

**Village of Bailey Lakes  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 13, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Began prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Roll call of those present: Mayor John Benshoff. Council Members: Tina Killion, Tom Dilgard, Betty Brown, Dottie Scott, Krissy Kauf. Fiscal Officer: Leighanna Cawrse, Village Administrator: Richard Brown. Council member: Alan Bauckman, absent.

Public: Tyler Brown

**CHANGES TO AGENDA**

- A. Presentation-Commissioner Denny Bittle
- B. Resolution No. 2026-06-New Business

**PRESENTATION**

Commissioner Denny Bittle presented council on the following:

- The new County administration 13,000 sq. ft. building construction project is underway. This will hold the Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder, and Tax Map office's. Title Office will stay at their current location for now. No bonds or loans were used to pay for the 6.5-million-dollar office project and saved for several years.
- After the new building is completed, the remodel will begin immediately. The second floor is where majority of the remodel will be for probate and juvenile Judge. There will be a new courtroom, offices, and meeting rooms for attorneys and clients.
- The Sheriff's Department and Mr. Bittle came up with budget program to purchase three new vehicles every year. Also working on plans for expansion of the jail in the next 5 years through State and Federal grants.
- Continuing to look for grant funding.
- In the process of obtaining 2-3 new tornado sirens every year. Black River School District will receive one this year, which has never had one. All schools will have a siren near by.
- Property tax elimination doesn't look like they will make it on the ballot this year due to not obtaining enough signatures. They need a minimum number of County's and around 413,000 signatures. This would be catastrophic if passes and the local government could no longer put levy's on to operate. The whole state would lose 21 billion dollars and if the State does a sales tax increase it is unclear who would get that, the County or State, to distribute to the local governments. The individuals putting the petition on the ballot have no plan on how to make up the property tax loss.
- The Health Department is in the old Rite-Aid building on Claremont and didn't take much to rehabilitate.
- In the future would like to get Soil and Water their own facility.
- The Old Pump house is being converted into a 192 room hotel.

**Village of Bailey Lakes  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 13, 2026**

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Dottie Scott moved to approve March 9, 2026 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Tina Killion seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

Krissy Kauf moved to approve March 23, 2026 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Dottie Scott seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

**PENDING BUSINESS**

- Playground grant still processing along. Still awaiting a copy of what was submitted to the County. Dottie Scott will ask Ariel Isaacs to see if she still has a copy and put it at the hall.
- Solicitor review the Order of Business-Ordinance 2026-02 and provided response. Council will review and discuss at the next meeting.
- Water/Sewer Operator- received January and February report and provided to council.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Tyler Brown discussion with council for the part-time/emergency call-in estimate in the amount of \$1,000 per month. Tina Killion made a motion to table the estimate from Tyler Brown. Dottie Scott seconded. Roll call: Three ayes; Betty Brown abstain, Krissy Kauf no.

**REPORTS**

**Village Administrator**

- Provided council with March report and discussed how many time Tyler Brown has assisted in majority of the projects.
- Resolution No. 2026-05 Contract for legal services with David M. Hunter title read by Leighanna Cawrse. Dottie Scott moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-05. Tina Killion seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.
- Resolution No. 2026-06 Accepting the proposal from USI Insurance title read by Leighanna Cawrse. Dottie Scott moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-06. Tina Killion seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

**Water/Sewer Operator**

- March Report- received and provided to council.

**Events Committee**

- No meeting April 14<sup>th</sup> and moved to April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Town Hall.
- Creating Softball teams from each village and Clear Creek Township. Date July 25, 2026. Possibly open to the public, could have Cindy post on the village Facebook page.
- Leighanna Cawrse provided council with an update on the solicitor opinion on events committee accepting money, which was *“any moneys received/donated would go to the Village General Fund - to be allocated by Council to say a “special projects fund” so that the moneys can be later used for the purpose deemed appropriate.”*

**Village of Bailey Lakes  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 13, 2026**

**Fiscal Officer**

- Krissy Kauf moved to approve the reconciliation for March. Betty Brown seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.
- Krissy Kauf moved to approve the bills for March. Betty Brown seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.
- M-T-D report for March read by Leighanna Cawrse.

**Mayor**

- Water shut off will be April 17, the letter did state the 16<sup>th</sup>, however waiting to verify payment has been made before shutting off.
- Presented council a letter from the County Engineer to participate in the ODOT Salt Purchase. No motion made.
- Presented council with a mowing estimate from Bates Outdoor Management. Dottie Scott made a motion to approve the estimate for \$375 per cut and mow the Dam area on SR 250 for \$150 per mow twice a year and to get quotes in January. Tina Killion seconded. Roll call: Four ayes; Krissy Kauf No.
  - Note: This estimate is based on each week from April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> also provided on the estimate.

**Council**

**Betty Brown**

- There is a Semi entering/exiting on villages roads and tearing up other residents yards. Also where the semi is parked the wheels stick out onto the road and is a safety hazard because it's on a hill. Can no semi signs be put on the roads off of SR 250?
  - John Benschhoff and Richard Brown will go speak with the resident that owns the semi-truck.

**Dottie Scott**

- Resident on Center Street was inquiring about chickens and only will have two (no roosters).
  - The rules and permit can be found on the website.

**Krissy Kauf**

- Inquired if the Little free library is still being maintained by Ariel Isaacs?
  - Dottie Scott will ask when she speaks with her about the playground information.
- Cyber security has the insurance sent anything about it yet?
  - Leighanna Cawrse is meeting with the insurance company on April 17 and will ask.

Since there was no further business Krissy Kauf moved to adjourn regular meeting. Dottie Scott seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM

---

Council President, Tina Killion

---

Fiscal Officer- Leighanna Cawrse