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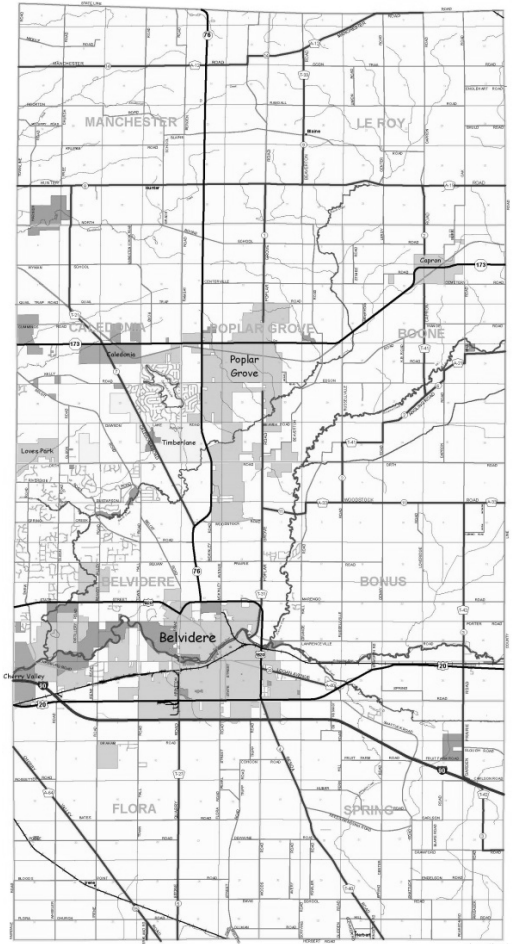
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BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS



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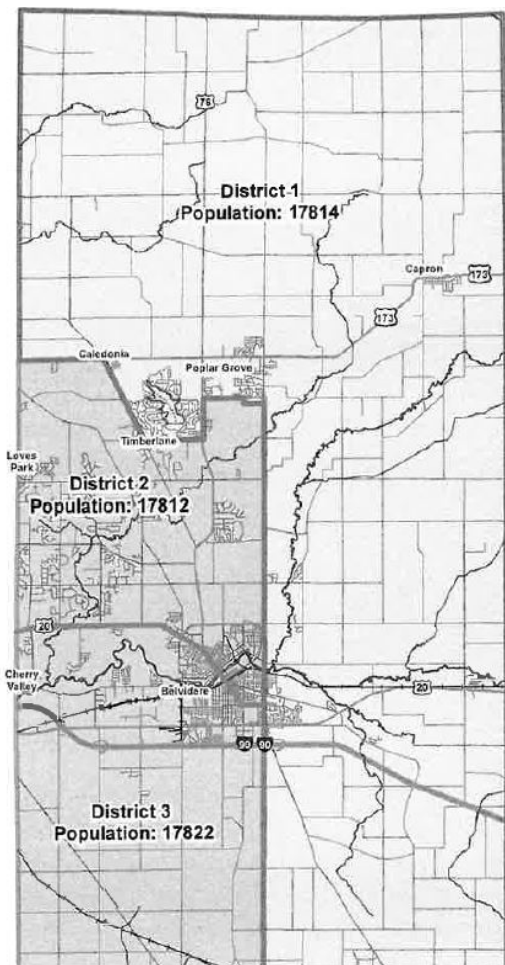
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Supervisor Term Expires
Ryan Kufalk 2025
1236 Shattuck Rd Garden Prairie 815-218-1388
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Clerk

Karen L. Smiley 2025
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Assessor

Kathi Hendrickson 2025
9015 Marengo Rd., Garden Prairie 815-544-2437

Highway Commissioner

Chad L. Harbison 2025
7708 Reeds Crossing Rd., Belvidere 847-561-0849

Spring Township cont.

Trustees	Term Expires
Kimberly Brahmstedt	2025
10502 Engelsen Rd., Garden Prairie	815-315-2553
Curt Fowler	2025
1281 Spring Center Rd., Belvidere	815-509-6614
Benjamin Nash	2025
5205 Fern Hill Rd, Belvidere	815-509-1958
Mike Paulson	2025
10310 Davis School Rd., Garden Prairie	815-509-2018

COUNTY OF BOONE – CITY/VILLAGE OFFICIALS

BELVIDERE CITY OFFICERS

401 Whitney Blvd.

815-544-2612

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Office:

Term Expires April 30

Mayor

Clinton Morris 2025

mayor@belvidereil.gov

City Clerk & Collector

Sarah Turnipseed 2025

cityclerk@belvidereil.gov

City Treasurer

Cory Thornton 2025

treasurer@belvidereil.gov

City of Belvidere cont.

ALDERPERSONS

Ward		Term Expires April 30
First:	Clayton Stevens	2025
	610 W. 9 th Street	815-218-4335
	cstevens@belvidereil.gov	
Second:	John Albertini	2027
	506 Park Ave.	630-306-7967
	jalbertini@belvidereil.gov	
Third:	Natalie Mulhall	2025
	120 W. Boone St.	815-262-4897
	nmulhall@belvidereil.gov	
Fourth:	Daniel Snow	2023
	409 W. Jackson St	815-547-5318
	dsnow@belvidereil.gov	
Fifth:	Wendy Frank	2023
	712 ½ Logan Ave	815-543-5161
	wfrank@belvidereil.gov	
Sixth:	Sandra Gramkowski	2025
	2247 E. 6 th St	815-289-0493
	sgramkowski@belvidereil.gov	
Seventh:	Mike McGee	2023
	203 E. Lincoln Ave	815-298-1284
	mmcgee@belvidereil.gov	
Eighth:	Matt Fleury	2025
	507 Taylor Ridge	910-358-8694
	mfleury@belvidereil.gov	
Ninth:	Ric Brereton	2023
	527 S. State St.	815-544-2055
	rbrereton@belvidereil.gov	
Tenth:	Marsha Freeman	2025
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City of Belvidere cont.

City Attorney	Michael Drella, 815-544-2612
Budget & Finance Officer.....	Shannon Hansen, 815-544-2612
Police Chief	Shane Woody, 815-544-9626
Fire Chief,	Shawn Schadle, 815-544-2242
Director of Public Works	Brent Anderson, 815-544-9256
Community Development Planner	Gina Del Rose, 815-547-7177
Director of Buildings	Kip Countryman, 815-547-7177
Plumbing Inspector	John Adee 815-547-7177
Electrical Inspector	Gale Romine, 815-547-7177
Fire & Police Commission	815-544-2612
	Carlos Villarreal, John Hunter, Timothy Rathburn

CALEDONIA VILLAGE OFFICERS

www.villageofcaledonia.com

President	Term Expires
Michael Gillett	2025
2362 Main St Caledonia	815-519-7010
presvofc61011@gmail.com	
Village Clerk	
Betsy Komerska	2025
2359 Randolph St. Caledonia	815-955-3001
clerkvofc61011@gmail.com	
Village Treasurer	
Mary Ryan	2025
2349 Main St. Caledonia	815-988-5354
Treasurer61011@gmail.com	

Caledonia Village cont.

