

January 3, 2022

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman, Primmer and Bierschenk present, The meeting was called to order at 8:30 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.bentoncountya.gov](http://www.bentoncountya.gov)

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**Bierschenk moved/ Primmer seconded:** To approve minutes from December 28, 2021. Motion carried.

**Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded:** To appoint Tray Seeman as chairman for 2022. Motion carried.

**Primmer moved/Seeman seconded:** To appoint Gary Bierschenk as co-chairman for 2022. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the Construction Evaluation Resolution, but wanted to talk to the land use department. So no action was taken.

**Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded:** That the general schedule for regular meetings of the board of supervisors will remain the same and be each Tuesday throughout the year at 9:00 a.m. This schedule is general in nature and may be altered at any time throughout the year, including but not limited to the lack of agenda items, courthouse closings, meeting conflicts, or for any reason. Motion carried.

**Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded:** To approve Resolution #22-1, Authorize Auditor to issue Warrants per Iowa Code 331.506 and execute ACH and financial agreements for 2022.

**RESOLUTION #22-1**

**AUTHORIZING THE BENTON COUNTY AUDITOR TO ISSUE CHECKS AND SIGN ACH AGREEMENTS FOR 2022**

**WHEREAS:** Iowa Code §331.506 sets forth the auditor's duties relative to the issuance of checks; and

**WHEREAS:** Iowa Code §331.506(3) allows the auditor to issue checks under the authority of the Board of Supervisors without prior approval, and

**WHEREAS:** Benton County conducts part of this activity through the use of ACH deposits and other electronic means; and

**WHEREAS:** It is necessary for the auditor to have the authority to execute agreements on behalf of Benton County when necessary to allow for the use of electronic banking, including but not limited to ACH deposits, and other financial activities, and

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the auditor and/or her designee to issue checks in accordance with Iowa Code Section 331.506 and specifically Iowa Code Section 331.506(3).

**IT IS RESOLVED** that the Benton County Auditor and/or her designee is hereby authorized to execute all necessary agreements on behalf of Benton County for the purposes of ACH deposits and other financial activities of Benton County.

**IT IS RESOLVED** that this authority may be amended from time to time by resolution of the Board of Supervisors.

**IT IS RESOLVED** that this authority is granted beginning this date and shall remain in effect until revoked by the Board of Supervisors.

Signed this 3rd day of January, 2022.

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Tracy Seeman, Chairman

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Gary Bierschenk

ATTEST:  
  
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Rick Primmer

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

**Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded:** To approve Resolution #22-2, Authorize Treasurer to sign ACH Agreements for 2022. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #22-2**

**AUTHORIZING THE BENTON COUNTY TREASURER TO SIGN ACH AGREEMENTS FOR 2022**

**Whereas:** Iowa Code 331.552(29) sets forth the treasurer's duties relative to the issuance of direct deposits of tax revenue, special assessments, and other moneys collected for each tax-certifying or tax-levying public agency in the county; and

**Whereas:** Benton County conducts part of this activity through the use of ACH deposits and other electronic means; and

**Whereas:** It is necessary for the treasurer to have the authority to execute agreements on behalf of Benton County when necessary to allow the use of electronic banking, including but not limited to ACH deposits, and other financial activities; and

**IT IS RESOLVED** that the Benton County Treasurer and/or her designee is hereby authorized to execute all necessary agreements on behalf of Benton County for the purpose of ACH deposits and other financial activities of Benton County.

**IT IS RESOLVED** that this authority may be amended from time to time by resolution of the Board of Supervisors.

**IT IS RESOLVED** that the authority is granted beginning this date and shall remain in effect until revoked by the Benton County Board of Supervisors.

Signed this 3rd day of January, 2022.

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Tracy Seeman, Chairman

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Gary Bierschenk

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Rick Primmer

Attest:

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Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

**Primmer moved/Seeman seconded:** To designate the official newspapers for Benton County for 2022 as The Cedar Valley Times, The Vinton Eagle and The Gazette. Motion carried.

**Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded:** To appoint the following members to the respective boards for 2022. Motion carried.

