



# Boone County Government

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## RESOLUTION 17-06

### Public Safety Sales Tax Increase from One-Half Cent to One Cent

WHEREAS, The Boone County Budget continues to be under tremendous stress and funding public safety operations is a continuous challenge;

WHEREAS, The "Great Recession" that affected the Boone County budget beginning in Fiscal Year 2009 caused severe revenue loss in regular sales taxes, real estate fees, state reimbursements, and payments from other governments to Boone County for services;

WHEREAS, The current fiscal climate is even more challenging due to another slowdown in traditional revenues to local government such as sales taxes, State of Illinois Replacement Taxes, State Income Taxes, and fines/fees and health insurance costs that recently are increasing over ten percent/year;

WHEREAS, proper staffing of public safety positions such as Patrol Officers, Corrections Officers, and the supporting infrastructure for public safety building/jail repairs continues to outpace the county revenues;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE County Board of the County of Boone, Illinois, that there is hereby submitted to the electors of the County of Boone, Illinois, for approval by a majority of the electors in the county voting on the question at the General Election to be held on April 4, 2017 in the manner provided by law, the following binding question of public policy:

To pay for public safety purposes, shall Boone County be authorized to impose an increase in the existing Public Safety Sales Tax of one half (1/2) percent? This would mean that a consumer would pay an additional \$0.50 in sales tax for every \$100 of tangible personal property bought at retail. 55ILCS 5-1006.5 (a)(1).	YES	
	NO	

This binding question of public policy shall be submitted to the voters of Boone County in accordance with general election law.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Boone County, State of Illinois,

This 21st day of Dec, 2016.



ATTEST:

Mary S. Steurer

Mary S. Steurer  
Boone County Clerk

Karl Johnson  
Karl Johnson, Chairman  
Boone County Board

Ayes: 12 Nays: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_ Voice Vote: \_\_\_\_\_