Trustees

Lori Axtell	2025
14834 Front St. Caledonia	815-543-6058
axtellori@gmail.com	
Jamie Harnish	2025
2387 South St Caledonia	815-985-8663
jamieharnish10@gmail.com	
Carrie Dovenmuehle	2027
14777 Clark St Caledonia	815-312-7273
carrieann0716@gmail.com	
Joanne Nicholson	2025
2414 North St Caledonia	815-543-6945
jacknich217@gmail.com	
Omar Olivar	2025
14956 Front St. Caledonia	815-980-8663
doubleohh@yahoo.com	

CAPRON VILLAGE OFFICERS

250 W. Main Street • Capron, Illinois 61012

Phone 815-569-2351

Mayor	Term Expires
Steven Bank	2025
405 Cloud Mist Dr, Capron .vcapronpresident@gmail.com	
Village Clerk	
Crystal Maxwell	Appointed
105 Shadowbrook Dr. Capron	vcapronclerk@gmail.com
Village Treasurer	Vacant

Capron Village cont.

Trustees

Vacant	2027
Kim McMahon	2025
315 N. 5 th St. Capron	
Glenn Pinnau	2025
130 S. Wooster St. Capron	
Rachael Agee	2025
325 S. East St. Capron	
Linda Wohlfarth	2025
305 S. Show St. Capron	
Melissa Lacewell	2027
135 S. Wooster St. Capron	

CHERRY VALLEY VILLAGE OFFICERS

806 E. State • Cherry Valley, Illinois 61016

Phone 815-332-3441 Fax 815-332-3414

www.cherryvalley.org

Village President	David Schroeder
Village Clerk	Kathy Trimble
Village Treasurer	Maureen Gumowski
Interim Supervisor of Public Works	Andy Wesseln
Chief of Police	Todd Stockburger
Village Administrator	Jim Claeysen

LOVES PARK CITY OFFICERS

100 Heart Blvd. • Loves Park, Illinois 61111

Phone 815-654-5030 Fax 815-633-2359

www.cityoflovespark.com

Mayor

Greg Jury 815-654-5030

City Clerk

Bob Burden 815-654-5034

Treasurer

John C. Danielson 815-654-5027

POPLAR GROVE VILLAGE OFFICERS

200 N. Hill St. • Poplar Grove, Illinois 61065

Phone 815-765-3201 • Fax 815-765-3571

www.poplargoove-il.gov

President	Term Expires
Don Sattler	2025
121 Boeing Trl, Poplar Grove	815-494-0702
dsattler@villageofpoplargoove.com	
Village Clerk	
Karri Miller	2025
304 Ridgestone Trl, Poplar Grove	815-543-4635
clerk@villageofpoplargoove.com	
Village Deputy Clerk	
Katie Jaster	Appointed
kjaster@villageofpoplargoove.com	
Village Treasurer	
Carina Boyd	Appointed
treasurer@villageofpoplargoove.com	
Trustees	
Austin Davies	2025
318 BenbrookCt, Poplar Grove	
adavies@villageofpoplargoove.com	
Bruce Moore	2025
119 W. Edson, Poplar Grove	
bmoore@villageofpoplargoove.com	
Jeff Goings	2027
216 English Oak Lane, Poplar Grove	
jgoings@villageofpoplargoove.com	
Owen Costanza	2027
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ocostanza@villageofpoplargoove.com	

Poplar Grove Village cont.

Trustees Cont.

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Betsy Straw 2025
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Public Works David Howe, 815-765-3201
Village Attorney Ancel Glink

TIMBERLANE VILLAGE OFFICERS

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president@villageoftimberlane.org.. cell 815-985-4514

Village Clerk
Debra K. Marnar 2025
12909 Reginald Drive, Poplar Grove .. 815-765-3916
clerk@villageoftimberlane.org

Village Treasurer
Stacy Kleyn Appointed
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treasurer@villageoftimberlane.org

Timberlane Village cont.

Trustees

Darcy Hills	2025
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Greg Hills	2027
2957 Rolling Meadows Ct. Belvidere .. 951-454-2917	
ghills@villageoftimberlane.org	
Donna Leone	2027
3915 Silver Fox Dr Belvidere	
815-262-5546	
donnal@villageoftimberlane.org	
Jonathan M. Lipscomb	2025
12924 Wild Prairie Close Belvidere	
815-222-6939	
jlipscomb@villageoftimberlane.org	
Paul Loner	2025
13468 Bennington Ct. Caledonia	
851-621-5129	
ploner@villageoftimberlane.org	
Andrea Ulbert	2027
12420 Wildflower Lane Belvidere,	
815-985-2459	
aulbert@villageoftimberlane.org	

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

DISTRICT NO. 1

John Cleland

9828 Angling Rd., Capron 815-742-7501

Gayle Kruckenberg

165 Rainbow Dr, Capron 815-417-9286

Carol Berglund

10487 Randall Rd, Capron 815-978-9814

DISTRICT NO. 2

1777 Henry Luckow Ln. Belvidere, IL 61008

Phone 815-544-3336 • Fax 815-544-4682

Matthew Zickert, President

294 High Ridge Trail, Rockford, IL 61107 815-494-4924

Mark Huntington, Treasurer

4908 Squaw Prairie Rd., Belvidere815-509-8357

James Dooley, Secretary

11342 Carriage Place Belvidere 815-885-3880

DISTRICT NO. 3

PO Box 114 Poplar Grove, IL 61065 815-765-3366

Glen Guthrie III,

1937 Hunter Rd Caledonia 815-703-5102

Leslie Ragland

109 Sequoyah Ct Poplar Grove 815-608-9489

Shannon Baraconi

312 S. State St. Poplar Grove

Gail Worley

7151 IL Route 173, Poplar Grove 815-703-5063

Bob Cassidy

7093 IL Route 173, Poplar Grove 815-405-4518

DISTRICT NO. 4

Kerry Kenney	22879 Leroy Center Rd, Capron	815-914-4851
Julie Van Laar	7760 Coon Trail Rd., Capron	815-737-1833
Karen Kenney	22879 LeRoy Center Rd., Capron	815-560-2625