- North Benton Family Resource Center (HACAP) - Supervisor Primmer
- Regional HACAP –Supervisor Primmer
- Emergency Management Commission - Supervisor Seeman  
Supervisor Primmer, Alternate
- Resource Enhancement & Protection (REAP) - Supervisor Seeman
- Solid Waste Disposal Commission Advisory Board - Supervisor Seeman  
Supervisor Primmer, Alternate
- County Conference Board - Supervisor Seeman  
Supervisor Primmer  
Supervisor Bierschenk
- 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Department of Corrections – Supervisor Primmer
- Workforce Development - Supervisor Bierschenk
- Eastern Iowa Tourism – Supervisor Bierschenk  
Supervisor Primmer, Alternate  
Supervisor Seeman Alternate
- North Central Iowa Juvenile Detention – Supervisor Primmer  
Supervisor Seeman, Alternate
- Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC) – Supervisor Bierschenk
- Benton County Conservation – Supervisor Seeman, Ex-Officio
- East Central Iowa Housing Trust Fund-Supervisor Seeman
- Public Health Board-Supervisor Bierschenk
- Heritage Area Agency on Aging-Supervisor Bierschenk

Gina Edler, Deputy Auditor, presented the Supervisors Redistricting Plan. The plan was drawn and approved earlier by the redistricting commission, who also held a public hearing on the new plan. After the 2020 census data was official, this is a requirement and needs to be submitted to the Secretary of State by January 15.

**Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded:** To adopt Resolution #22-3, Establishing Supervisors Districts after the 2020 Census. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #22-3  
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SUPERVISOR DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, a Benton County Redistricting Commission (the "commission") was established in accordance with Iowa law; and  
 WHEREAS, the commission reviewed the 2020 census data and developed a plan for supervisor districts in accordance with Iowa law; and  
 WHEREAS, the commission published and held a public hearing on a new Supervisor District Plan; and  
 WHEREAS, the commission subsequently approved the Supervisor District Plan and has presented it to the Board of Supervisors for approval, and  
 WHEREAS, the 2020 census shows the population of Benton County is 25,575; and  
 WHEREAS, the ideal population of each supervisor district is 8,525; and  
 WHEREAS, the proposed plan meets complies with the population distribution between districts; and  
 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors believes the plan is well developed,  
 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the new supervisor district plan is hereby approved and adopted. The plan is as follows:

SUPERVISOR DISTRICT PLAN

District 1	Harrison Township	385	
	Polk Township	807	
	Taylor Township	890	
	City of Urbana	1,554	
	City of Vinton	4,950	Total 8,541
District 2	Bruce Township	268	
	Cedar Township	368	
	Jackson Township	255	
	Benton Township	926	
	Big Grove Township	215	
	Eden Township	290	
	Canton Township	843	
	Eldorado Township	276	
	Fremont Township	697	
	City of Mt Auburn	162	
	City of Garrison	344	
	City of Shellsburg	961	
	City of Newhall	876	
City of Atkins	2,056	Total 8,582	
District 3	Monroe Township	239	
	Homer Township	186	
	Kane Township	240	
	Union Township	241	
	Iowa Township	405	
	Leroy Township	373	
	St Clair Township	366	
	Florence Township	504	
	City of Keystone	599	
	City of Van Horne	774	
	City of Belle Plaine	2,330	
	City of Luzerne	112	
	City of Blairstown	713	
City of Norway	466		
City of Walford	904	Total 8,452	

SUPERVISOR DISTRICTS

**DISTRICT I**

All of the following townships and cities in Benton County, Iowa:  
 Harrison, Polk-Urbana, and Taylor-Vinton

**DISTRICT II**

All of the following townships and cities in Benton County, Iowa:  
 Bruce, Cedar-Mt. Auburn, Jackson-Garrison, Benton, Big Grove, Eden, Canton-Shellsburg, Eldorado-Newhall, and Fremont-Atkins

**DISTRICT III**

All of the following townships and cities in Benton County, Iowa:  
 Monroe, Homer, Kane-Keystone, Union-Van Horne, Iowa-Belle Plaine, Luzerne, Leroy-Blairstown, St. Clair, Florence-Norway, and Walford

Signed this 3rd day of January, 2022.

