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Boone OKs concealed carry law

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The Boone County Fiscal Court on Nov. 23 unanimously approved an ordinance that allows citizens properly licensed under Kentucky law to carry concealed weapons into most county buildings.

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No one spoke against the measure, including outgoing Boone County Clerk Rena Ping who had expressed concern about the safety of her employees if the law was approved. The clerk's main office is in the Boone County Administration Building in Burlington.

"Many of you have contacted us and we appreciate all of your support," Judge-executive Gary Moore told the audience that was remaining at the meeting after the room cleared following a long discussion about a

zoning matter.

It was the third meeting this fall where the Fiscal Court talked about concealed carry. No one publicly ever spoke against it at any of the meetings.

The county was approached by Florence resident Joe Kalil about the conceal carry issue. Kalil, a Republican, was elected to a Boone County constable post in the Nov. 2 general election. He has his own gun safety and training business.

Under the ordinance, a person with a concealed carry permit can bring a deadly weapon onto property the county owns or leases. Exceptions are the Boone County commonwealth attorney's office, the county attorney's office and the county child support program.

Kentucky law already bans concealed carry weapons in sheriff's departments, jails and "any meeting of the governing body of a county." There are other places where state law does not permit concealed carry weapons.

Boone County Clerk-elect Kenny Brown has basically voiced support for concealed carry.

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