DISTRICT NO. 5

Royce Harnish	19952 Harnish Rd., Caledonia	815-494-6233
Sherry Giesecke	20760 Poplar Grove Rd, Poplar Grove	312-543-1140
Joel Nussbaum	2259 Manchester Rd., South Beloit	815-389-2139

CHERRY VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

4919 Blackhawk Rd., Rockford, IL 61109

Non-Emergency 815-332-5382 • Fax 815-332-3159

www.cvfpd.com

Karl Ericksen	President
Bill LeFevre	Treasurer
Steve Schwartz.....	Secretary
Joseph Corl	Fire Chief
Doug Hayes	Deputy Chief
Kyle Hill	Deputy Chief

CAPRON RESCUE SQUAD DISTRICT

Name, Address	Term Expires
Norman Stimes, President	2025
10876 Angling Rd., Capron	815-262-5360
Robert Goeddeke	2026
6788 Manchester Rd , Poplar Grove	815-985-7116
Barbara Sager, Secretary	2024
17620 Capron Rd., Capron	815-289-5279
Sean Rushing, Treasurer	2026
205 W. Ogden St, Capron	815-621-8759
Stan Smiley	2024
12686 Arboretum Dr., Belvidere.....	815-713-0393

BOONE COUNTY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD – 911

Greg Holmes (Rural Fire District)	Permanent
120 W. Ogden St, PO Box 434, Capron	
Kevin Smyth (Boone County Sheriff)	Permanent
615 N. Main St., Belvidere	815-544-9322
Shawn Schadle (Belvidere Fire Department)	Permanent
123 S. State St., Belvidere	815-544-2735
Matt Wallace (Belvidere Police Department)	Permanent
615 N. Main St., Belvidere	815-544-9626
Sherry Branson (County Board Member)	Permanent
8044 Distillery Rd. Belvidere	815-601-2356
Paul Moses (Citizen at Large Chairman)	Permanent
9584 Wilcox Dr., Belvidere	815-544-9686
Curtis P. Newport (County Treasurer)	Permanent
1212 Logan Ave., Belvidere	815-544-2666
Theresa Nyman (Citizen At Large Secretary)	Permanent
615 N. Main St., Belvidere	815-544-9322
Pam Luczak, 911 Coordinator	Non-Member
615 N. Main St., Belvidere	815-544-9322
Stephanie Courtney (Rural EMS)	Permanent
105 W. Main St. Capron	
Dan Smaha (Belvidere Police Department)	815-544.9626
615 N. Main St. Belvidere	

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BOONE-WINNEBAGO COUNTIES**

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Phone 815-636-3060 • Fax 815-636-3069

www.roe4.org

Superintendent: Scott Bloomquist

Assistant Superintendent: Allison Pierson

School Trustees

Term Expires

Bob Walberg – Belvidere, IL	2025
Chuck Johnson – Cherry Valley, IL	2025
Todd France – Rockford, IL	2027
Nathan Danielson - Belvidere.....	2029
Richard Beuth – Leaf River.....	2025
David Carlson – Loves Park.....	2025
Tosca DeGennaro – Belvidere.....	2025

DISTRICT 100

SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZATION

Administration Office

1201 - 5th Avenue • Belvidere, Illinois 61008

Phone 815-544-0301 • Fax 815-544-4260

www.district100.com

Superintendent: Dr. Cassandra Schug

Term Expires

Karla Maville President	2025
121 Titleist Trail Poplar Grove	815-494-5566
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6861 Pin Oak Lane, Garden Prairie	815-544-3492
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Jorge Herrera, Secretary	2027
12916 Wild Prairie Close, Belvidere	815-243-4115
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DISTRICT 100 (Cont.)

Sarah Brenner.....	2027
145 Titleist Trail Poplar Grove	815-985-7582
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Matt Zickert.....	2025
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mzickert@district100.com	
Thomas Bucher	2025
2215 Winding Creek Dr Belvidere	815-222-4702
tbucher@district100.com	
Lisa Whitcomb	2025
232 Rochester Rd NE Poplar Grove	815-222-8061
lwhitcomb@district100.com	

DISTRICT 200

SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZATION

Administration Office

6248 North Boone School Rd • Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Phone 815-765-3322 • Fax 815-765-2053

www.nbcusd.org

Superintendent: Dr. Michael J. Greenlee - Term Expires April	
Ed Mulholland, President	2027
emulholland@nbcusd.org	
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mmaxey@nbcusd.org	
Brian Haselhorst, Secretary	2025
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Joe Haverly	2027
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Judy Hutchinson	2025
jhutchinson@nbcusd.org	
Tom Kinser	2025
tkinser@nbcusd.org	
Nan Schilling, Treasurer	2025
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ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3301 N. Mulford Rd. • Rockford, IL 61114

Phone: 815-921-7821

Website: www.rockvalleycollege.edu

Gloria Cardenas Cudia, Chair	2025
Paul Gorski, Vice-Chair	2025
Robert Trojan, Secretary	2029
Richard Kennedy	2025
Kristen Simpson	2029
John Nelson	2027
Crystal Soltow	2027
Nico Mikos, Student Trustee	May 2025

BELVIDERE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

1121 N. Main St. • Belvidere, IL 61008

Phone 815-547-7642 • Fax 815-544-6258

Email: belviderecemetery@comcast.net

6 Year Term	Term Expires May 3
Roger Pope,.....	2027
John Maville, President	2030
Karen Neibarger, Secretary	2027
Paul W. Gardner, Trustee	2030
Rita Bomher, Trustee	2030
Bradley Cooper, Treasurer	2030
Cheryl Russell-Smith, Secretary	2030

CAPRON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

6 Year Term	Term Expires Feb 1
Michael Meier, Vice President	2030
Marshall Newhouse, President	2027
Diane Cleland, Treasurer	2030
Amber Mueller	2029
Carl Rudy	2029
Brian Kastning	2029

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW

Meeting to organize on or before the first Monday of
June. Final adjournment on or before September 7th

Term Expires June 1

Judy Schabacker (Republican), Chairman.....	2026
9077 McKinley Ave, Belvidere	
David Worrell (Republican)	2025
1305 Iles Ave, Belvidere	
Mike Guthrie (Democrat)	2026
18459 Grade School Rd, Caledonia	
Jessica Muellner	Clerk

BOONE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT AND FARMLAND PROTECTION COMMISSION

Teagan Duffy

Dave Balzer

Brent Mueller

Natalie Mulhall

Cody Book

Jane Zeien

Joshua Sage

BOONE COUNTY FARMLAND REVIEW COMMITTEE

Larry Anderson

John Cleland

Michael Guthrie

Judy Schabacker (Chairman)

