of Sue Holmes
 - Once a scanner is ordered, the volunteers who offered to greet visitors will begin. We have everyday except Saturday scheduled. An outline for the duties of greeters has been completed.
- Membership Committee:
 - Heidi Thacker absent
- The Off-site Liaison Committee:
 - Materials for the favors for the Bridal Fair have been purchased.
 - Three teachers came to the Boone County Educators Box event today.
- Oral History Committee:
 - Not met.
- Nomination Committee: Jason Sanford has resigned. We need to find a replacement.

Old Business:

An explanation for the Funderburg Grants was given by Gina Delrose. We were given a total of 1.9 million. A million was given when we got the house. Most of the board members were unaware of an additional \$600,000 given when there were concerns over the cost of adding ADA requirements to the house. When the gutters needed repairing, we were given \$300,000. We currently have \$300,000 left in the account.

New Business

Natali is getting bids to hire additional labor for moving furniture for larger rentals at the Funderburg house. She is also getting a bid from Rose pest control for the Box Elder bugs and bats.

Gina handed out job descriptions from other museums looking for event planners. One of them included a 10% commission on all monies earned. She would like the Society to look over these and highlight the job descriptions we would like to add to our listing. They are available at the museum in Sonya's tray in the back of the museum office.

Executive Session

- None

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be held March 17, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya Dobberfuhl, acting secretary

Reviewed by Heidi Thacker, secretary

February 18, 2026