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Tracy Seeman, Chairman

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Gary Bierschenk

ATTEST:

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Rick Primmer

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Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

**Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded:** To appoint the following members to East Central Iowa Council of Governments' Boards. Motion carried.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Kathleen Van Steenhuyse

Dave Fish

Tracy Seeman

Rick Primmer and Gary Bierschenk, Alternates

**REVOLVING LOAN FUND COMMITTEE**

Kate Robertson

**REGION 10 PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Dean Vrba and Terry Andorf as alternate

**REGION 10 REGIONAL TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Randy Scheel and Mark Pingnot

**REGION 10 TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

Tracy Seeman , Rick Primmer (alternate)

Mitch McDonough

**Bierschenk moved/Seeman seconded:** To re-appoint Becky VanWey to the Conservation Board. Primmer abstained due to conflict of interest. Voting aye were Bierschenk and Seeman. Motion carried.

**Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded:** To authorize chairman to sign new statement of non-issuance of certificate of occupancy for 2022. Motion carried.

**Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded:** To appoint Dan Lagrange, Pat Jorgensen and Connie Barnes to the Public Health Board. Motion carried.

**Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded:** To appoint Jerry Michael as the Civil Rights Coordinator for 2022. Motion carried.

**Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded:** To appoint the following persons to the Benton County Eminent Domain for 2022. Motion carried.

Licensed Real Estate Sales Person or Real Estate Broker

Danny Kaestner

Tami Timm

Shannon Feuerbach

Alan Michael

Dave Wessling

Scott Schlarbaum

Melissa Lennie

Persons Having Knowledge of Property Values by Reason of Occupation

Brian Bierschenk

Dave Coulter

Melissa McBride

Denise Weeda

David Redlinger

Gary McKenna

Owner-Operator Agricultural Property

Elaine Harrington

John David Rhinehart

John Elwick

Todd Hennings

Brenda Schanbacher

Wayne Seila

Owners of City or Town Property

Darold Sindt

Jeff Kelly

Kathy Van Steenhuyse

Janice Eldred

Larry Weeda  
Connie Ogier  
Gary Benson

**Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded:** To re-appoint Greg Walston, Jay Herman, Marlyn Jorgensen, Janelle Jack and Heather Rinderknecht to the Benton Development Group Board. Motion carried.

**Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded:** To appoint Rick Primmer as trustee of the Heartland Insurance Risk Group and Hayley Rippel as the alternate. Motion carried.

Discussion on the Heartland Safety Coordinator(s) was had. With Assistant Engineer Ben Vierling gone, the board will need to talk to the Engineer or a replacement. No action.

**Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded:** To re-appoint the following persons to the Benefited Fire Districts for three-year terms. Motion carried.

Van Horne Benefited #1 – Ronald Bossler  
Keystone Benefited #2 –Dale Seeck  
Newhall Benefited #4 –Timothy Rathje  
Ben-Linn Benefited #3-#5 – James Keiper

**Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded:** To re-appoint Allison Hicks and Phil Borleske to the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion carried.

**Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded:** To re-appoint Karen Peterson to the Land Use Adjustment Board. Motion carried.

**Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded:** To appoint Myron Parizek as the County Engineer pursuant to Iowa Code 309.17. Motion carried.

**Primmer moved/Seeman seconded:** To authorize Gary Bierschenk to sign USDA FSA documents on behalf of Benton County. Motion carried.

The time of 9:30 a.m. having arrived, and this being the time and date for the first consideration on Ordinance #76, An Ordinance Establishing the County Supervisor Districts and Election Precincts. The board took up the matter. There were no members of the media or public present. Notice of the hearing had been published in accordance with the law and copies were available on the county's website and in person. The county attorney was present to answer questions in regards to how changing the district names affects 2 of the supervisors. There was no other comments or questions in regards, so the public hearing was closed.

**Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded:** to approve the first consideration of Ordinance #76, An Ordinance Establishing the County Supervisor Districts and Election Precincts. All members voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

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

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Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor