Board of Directors
Boone County Historical Society
October 20, 2026

Board Members present: Gina DelRose (President), Jeff Walton (Vice President), Heidi Thacker (Secretary), Sonya Dobberfuhl (Treasurer), Jenny Breckenridge, Bri Carlson, Toni Ellingson, Denise Hauser, Cindy Poulter, Carol Rowe

Board nominee present: Elinor Ellingson

Board members absent: Sue Holmes, Cheryl Lindberg

Staff present: Natali Ramboldt

The meeting was called to order by President Gina DelRose at 5:36 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 Carol Rowe and seconded by Sonya Dobberfuhl to accept the minutes from the September 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

- Sonya presented the year-to-date balance sheet to the board. Checking account balances for the BCHS and the Funderburg House are $30,353.43 and $14,232.88, respectively.
- The restricted BCHS Endowment assets are currently $399,735.30; Funderburg House Endowment assets are $296,867.72.
- The year-to-date Profit and Loss by Class report was distributed to all board members. The Society reported income of $50,378.77 and expenses of $58,247.80. Funderburg House reported income of $25,051.08 and expenses of $42,685.55. Net ordinary income for the BCHS is -$7,869.03; Funderburg House is -$17,634.47.
- A motion was made by Jenny Breckenridge and seconded by Toni Ellingson to file the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
- Following review by the Finance Committee, the proposed budget was presented to the board for consideration. The accompanying account listing includes line items and has been simplified for clarity. The museum budget is balanced. The Funderburg House budget remains unbalanced because projected expenses exceed anticipated income.

- The final page provides a year-by-year breakdown of line items for 2023–2026, reflecting the committee's estimates of expenditures based on year-end reports.
- The budget will be voted upon at the November meeting.
- Sonya contacted Per Mar Security regarding a $169 charge for replacing a single battery. The charge was confirmed to be an error, and a refund will be issued.
- Sonya will meet with Cheryl Sturgis to review a possible overpayment by the Society to the District for insurance.

District Report

- Extensive ductwork for the new HVAC system has been installed. There is no word on when it will be completed.

Museum Staff Report

- The quilt show was a success, generating approximately $960 in profit, with the Shopper advertisement as the only expense. The show will be held again next year. Board members were encouraged to suggest similar events.
- A grant in the amount of $5,000 was received from the Boone County Community Foundation. This money is designated for the new Greatest Generation Exhibit, which will open in January.
- Christmas events will include Twilight Tours at the Funderburg House on December 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 5 to 7 PM; a Sing-along with Santa at the House on December 5 from 9 to 11 AM; and, also at the Funderburg House, a casual Christmas cocktail party on December 12, from 6 to 9 PM, featuring the Choraliers and raffle baskets donated by local businesses and citizens. Children's craft activities may also be offered at the Museum on periodic Saturdays.
- Natali announced that the Boone County Museum of History is a top 3 finalist in Rockford's "What Rocks" competition. The winner will be announced at an event on November 5.

Committee Reports

- Membership Committee
    - The committee will meet soon to discuss the upcoming General Membership luncheon to be held on December 6. Carol offered to prepare a lecture on the history of the museum. Melissa Erickson will also be giving a short presentation. As done in the past, call lists will be distributed to board members.
- Off-Site Liaison Committee
    - Nothing to report
- Oral History Committee

    - Nothing reported.
- Fundraising Committee
    - Carol suggested holding a thrift sale in the spring, possibly in March, featuring items donated by members. No museum items would be included in the sale.
    - Gina has been researching prices of items to potentially sell in the gift shop.
- Volunteer Committee
    - The volunteer luncheon was held at the Swift House on Saturday, October 10. The meal catered by Uncle John's, the house tour, and the opportunity to socialize were all well received.
- Nomination Committee
    - Consideration of accepting Elinor Ellingson to the board was presented. A motion was made by Carol Rowe and seconded by Jenny Breckenridge to approve the nomination. Motion carried.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Bri discussed the Haunted Artifacts Expo that will be held in the Grand Gallery on Thursday, October 22, 6 to 8 PM. The event is being sponsored by the Ida Public Library.

Adjournment

- Motion was made by Denise Hauser and seconded by Jenny Breckenridge to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held November 17, 2026, at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Thacker

October 21, 2026