Jessica Muellner

BOONE COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

5 Year Term	Term Expires June 1
Craig Hale (Caledonia Twp), Chair	2026
21 Riedwood Ln.....	815-222-5145
Rick Schultz (Bonus Twp), Vice Chair	2026
9559 Henninger Dr. Belvidere	
Joan Krumm (Manchester Twp)	2025
18731 IL Route 76, Poplar Grove	815-765-2062
Nate Sroka (Poplar Grove)	2027
310 W. Park St. Poplar Grove	
Jack Ryan (Flora Twp)	2028
1521 Pearl Street, Belvidere	815-978-1440
Carl Rudy (Alternate #1, Boone Twp)	2028
13484 Capron Rd, Capron	815-978-9480

BOONE COUNTY BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS

Term Expires June 1	
Jeffrey W. Ernest	2026
9714 Marengo Rd., Garden Prairie	
Randy Baier	2026
6843 Red Oak Lane, Poplar Grove	
Tom Shattuck	2026
12454 Beaverton Rd. Poplar Grove	
Vacant	2025
Vacant	2024

BOONE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

3 Year Term	Term Expires Dec. 31
Phil Newhouse, Chair	2024
207 Bear Dusk Way, Belvidere	
Natalie Mulhall, Vice-Chair	2024
120 W. Boone St., Belvidere	
Jonathan Giesecke	2024
505 Pebble Beach Ct, Poplar Grove	
Andrew Mertzenich	2026
121 W. Macomb, Belvidere	
Dave Rickabaugh	2024
200 River Bend Close, Belvidere	

**BELVIDERE CITY
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**

5 Year Terms	Term Expires May 1
Robert Cantrell – Vice Chair	2028
624 E. 5th St., Belvidere	815-979-5766
Alissa Maher,	2027
107 W. 4 th St, Belvidere	630-664-9131
Paul Engelman Chairman	2025
647 Clarksen Dr, Belvidere	815-262-8922
Carl Gnewuch	2029
5481 Waters Bend Dr., Belvidere	248-840-8458
Arthur Hyland	2026
513 W. 5th St., Belvidere	815-547-5233
Daniel Druckrey	2026
519 W. 10 th St. Belvidere	815-299-2458
William Bieber	2025
4132 Fallen Oak Dr., Belvidere	815-919-3103
City of Belvidere Planner	Gina DelRose
401 Whitney Blvd., Belvidere	815-547-7177

**VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**

Phone: 815-765-3201

www.villageofpoplargo.com

Darrell McFarlin	220 W. Edson St., Poplar Grove
Jessica Roberts (Chairman)	406 Bree Dr., Poplar Grove
Nate Sroka	310 W. Park St., Poplar Grove
Kim Krawczk	210 N. State. Poplar Grove
Amy Ekberg	225 W. Park St., Poplar Grove
David Allgood.....	13152 Leonard Lane, Poplar Grove
Melissa Robinson.....	525 Prairie Point Dr., Poplar Grove
Ken Garrett	Building/Zoning Official

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Email: info@boonehealth.org

www.boonehealth.org

Name Term Expires July 1

Jen Jacky, President	2027
2210 Clear Water Dr.	815-547-5307
Belvidere, IL 61008	jjacky@boonehealth.org
Amy Ohlsen, Vice President	2027
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Barbara Thrun, Treasurer	2027
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Jermaine Pigeo, Secretary	2026
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Ryan Curry, County Board Member	Dec. 2024
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Dr. Dennis Corcoran, M.D.	2025
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Sherry Giesecke	2025
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Dr. June Lallas, D.D.S	2025
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Kim Coniglio	2027
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Dr. Meredith Ulmer	2025
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BOONE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

603 N. Appleton Rd. • Belvidere, Illinois

Phone 815-547-7935 • Fax 815-547-7939

www.bccdil.org

Executive Director: Joshua Sage

Trustees	Term Expires June 30
Robert Phelps.....	2029
David Balzer	2025
George Thomas	2026
Meredith Williams	2027
Kenneth E. Hall	2028

BELVIDERE PARK DISTRICT

1006 W. Lincoln Ave. • Belvidere, Illinois 61008

Phone 815-547-5711 • Fax 815-544-4648

www.belviderepark.org Executive Director: Jen Jacky

Commissioners:

Daniel Noble, President	2025
Amy Nord, Vice President	2025
Mary Marquardt, Secretary	2027
Jean Twyning, Treasurer	2025
Gary Thacker	2027

Organization:

Michael Scheurich	Park Attorney
Melissa Merkel	Superintendent of Administrative Service
Jonathon Cudezewicz	Superintendent of Parks
Aly Graham	Superintendent of Recreation

ROCKFORD PARK DISTRICT

401 S. Main St. • Rockford, IL 61101

Phone 815-987-8800

www.rockfordparkdistrict.org

Executive Director: Jay Sandine

BOONE COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Term Expires	June 30	
Pat Molloy - R		2025
Scot Zellmer - D.....		2025
Vacant – R		2025

COMMUNITY BUILDING COMPLEX

Committee of Boone County

111 W. First St. • Belvidere, Illinois 61008

Phone 815-547-3928 • Fax 815-547-6389

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www.communitybuildingcomplex.org

Director: Julie Sullinger

Committee Members	Term Expires	June 30
Don Banks		2026
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Greg Brown		2027
10477 Glen Abbey Close	815-262-1601	
Kris Hall		2026
3875 Blaine Rd., Poplar Grove	815-871-1470	
Katie Humphrey		2026
3409 Ridge Ave., Rockford	815-547-0425	
John McMorrow		2025
12244 Squirrel Tree Lane, Belvidere	815-985-4336	
Robert Turner		2025
8600 Olympus Dr, Belvidere	815-703-6523	
Ron Wait		2026
110 E. 2nd St., Belvidere	815-742-3771	
Dana Logsdon		2024
805 Union Avenue, Belvidere	847-507-1266	
Joy Bauman		2026
1651 Foxfield Dr, Belvidere	815-975-4238	
Darrel Davis		2026
8726 Denny Rd., Garden Prairie	815-742-9314	

**BOONE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

211 N. Appleton Rd • Belvidere, IL 61008

Phone 815-544-2677 • Extension 3

Teagan Duffy Resource Conservationist
Bill Hall Chairman
Mike Frank Vice Chairman
Jack Ratcliffe Secretary-Treasurer
Todd Aves Director
Aaron Brahmstedt Director

**COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING
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Email: alan@wchauthority.com

Executive Director: Alan Zais

Name	Term Expires Jan.
Allen Sisson, Chairman	2028
Robert Johns, Vice Chairman	2028
Ray Morse	2025
Michelle Schwartz	2029
Jennifer Jacky	2025
Ron Wait	2027
Jimmeka Wilson, Resident Commissioner	2029

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REPUBLICAN PARTY

Dave Syverson County Chairperson

David Wiltse Vice Chairperson

Curtis Newport Treasurer

Johnathon Giesecke Secretary

Johnathon Giesecke Public Relations Chairperson

Precinct, Name & Address Votes Cast

Belvidere 1 Vacant

Belvidere 255

George Frake..... 1636 Whitney Blvd., Belvidere

Belvidere 385

Rodney Riley 909 Pearl St., Belvidere

Belvidere 472

Clayton D. Stevens 610 W. 9th St., Belvidere

Belvidere 5 Vacant

Republican Party cont.

