

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman and Primmer were present, Bierschenk called in. 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*

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Throughout the meeting at various times, there was FY 23 Budget presentations with Sanitarian/Land Use, Relief, Sheriff, Auditor, Elections and Engineer.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve the minutes of January 12, 2022. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Seeman seconded: To approve Recorder's Quarterly Report ending December 31, 2021. Motion carried.

Lindsey Uph discussed the Abbe Center and what they were willing to pay for rent to have office space within the County Service Center.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To set the rental rate for Abbe Center to lease space in the service center at \$750 a month plus the costs of internet and phone. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve new printer contract with Access systems with allowing the county attorney time to look over before making the final change. Motion carried.

Kristine Bullock, Kirkwood Workplace presented their FY 23 Budget Request. Bullock also gave a presentation over how the funding is utilized throughout the year. With using the 2020 Census data, and .10 per capita, FY 23 request is \$2,575.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve handwritten claim for \$300 for 2 sheriff employees to attend the Iowa Sex Crimes Investigators Conference, Motion carried.

Jennifer Fencl, East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) presented the FY23 watershed budget. Fencl reported that all construction should be done by June 30, 2022 but with the realization the costs could possibly still roll into FY 23 Budget. So approximately \$104,000. There may need to be a contract amended at a later date with this reflected. The Middle Cedar Watershed is also requesting for financial support for FY 23. The asking amount of \$8,360 is based on area participation, per capita. This would help cover admin costs for continuing watershed projects and obtaining grants in the future.

Brandi Lewin, Sexual Assault Response Team Coordinator for Benton and Buchanan County. Currently we are entered into a 28E agreement between and the amount they are requesting is going to stay the same at \$6,500 a year.

Primmer moved/Seeman seconded: To approve General Assistance Quarterly Report. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Resolution #22-8, Amending Resolution #21-6, Updating Relief Cremation Rates. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #22-7
AMENDING RESOLUTION #21-6
ADOPTING BENTON COUNTY GENERAL ASSISTANCE
CREMATION SERVICE RATES

WHEREAS, the Benton County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution establishing cremation service rates through the county general assistance on January 4, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to change the rates approved for said services through the repeal of the existing resolutions and the adopting of new rates in lieu thereof,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that Resolution #22-7 *Benton County General Assistance Establishing Cremation Service Rates*, are HEREBY REPEALED in its entirety, January 18, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following cremation service rates are HEREBY ADOPTED January 18, 2022.

<u>Cremation Service</u>	
Crematory Expense	\$300.00
Cremation Tray	40.00
Medical Examiners Permit	75.00
Funeral Home Director's Fee	750.00
Optional Expenses:	
Grave Opening @ cost, not to exceed (Family must pay opening charges above \$300.00)	300.00
Minister Stipend (if used)	25.00

Signed this 18th day of January, 2022

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Gary Bierschenk

Rick Primmer

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

John Lindaman, Deputy Sheriff presented old dispatch contracts with the cities who utilize Benton County 911. The rates haven't changed in over 30 years and with inflation, this is the time to adjust to help recoup costs. They agreed it was necessary, and to get some figures calculated and set up a meeting with the cities of Vinton, Belle Plaine and Urbana. A meeting also for the other cities that utilize law enforcement contracts with Benton County will be in the works.

Primmer moved/Seeman seconded: To approve Resolution #22-8, Employment status change in Sheriff's office. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 22-8

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff has a need for full-time correctional officer, and;

WHEREAS, Brandi Tickle has been employed by Benton County as part-time since July 1, 2021 a;

WHEREAS, Tickle has been currently performing the duties of the above mentioned position; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff recommended that Tickle have her employment status be changed from part-time to full-time,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that Brandi Tickle be changed to a full-time correctional officer in the sheriff's office, effective January 18, 2022 at the hourly rate of \$17.91 an hour.

Signed this 18th day of January 2022.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

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Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve changing sheriff employee Garrison Reeker's employment status from full-time to part-time effective immediately. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To recess for lunch break. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve IDOT agreement and authorize signature for County Bridge Federal Aid SWAP funding of \$400,000 for bridge replacement on 75th Street in Florence Township. Motion carried.

Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To approve the REGION 10(ECICOG) Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) SWAP funds of \$600,000 for the City of Shellsburg to add a new bridge across Bear Creek. Motion carried.

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

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

