Board of Directors
Boone County Historical Society
September 15, 2026

Board Members present: Gina DelRose (President), Jeff Walton (Vice President) Sonya Dobberfuhl (Treasurer), Jenny Breckenridge, Bri Carlson, Toni Ellingson, Denise Hauser, Sue Holmes, Carol Rowe

Board members absent: Cheryl Lindberg, Cindy Poulter

Staff present: Natali Monaghan Ramboldt

Potential board nominee present: Elinor Ellingson

Guest present: Melissa Erickson - Executive Director Boone County Community Foundation

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.

Guest Presentation
Melissa Erickson - Executive Director Boone County Community Foundation spoke to the Board regarding our two endowment funds which are hosted and managed by the BCCF. She explained how an endowment works and how we receive distributions. She also explained how the Foundation can assist us by promoting the Museum. They do not fundraise on our behalf, but they will provide us with assistance in adhering with IRS and state laws and requirements in our own promotional brochures. Melissa also explained that the Foundation accepts gifts in addition to cash donations. Such gifts include real estate, stocks, and other non-cash assets. Melissa gave us some suggestions to promote donations to the endowments such as making sure that all of our marketing materials have information regarding the endowments and the Foundation, encouraging our general membership to consider donations, highlighting the tax incentive for folks considering year-end donations, and others. She also agreed to make a short presentation at our Annual Membership luncheon on December 6.

Secretary's Report

- A motion was made by Toni Ellingson and seconded by Denise Hauser to approve the minutes of the August 2026 meeting with the amendment that Denny Spradling's last name be added to the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

- As of September 11, 2026, the income for the Society was $50,580.65, while expenses were $57,446.59. The net for the Society was -$6,865.94.

- Sonya reported that we are in desperate need of additional funds for the Funderburg House.

- Income and expenses for the Funderburg House were $26,382.13 and $39,878.65 respectively. The net was -$13, 496.51.

- According to the Statement of Financial Position, the Society's checking account balance is $31,687.01 while the Funderburg checking account balance is $15,201.99 The Funderburg checking account reflects the transfer that was made. The current balance of the BCHS Endowment is $399,753.30. The Funderburg House Maintenance Fund has a balance of 296,867.75, with further repair expenses anticipated. It costs roughly $1000 per week to maintain the Funderburg House. We cannot imagine any fundraisers that can earn that sum of money. We discussed reaching out to some local benefactors for ongoing support. Ultimately we agreed that we will have to make a sizable withdrawal from the Endowment fund to have enough money to finish out the year and get us safely into 2027.

- A motion was made by Carol Rowe and seconded by Jenny Breckenridge to file the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

- A motion was made by Toni Ellingson and seconded by Denise Hauser to withdraw an additional $25,000 from the Funderburg Endowment with the Boone County Community Foundation in order to continue to maintain the House and make needed repairs to the stairs and the HVAC unit.

District Report

- The ductwork has been installed and the electrical work is completed. Natali reported that the next step will be to install the actual unit on the roof. She doesn't have any specific information as to when that will take place.

Museum Staff Report

- The Quilt Show is ongoing and has generated lots of traffic. Over $670 has been raised in raffle ticket sales. Carol Rowe made a cash donation to help offset any expenses of the Quilt Show.

- Chris is changing out the Woman's Work exhibit in the Turner Gallery. The next display will focus on The Greatest Generation, including events and people in the 1920s, 1930s, and 1940s. It is anticipated that the exhibit will be completed by early next year.

Committee Reports

- *Membership Committee*
  - December 6 at 12:00PM was chosen as the date of our next General Membership Meeting. Melissa Erickson will give a short program about the Boone County Community Foundation and the many ways people can support the museum through donations and gifts.

- *Off-Site Liaison Committee*
  - Natali will attend the Mexican Independence Day event at Washington Academy to promote the Museum.

- *Oral History Committee*
  - No report.

- *Fundraising Committee*
  - Discussion of ways to raise additional funds, particularly for the Funderburg House. We are nearing a critical point with the costs of maintaining the house and the amount of money we have to do so. There are many ideas, most of which cannot possibly ensure the amount of money we actually need to run the house. We need $1000 per week. The best way to manage would be to enlist some benefactors. We will pursue that idea, first with Rob Funderburg.

- *Volunteer Committee*
  - Sonya announced the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon will be held on Saturday, Oct 10 at the Swift House. She needs reservations by the end of September.

- *Nomination Committee*
  - Elinor Ellingson has agreed to fill the remainder of Gail's term as a Society Board Member. Her nomination will be approved next month.

Old Business
None

New Business
Natali would like to revive the Funderburg House Committee, including many of the people who were originally involved when the house was donated.

Adjournment
Motion was made by Carol Rowe and seconded by Sonya Dobberfuhl to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Next Meeting
The next meeting will be held October 13, 2026, at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan W. Holmes - filling in for Heidi Thacker
September 2026