Belvidere 6	Vacant
Belvidere 7	Vacant
Belvidere 8	Vacant
Belvidere 9	62
Wendy Frank	712 ½ Logan Ave., Belvidere
Belvidere 10	Vacant
Belvidere 11	Vacant
Belvidere 12	Vacant
Belvidere 13	109
Johnathon Giesecke, .	505 Pebble Beach Ct., Poplar Grove
Belvidere 14	129
Sherry Branson	8044 Distillery Rd., Belvidere
Belvidere 15	22
Dave Syverson,	7319 West Ridge Ln., Cherry Valley
Belvidere16	Vacant
Belvidere 17	161
Robert E. Turner,	8600 Olympus Dr., Belvidere
Belvidere 18	153
Tom Walberg	2248 Cairnwell Dr., Belvidere
Flora 1	Vacant
Flora 2	Vacant
Kenneth Freeman,	929 Irene Rd., Cherry Valley
Flora 3	19
Mark Rhode	3078 Flora Rd., Belvidere
Caledonia 1	Vacant
Caledonia 2	65
David R. Wiltse ...	1709 Candlewick Dr. SW, Poplar Grove
Caledonia 3	74
Michael D. Petersen .	127 Queensbury Pl NE, Poplar Grove
Caledonia 4	122
Curtis P. Newport,	12258 Squirrel Tree Ln., Belvidere
Caledonia 5	69
Brandon C. Parker	12434 Kings Point Dr. Loves Park

Republican Party cont.

Manchester	Vacant
Spring	Vacant
Bonus1	156
Bob Walberg	12000 Russellville Rd., Belvidere
Bonus 2	73
Steve Pierce	2601 E. Fairfield Trl., Belvidere
Boone 1	101
Norman Stimes	10876 Angling Rd., Capron
Leroy	40
Kerry Kenney	22879 LeRoy Center Rd., Capron
Poplar Grove 1	Vacant
Poplar Grove 2	91
Bruce A. Moore	119 W. Edson St., Poplar Grove
Poplar Grove 3	46
Martha Suhr	4522 Country Lane, Poplar Grove
Poplar Grove 4	Vacant
Poplar Grove 5	49
Gail Worley	7151 Route 173, Poplar Grove
TOTAL VOTES CAST	1,753

**PRECINCT COMMITTEE PERSON
DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

Angie Bodine County Chairperson
 Tracy Rangel First Vice Chairperson
 Kim Fisk Second Vice Chairperson
 Amber Rangel Secretary
 Ken Stewart Treasurer

Precinct Name & Address	Votes Cast
Belvidere 1	Vacant
Belvidere 2	Vacant
Belvidere 3	37
Jessica Muellner.....903 Garfield Ave., Belvidere	
Belvidere 4	50
Michael Carlyle..... 1504 8 th Ave., Belvidere	
Belvidere 5	Vacant
Belvidere 6	51
Walter Stevens, 1013 W. Perry St., Belvidere	
Belvidere 7	21
Theresa "Terri" Glass611 Garden Dr., Belvidere	
Belvidere 8	17
Dennis Logan,916 Jefferson St., Belvidere	
Belvidere 9	Vacant
Belvidere 10	54
Kim M. Fisk..... 406 E. Lincoln Ave., Belvidere	
Belvidere 11	Vacant
Belvidere 12	Vacant
Belvidere 13	Vacant
Belvidere 14	Vacant
Belvidere 15	Vacant
Belvidere 16	75
Bruce Marquardt, 2720 Squaw Prairie Rd., Belvidere	
Belvidere 17	51
Laura Frazier 8637 Olson Rd., Belvidere	
Belvidere 18	Vacant
Flora 1	81
John Albertini506 Park Ave., Belvidere	
Flora 2	Vacant
Flora 3	Vacant

**PRECINCT COMMITTEE PERSON
DEMOCRATIC PARTY (cont)**

Caledonia 1	Vacant
Caledonia 2	42
Susan J. Flanders	107 Redman Way SW, Poplar Grove
Caledonia 3	Vacant
Caledonia 4	36
Tracy Rangel.....	12036 Galloway, Caledonia
Caledonia 5	Vacant
Manchester	Vacant
Spring	26
Eva M. Woywod Roberts	4140 Spring Center Rd., Belvidere
Bonus 1	55
Michael Yates	921 Jamestown Ave., Belvidere
Bonus 2	44
Andrea Kooistra.....	6416 Broadview Ave., Belvidere
Boone 1	Vacant
Leroy	Vacant
Poplar Grove 1	Vacant
Poplar Grove 2	Vacant
Poplar Grove 3	18
Angie Bodine	205 Lamplighter Loop SE, Poplar Grove
Poplar Grove 4	Vacant
Poplar Grove 5	Vacant
TOTAL VOTES CAST	658

TOWNSHIP VALUATIONS 2023

Belvidere	775,691,573
Bonus	128,733,304
Boone	49,429,945
Caledonia	224,697,164
Flora	97,878,849
LeRoy	25,652,471
Manchester	42,485,510
Poplar Grove	122,821,752
Spring	49,097,073
BOONE COUNTY VALUATION	1,516,487,641

CITY & VILLAGE VALUATIONS 2023

Belvidere City	455,525,964
Caledonia	4,458,993
Capron	21,415,425
Cherry Valley	16,365,391
Loves Park	56,899,028
Poplar Grove	122,494,274
Timberlane	30,947,138

SCHOOL DISTRICT VALUATIONS 2023

School District No. 50	5,121,287
School District No. 100	1,137,417,043
School District No. 200	217,959,934
School District No. 205	3,780,838
School District No. 426	8,283,930
School District No. 131	305,785
School District No. 207	305,785
Community College No. 511	1,359,671,111
Community College No. 523	8,283,930
Community College No. 528	5,121,287

2020 OFFICIAL CENSUS

Population 53,608

FACTS TO BE REMEMBERED

County Board Meeting

Monthly Meeting, third Thursday of each month.

