

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman, Bierschenk and Primmer were present. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the conference room at the Benton County Service Center. Members of the public were provided the zoom access capability to join in during open session and livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/bentoncountyiowa>. *Unless otherwise noted, all actions were approved unanimously. Summarized Resolutions will be available in the Auditor's office and at: www.bentoncountyiowa.gov (<https://www.youtube.com/bentoncountyiowa>)*

Bierschenk moved/ Primmer seconded: To approve both sets of minutes from November 16, 2021. Motion carried.
Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve payroll checks numbered 142087 through 142101, ACH Deposits 47418 through 47564, claims numbered 240755 through 240894, vendor checks 240895 through 240902. Motion carried.
Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To approve and acknowledge the claims being paid that are using the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, the deposit for Neapolitan Labs for the website upgrade, Amazon for some office shields in the Treasurer's office and RACOM for the 10% project cost deposit for the civil portion of the E911 radio upgrade. Motion carried.
Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: to approve contract for services with Northeast Iowa RC & D regarding administration for the ARPA funds, and will only be charged \$75 an hour administrative costs on an as needed basis that can be paid through the ARPA fund.
Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Resolution #21-97, Classification change for Michele Stainbrook, Sheriff's office employee. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 21-97

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff has recommended a promotion for a Senior Communications specialist; and
WHEREAS, Michele Stainbrook has been employed by Benton County since April 23, 2013;
WHEREAS, Stainbrook has all the required qualifications and will take on additional duties and assisting others where needed;
WHEREAS, the Sheriff recommended that Michele Stainbrook have her employment title be changed to Senior Communications Officer in the Sheriff's office, effective November 20, 2021 at the hourly rate of \$ 23.21.
Passed this 23rd day of November, 2021.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Gary Bierschenk

Rick Primmer

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Resolution #21-98, Classification and wage change Tricia Lagrange in Sheriff's office. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 21-98

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff has recommended a promotion for a Senior Communications Specialist; and
WHEREAS, Tricia Lagrange has been employed by Benton County since December 27, 2016;
WHEREAS, Lagrange has all the required qualifications and will take on additional duties and assisting others where needed;
WHEREAS, the Sheriff recommended that Tricia Lagrange have her employment title be changed to Senior Communications Specialist in the Sheriff's office, effective November 20, 2021 at the hourly rate of \$23.21.
Passed this 23rd day of November, 2021.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Gary Bierschenk

Rick Primmer

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Jim Hemeseth and Marge Becker met with the board to discuss the funding help they had previously discussed for Florence Township to purchase a new truck. They are purchasing a truck in the amount of \$403,797.66 and the county plans to gift 10 % out of Local Sales and Service Tax (LOSST). In previous discussions they planned to possibly borrow from the EMS revolving loan. There is a build time with the truck, so it allows for more time to go over further details. No action taken today, but the LOSST gift will be on the agenda next week.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To Resolution #21-99, wage and classification change for Brad Allyn in transportation department. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 21-99

WHEREAS: Benton County Transportation has an employee that has been employed by Benton County since April 6, 2021, and

WHEREAS: Upon the completion of obtaining completion of his Class C CDL with passenger endorsement licensing,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the hourly wage of Bradley Allyn be set at \$15.40 effective November 22, 2021. This position carries a Labor Grade IVB classification.

Passed this 23rd day of November, 2021.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Gary Bierschenk

Rick Primmer

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To approve the updated fares for Benton County Transportation corridor routes that will go into effect January 1, 2022. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Class C Liquor License for Bar Candy pending approval from the Sheriff's office for December 4, 2021 at Kacena Farms. Motion carried.

Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To approve Resolution #21-100, Wage and Classification change for Gabe McGowan at secondary roads. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 21-100

WHEREAS: Benton County Secondary Road Department has a position to fill of an Equipment Operator II (maintainer operator) at the Mt Auburn shed, and

WHEREAS: Applications have been accepted for this position, and

WHEREAS: The applicants have been narrowed to one.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED By the Benton County Board of Supervisors that Gabe McGowan be transferred to the position of Equipment Operator II (maintainer operator) with a Labor Grade Classification of IVD. The base wage will be \$23.56. The effective date will be November 22, 2021.

Passed this 23rd day of November, 2021.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Gary Bierschenk

Rick Primmer

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To approve Resolution #21-101, Wage and Classification change for Grant Wittmer at secondary roads. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 21-101

WHEREAS: Benton County Secondary Road Department has a position to fill of an Equipment Operator II (maintainer operator) at the Keystone shed, and

WHEREAS: Applications have been accepted for this position, and

WHEREAS: The applicants have been narrowed to one.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED By the Benton County Board of Supervisors that Grant Wittmer be transferred to the position of Equipment Operator II (maintainer operator) with a Labor Grade Classification of IVD. The base wage will be \$23.56. The effective date will be November 22, 2021.

Passed this 23rd day of November, 2021.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Gary Bierschenk

Rick Primmer

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Resolution #21-102, Wage and classification change for Grant Vesely in secondary roads department. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 21-102

WHEREAS: Benton County has an employee that has been employed by Benton County for six months, and

WHEREAS: Upon the completion of the probationary period the base wage is to be increased from the starting wage

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the hourly base wage of Grant Vesely be set at \$22.79 effective November 24, 2021. This position carries a Labor Grade VB classification.

Passed this 23rd day of November, 2021.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Gary Bierschenk

Rick Primmer

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Resolution #21-103, Declaring Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to be an essential service in Benton County. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION#21-103
DECLARING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO BE AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE**

A resolution by Benton County to declare emergency medical services (EMS) to be an essential county service as authorized by Iowa Code Section 422D.1.

WHEREAS, Benton County supports the need for residents and visitors to have timely access to EMS.

WHEREAS, ensuring efficient and effective EMS coverage is essential for maintaining the health and welfare of its residents and visitors.

WHEREAS, in order to be able to efficiently and effectively provide EMS to its residents and visitors, the Board of Supervisors will proceed with the process under Iowa Code Section 422D.1 to declare emergency medical services as an essential county service in order to allow an ad valorem property tax for EMS and the creation of a county emergency medical services system advisory council to assist in researching and assessing the service needs of the county and guiding implementation of the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Benton County hereby declares emergency medical services to be an essential county service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Benton County directs that notice of the first meeting to consider this resolution be made and any other actions be taken as necessary to proceed with the process under Iowa Code Section 422D.1 to declare EMS be an essential county service.

HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Benton County on this 23rd day of November, 2021.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Gary Bierschenk

Rick Primmer

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To appoint Jennifer Zahradnik, as a supervisor representative on the Compensation Board. Motion carried.

Committee Reports were heard from Rick's Central Iowa Juvenile Detention meeting and Tracy's recent landfill budget meeting.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To adjourn. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor