

**Board of Directors
Boone County Historical Society
April 21, 2026**

Board Members present: Gina DelRose (President), Jeff Walton (Vice President), Heidi Thacker (Secretary), Sonya Dobberfuhr (Treasurer), Sue Holmes, Gail Jacky, Cindy Poulter, Carol Rowe, Zach Yahey

Board members absent: Jenny Breckenridge, Toni Ellingson, Cheryl Lindberg

Staff present: Natali Monaghan

The meeting was called to order by President Gina DelRose at 5:35 PM. Roll Call, the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation by Gina DelRose, and recitation of the Society Mission Statement followed.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Sonya Dobberfuhr and seconded by Sue Holmes to accept the minutes from the March 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

- Much progress has been made in working with the new accountant; however, work still needs to be done on sorting through the line items and assuring that expenses and income are applied correctly (Society vs. Funderburg House). Sonya will be looking through each item, making corrections as she goes. Three to four months of corrected information will be provided to the Board at the next meeting.
- As of March 31, income for the Society and Funderburg House combined is \$9,914.29. Combined expenses amount to \$29,285.42 (approximately \$12,000 of those expenses allocated toward Bri's salary.) The net for both accounts is -\$19,371.13.
- The accountant has provided her ledger to the Society to help with record keeping.
- Year-to-date fees for the accountant are approximately \$900.
- A motion was made by Carol Rowe and seconded by Sue Holmes to file the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

District Report

- HVAC work has begun with substantial work done in the boiler room. Jason has indicated that once the new rooftop equipment is ordered, it will take approximately ten weeks to receive it. When it does arrive, installation will quickly proceed.
- New, brighter lightbulbs have been installed in the parking lot.

Museum Staff Report

- Bri is putting the finishing touches on the Indigenous Peoples exhibit in preparation for the May 15 dedication. Because the American Indian Center in Chicago is unable to send a guest speaker for the event, Bri will be giving a presentation.
- Gutter cleaning at the Funderburg House will cost about \$1114. Natali had sought three estimates but only received two. The work will be done by Let It Shine, a division of Duraclean.
- Natali will seek a bundled estimate from Duraclean for cleaning the windows, as well.
- Engine Studio will service and upgrade the non-working sound system in the trench in the military room. Ambient sounds will also be added. This service will cost around \$1500.
- The revolving Mildred Banks photos in the Nature Room will be replaced with a new, standalone system that is not connected to the internet. This work will also be done by Engine Studios and will cost approximately \$900.
- The button that activates the animal sounds in the Nature Room will be ready next week.

Committee Reports

- Membership Committee
 - No news. A meeting will be scheduled soon to discuss the General Membership Luncheon.
- Off-Site Liaison Committee
 - Although the inclement weather influenced turnout, the Stateline Splendor bridal event at the Hard Rock allowed the Funderburg House and Museum to be showcased. Our venues drew a great deal of interest. Vendor cost of the event was \$400.
 - The Día del Niño event will be held at the Community Building this Sunday. Natali, Gail, and Gail's granddaughter, Garren, will be representing the Museum.
 - The Build-a-Bike event will be May 15. Approximately 117 children will be receiving bikes.
- Oral History Committee
 - No news.
- Fundraising Committee
 - Sonya is building sets for Clue and Fondue, which will be held July 25. Flyers will be available for distribution this week.
 - The 2026 Boone County Art Fair is taking shape for June 28. Although nothing has been posted about it yet, we already have 7 artists who have signed up.
- Volunteer Committee
 - Two new volunteers have joined us: Nan Barnes, who is currently sorting paperwork, and Carole, who is working at the front desk on Fridays.
 - We now have 27 active volunteers.
- Nominating Committee
 - Denise Hauser, a volunteer who works in the library, is interested in joining the board to fill Jason Sanford's remaining seat. Carol Rowe made a motion to approve her nomination, while Sonya Dobberfuhr seconded it. Motion carried.

Old Business

The Cooperative Agreement will be signed later this week.

New Business

- Natali is investigating the production of an ad to promote the Museum and the Funderburg House. Several packages are offered by WIFR – one for \$500 per month, plus \$150 to film, which would offer 460 spots per month and would be shown on WIFR, The CW, and Antenna TV. The other

package costs \$200 per month, plus a \$150 filming fee, which covers 40 spots per month on WIFR only. The Society would retain full rights to the commercial for use on its website, social media platforms, and at events such as bridal expos.

- As the school year draws to a close, the number of school field trips to the museum is increasing.

Adjournment

- Motion was made by Sonya Dobberfuhr and seconded by Carol Rowe to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be held May 19, 2026, at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Thacker

April 23, 2026