Annual Town Meeting

Annual Town Meeting, second Tuesday in April.

Town Trustees Meeting

First Tuesday in April

Tax Levies

All Units of Government should certify their tax Levy to the County Clerk by the last Tuesday in December. (CH. 120 Par. 638)

NOTARIES PUBLIC

Names and address of all notaries public are registered with the State of Illinois if approved after July 1, 2022. If prior to that date, the name and address of all notaries public are registered in the Boone County Clerk's office.

SCHEDULE OF ELECTIONS

In Even Numbered Years:

General Primary Election Third Tuesday in March
Nomination of:

Federal Officers Judicial Officers
State Officers County Officers
Legislative Officers

Election of:

Political Party Officers

(State Central, Precinct Committeemen, Delegates to National
Convention)

General Election First Tuesday after the First
Monday in November

Election of:

Federal Officers Judicial Officers
State Officers County Officers
Legislative Officers

Retention of: Judicial Officers

In Odd-Numbered Years:

Primary Election Last Tuesday in February
Nomination for City of Belvidere, Belvidere Township

Consolidated Election First Tuesday in April (If the
election date conflicts with Passover, the election is then
scheduled the first Tuesday following Passover.)

Election of:

Municipal Officers Township Officers
 Park District Officers School District Officers
 Community College District Officers
 Fire Protection District Officers (if applicable)
 Officers of Other Special Districts (if applicable)

Polls open 6 o'clock a.m., close 7 o'clock p.m.

Important

The County Clerk should be notified of any change in address of registered voters.

New registrations are taken in the County Clerk's Office, 1212 Logan Ave., Belvidere, Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Two forms of ID are required in order to register. One MUST have a current address. For more information about local registrars phone the County Clerk's office, 815-544-3103. Residency requirement for registration is 30 days in the precinct. Registration is closed 28 days before an election.

BOONE COUNTY POLLING PLACES

Belvidere 1 Community Building
 111 W. 1st St.
 Belvidere 2 Community Building
 111 W. 1st St.
 Belvidere 3 Community Building
 111 W. 1st St.
 Belvidere 4 Community Building
 111 W. 1st St.
 Belvidere 5 Community Building
 111 W. 1st St.
 Belvidere 6 First Baptist Church
 1255 W. Jackson
 Belvidere 7 Boone County Conservation District
 603 N. Appleton Rd.
 Belvidere 8 Community Building
 111 W. 1st St.
 Belvidere 9 Boone County Board Room
 1212 Logan Ave

Polling places cont.

- Belvidere 10 First Presbyterian Church
221 N. Main St.
- Belvidere 11 Evangelical Presbyterian Church
220 E. Harrison St..
- Belvidere 12 Keen Age Center
2141 Henry Luckow Ln.
- Belvidere 13 Poplar Grove Airport, EAA Hangar
5151 Orth Rd, Poplar Grove
- Belvidere 14 VFW Post #1461
1310 W. Lincoln Ave.
- Belvidere 15 Keen Age Center
2141 Henry Luckow Ln.
- Belvidere 16 Swan Hills Golf Course
2600 Gustafson Rd
- Belvidere 17 Hamblock Belvidere Ford - Lincoln
1800 N. State St.
- Belvidere 18 Christ Lutheran Church
425 Riverside Rd
- Flora 1 American Legion
900 W. Chrysler Drive., Belvidere
- Flora 2 Flora Town Hall
3100 Town Hall Rd., Belvidere
- Flora 3 American Legion
900 W. Chrysler Dr., Belvidere
- Caledonia 1 Timberlane Village Hall
2940 Charleston Ct., Caledonia
- Caledonia 2 Candlewick Lake Rec. Center
1812 Candlewick Dr., Poplar Grove
- Caledonia 3 Candlewick Lake Rec. Center
1812 Candlewick Dr., Poplar Grove
- Caledonia 4 Timberland Village Hall
2940 Charleston Ct., Caledonia
- Caledonia 5 Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church
502 Orth Rd., Loves Park
- Manchester Manchester Town Hall
20904 Grade School Rd., Caledonia
- Spring Spring Town Hall
3150 Shattuck Rd., Belvidere

Polling places cont.

Bonus 1 Bonus Town Hall 9015 Marengo Rd., Garden Prairie
Bonus 2 Crown Point Building 925 Belvidere Road, Belvidere
Boone 1 Capron Lions Community Building 305 E. North St., Capron
LeRoy LeRoy Town Hall 9743 Blaine Rd., Capron
Poplar Grove 1 Poplar Grove Fire Station Rt 173 Poplar Grove
Poplar Grove 2 Poplar Grove Village Hall 200 Hill St., Poplar Grove
Poplar Grove 3 Poplar Grove Village Hall 200 Hill St., Poplar Grove
Poplar Grove 4 Poplar Grove Fire Station Rt 173, Poplar Grove
Poplar Grove 5 Poplar Grove Fire Station Rt 173, Poplar Grove

EARLY HISTORY OF BOONE COUNTY

Compiled by Bessie C. Bowley

First Published in the 1950 Yearbook

What is now Boone County with its population of more than 28,000 people was once a part of the Northwest Territory. In 1800 this was divided into the territories of Ohio and Indiana, the latter comprising the present states of Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan. From this, in 1809, the Territory of Illinois was formed, including Wisconsin and Peninsular Michigan, but in 1818 the State of Illinois with its present boundaries became a member of the Union.

McHenry, Winnebago, Kane and Whiteside counties were organized in 1836, Boone being at that time a part of Winnebago. By an act of legislature, approved March 4, 1837, the re-organization of Winnebago was provided for with the creation of Stephenson and Boone. Boone County, as organized at that time, comprised an area eleven miles wide and twenty-four long. For six years there was much controversy concerning a mile strip of land on the east side of Winnebago. In 1843 the Legislature consented that this strip be transferred to Boone County subject to the approval of its residents. Voting took place at Newburg in the home of Samuel Keith, when ninety-five votes were cast with a majority of seven in favor of Boone, increasing our county to twelve miles in width.

Settlement

Before its settlement by white men this area was the home of the Potawatomi Indians, a "Friendly and superior race" under the leadership of the famous chieftain Big Thunder. First permanent white citizens were John M. Towner, Erastus Nixon and Cornelius Cline who traveled to Illinois from New York in 1835 and following the trail made a few years earlier by the army of General Winfield Scott in his campaign against the Black Hawk Indians, eventually arrived at the banks of the Kishwaukee River. A descendent of Mr. Towner later became Governor of Puerto Rico. "Little Boone" seems to have been fortunate in the quality of its pioneers. Many emigrated from

Norway and Scotland to settle mostly in the northern part while Belvidere has many families of English, Irish and German descent.

Railroads influenced greatly the localization of the towns. Newburg was once a thriving community with a school, a sawmill, grist mill and two-story tavern known as the Half-Way House; but when, in 1848, the Chicago and Galena railroad failed to pass that way "the town's hope of prosperity was ended." Early plans for Belvidere located the city on the north side of the Kishwaukee River but after the vent of the railroad, the town moved rapidly southward. For one hundred years the Chicago and Northwestern railroad has served our country and it was with regret that Belvidere saw its last passenger train removed on April 14, 1950.

Names

Boone County was named in honor of Colonel Daniel Boone, first settler of Kentucky and leader in protecting the frontier against Indian attacks. Many of our town and township names have changed from the originals. Bonus was once "Deerfield," LeRoy was originally named "Lambertson," for a pioneer family. Caledonia was named in memory of their old home by its many Scottish settlers, Flora was once "Fairfield" than "Benton" Herbert was "Will" Spring was known as "Ohio Territory," later "Concord," Poplar Grove was once "Shermantown" and Capron, "Halgisaw."

The County is Organized

In May 1837, Milton S. Mason, Cornelius Cline and John Q.A. Rollins met to organize a County Commissioner's Court of Boone County, Illinois. By recent election Simon P. Doty had been chosen sheriff; John Handy, coroner; Seth S. Whitman, recorder and S.P. Hyde, surveyor. In the same year the County Commissioners established the "Permanent Seal of Justice" at the present location of our county grounds. There they planned a building to be used both as a courthouse and jail. "By the then existing laws the county officers were to be kept within one-fourth mile of this point. When in 1838 it was discovered that

the county clerk maintained his office outside this limit, the Commissioners declared the office vacant and appointed a new clerk.”

On June 3, 1850, came the first Board of Supervisors, its members being Nathaniel Crosby, Frederick P. Low, Hiram C. Miller, Isaac D. Miller, Henry Jencks, William Raymond, Charles Libby and Charles B. Lord.

In 1854 began the erection of the Court Building as it now stands and in 1870 a “fire-proof building for the safe-keeping of all county records” - our present Record Building - was completed, also steps were placed in front of both the Record Building and the Court house “to aid old and infirm persons to get out of and into their vehicles.”

During the year 1882, one hundred and fifty trees had been set out in the county grounds. For many years this park was known only as the City Park but in 1940 a request was made by the Historical Society for a name to distinguish it from Belvidere Park. Judge R. V. Carpenter supplied the name “Big Thunder” as it was on the Court House hill that the great chieftain was buried. A sheriff’s residence and jail was completed by March 1898.

Churches, Schools and Industries

Among the early schools of Belvidere was Newton academy. By chance it was visited by Margaret Fuller, noted authoress, friend of Emerson and member of the “Concord Group”. The school so impressed her that she “immediately made arrangements to buy it for her brother, Arthur B. Fuller, who later conducted the Academy”.

The year 1844 seems to have been a particularly active time in the religious life of the county. In that year the first Catholic Mass was held, the Bergen Evangelical Lutheran church of Manchester established, also the Lutheran church at Capron and the Willow Creek Presbyterian church at Argyle. Long before this, however, religious services had been held wherever the settlers made their homes – the first by the Baptist congregation of Belvidere in 1836.

As at the present time, Boone County seems to have divided its early activities between agriculture and

manufacturing. Early grist-mills did a thriving business. Baltic Mill – boyhood home of former county clerk William Bowley and now the site of Belvidere Park – was the first established and served the farmers for miles around. It also served the Indians who made this their favorite resting place and council ground on their journeys because of its fair surroundings and the welcome always given them by the owners of the mill. Two of the stones used for grinding grain may still be seen at Belvidere Park.

Carrying on this tradition in a larger way, Boone County farms now supply the Rock Valley Canning Company with other types of produce to be shipped from there to all parts of the globe. Dairying also is one of the major industries.

Among early manufactories the National seems most representative, having been for years the second largest sewing machine company in the world. It was established in Belvidere in 1886.

Wars

When in 1861 President Lincoln called for volunteers a meeting was held in Belvidere at which a young man Stephen

A. Hurlbut “made one of the most ringing and soul-stirring speeches that ever electrified an audience.” Under his direction a company was formed and taken to Freeport to join the 15th Regiment of Illinois Volunteers. Before the Civil War ended, Stephen A. Hurlbut had become a Major General in the Grand Army of the Republic. According to history he “has the credit of forming the best line of - battle and saving the day to the Union Army at the battle of Shiloh.” In later life he was sent as United States Minister to Columbia, also served two terms in Congress. Other notable veterans of the same war were adjutant General Allen C. Fuller, Colonel L. O. Gilman, Major R. E. Osgood and Major C. B. Loop. It is not possible to tell here of the heroic service given at that time by other men and women of the county.

Thirty-one men represented Boone County in the Spanish-American War, though only eighteen are listed in the state registry. Two of them were casualties from tropical fever.

Of the two World Wars, it is difficult to speak. They are so bitterly close to our hearts that they can be remembered only with mingled pride and regret. In World War I, 629 Boone County men were in service with 22 casualties, 9 in action. World War II, men in service, 1800; casualties, 52.

First Stage Coach, Frink & Walter - 1835
First Hotel (Ames Tavern) - 1836
First County Fair - 1836
First Industry, Longcor's Plow Works - 1840
First Lodge, Big Thunder Lodge No. 381 I.O.O.F. - 1847
First Newspaper, "Prairie Beacon" - 1847
 "Republican" - 1847
First Sidewalks - 185
First Public Library - 1857



HISTORY OF THE COURTHOUSE

First Published in the 2003 Yearbook

On May 3rd, 1837, Milton S. Mason, Cornelius Cline and John Quincy Adams Rollins, the first County Commissioners, met at the home of Simon P. Doty and organized the County Commissioners Court of Boone County. Prior to this time, Boone County had been part of Winnebago County. They appointed Daniel H. Whitney as Clerk of their Court and John K. Towner, the County Treasurer. On the next day they met and reviewed the returns of an election and declared the following elected: Simon P. Doty, Sheriff; John P. Handy, Coroner; Seth S. Whitman, Recorder; S.P. Hyde, County Surveyor; Daniel H. Whitney, Clerk and Benjamin Sweet, School Commissioner.

The county was divided into two precincts: Belvidere, Bonus, Flora, Spring, and that part of the town of Boone south of the Piscasaw constituted Belvidere precinct: the rest of the county was Lambertsburg precinct.

The original public square was laid out to include one large plot of land not divided by Main Street as it is today. The Belvidere Company, a group of local investors, agreed to donate the public square (or Mound as it was known) provided the courthouse would be erected on that hill. The location of the courthouse was decided upon by James H.

Woodworth and John M. Wilson on October 31, 1837 but the building wasn't erected until 1843. In November of 1837, the commissioners designated the "Permanent Seat of Justice" at its present location, on the mound.

In April of 1839, Mr. Doty completed a jail where the courthouse now stands. This was removed in 1843 when they built the first courthouse. They planned the construction of the courthouse, 40 feet by 30 feet with a basement of stone, the basement to be finished one half for a jail and the other half as a family room. The first story would have three offices and a corridor and one room for a family's occupancy. The second story would be finished with a courtroom and two jury rooms. In the meantime,

S.P. Doty's building was to be used for a jail. In April of 1839, the jail was completed and the keys delivered to H.C. Walker, Sheriff. Then in July of 1840, they discovered that the jail had been built on the site selected for the courthouse; the jail was ordered removed to the correct site. Within a few years, the courthouse was built and survived until a new larger one was started in 1845 and completed in 1855. The following story appeared in the Belvidere Standard on September 25, 1855: "Now that the painting has been completed and the beautiful walls are dry, it really presents an elegant appearance - the walls of the court room of the size of about 36 feet by 50, are ornamented by a splendid cornice, and considerable molding and scroll-work which are all very neat and beautifully designed and executed. The judges' bench is oak grained, and neatly done." The cornice, scroll work and moldings were found intact and are restored in the renovated portion of the courthouse. This courthouse, completed in 1855 stands today, and is part of this dedication. It is the second oldest surviving Courthouse in the State of Illinois. The cost to build the original courthouse was about \$14,000. In 1879 the Records building to the south was built, and this building also is part of this dedication. 1898 saw the completion of the sheriff's residence, including the jail, erected to the north of the courthouse. This was demolished in 1975 when the new Belvidere-Boone County Public Safety building was erected to the rear of the courthouse. This brick-

faced, low profile building blends in well with the surrounding neighborhood. It contains office space for the Belvidere Police Department and the Boone County Sheriff's Department. The modern security area has bright colored walls to make it more cheerful. There is a joint records room and unified communications system for police, sheriff, and fire departments.

In 1985, the Boone County Board authorized the restoration of the existing courthouse and the existing records building, with a new addition to be built in the center and connecting the two existing buildings, at a cost of about \$3,000,000. Now once again, for the first time in many years, all county government units are housed in one building. The lower level contains the Boone County Health Department, the Boone County Assessor's office, and the Boone County Planning and Building Departments. The first floor contains the Boone County Clerk's office, the Boone County Treasurer's office, the Boone County Administrator's office and the Boone County Board Room. The second floor contains three courtrooms, jury rooms, witness rooms, Judges' chambers, as well as the Boone County Circuit Clerk's office, the Boone County States' Attorney's office and the Boone County Probation office. The second floor also contains detention rooms to hold prisoners waiting court appearances. The courthouse building is connected to the jail area by a secure underground tunnel, and a prisoner elevator exists to move prisoners from the jail to the courtrooms for trials. Due to the lay of the land, and the different elevations of the existing courthouse and the existing records building, six different floor elevations exist and the passenger elevator has door openings on 2 different sides to accommodate the different floor elevations. It is ironic to note that the original courthouse was dedicated on September 28th, 1855 and it was almost 130 years to the date that the new structure was dedicated, September 20, 1987.

In November, 1997, the County purchased the building at 1204 Logan Avenue which now houses the Boone County Health Department. In April of 1999, a referendum was successfully passed to institute a public safety tax to be used

for public safety purposes. In June of 1999 the County sold bonds in the amount of \$9,300,000 to begin construction of a new jail - east of the present jail. The public safety tax pays the annual fees on the bonds. The Sheriff started moving in to the new facility in April 2003.

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In December 2009 the County completed a remodel of the Courthouse property and added a jury courtroom, jury assembly room, and office space for the State's Attorney, Circuit Clerk's, and Probation Departments. Additional parking was also added to the Courthouse property. The Logan Avenue location was expanded to accommodate the Administration, County Clerk, Building, and Treasurer's Departments. This remodel/expansion served to add courtroom and justice related functions to the Courthouse, and have non-court departments at one campus to better serve the public.

THE HISTORY OF THE BOONE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

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The First Annual Fair of the Boone County Agricultural Society was held October 26-27, 1855, near the grounds now known as Big Thunder Park, by the Court House. Some of the exhibits were of mares and colts, farm teams, Durham Bulls, oxen, garden vegetables, butter and cheese articles. According to organizer, Allen C. Fuller, this was a fine exhibition of products of the county, exceeding all expectations with approximately 5,000 people attending. Also at the first Fair was a competition of Lady Equestrians judged on the best evidence of good riding and Horsemanship. First prize was a Gold Bracelet worth \$12.

The Boone County Fair would have qualified as one of the oldest Fairs in Illinois, but it was discontinued during the Civil War.

In 1867, The Fair Association sold the land at Big Thunder Park and purchased the property which is now Spencer Park. Here, along the Kishwaukee River, permanent buildings were erected along with a Grandstand and a Racetrack. In the infield were displays of the latest in farm machinery of all kinds.

In 1955 the Boone County Fair had barely enough people attending to pack down the grass in the carnival area. Several members of the Boone County Pomona Grange were attending a concert of the Belvidere High School Band when the Master of Ceremonies asked for a show of hands of all the people there from Boone County, those from Wisconsin and etc. Surprisingly, there were more people there from Wisconsin than from Boone County. After much discussion it was decided that the Grange would take over the operation of the Fair. The new officers found it was very difficult to take an almost dead Fair and breathe new life into it. The Boone County Pomona sponsored the Fair at Spencer Park from 1957 to 1962 when the Grange voted to drop their sponsorship.

However, in the Winter of 1962 the present Fairgrounds became available sparking new interest from the Pomona Grange. Through perseverance and -several dedicated Grange members, signing their farms as collateral, the land was purchased. With the help of campaigns by the local 4-H clubs, buildings were started. Also through the help of the Livestock Feeders, Pork Producers and other civic organizations, other improvements were made until the Boone County Fair was built into one of the "Top 7" Expositions in the State of Illinois and one of the "Best Shows" in the Midwest with over 180,000 people visiting each year.

The Boone County Fair is constantly expanding and out-growing its original 84 acres, each year improving its exhibits. Through the help and dedication of the Grange, the Fair will service for many more generations.