

October 4, 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 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.bentoncountya.gov (<https://www.youtube.com/bentoncountyiowa>)

Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To approve the minutes from Tuesday, September 27, 2022 and Friday, September 30, 2022. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Resolution #22-90, Variance to the Subdivision Ordinance. Motion carried.
RESOLUTION #22-90

Variance to the Benton County Subdivision Ordinance

WHEREAS, Jodene Ludden has requested a variance to the Benton County Subdivision Ordinance #72; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that certain requirements should be varied; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following requirements of the Benton County Subdivision Ordinance #72 shall be waived with the regards of Replotting of Lot 1, Ludden First Addition to Benton County, Iowa in section 10-86-10.

Article IV, Sections 4.01 through 4.05; Article V, sections 5.01 through 5.07, Article VI, 6.2 through 6.30 and 6.05(f); and Article VII: Section 7.01 Other Provisions

FURTHER IT IS RESOLVED that the owners shall comply with the remaining requirements set forth in the Benton County Subdivision #72.

Signed this 4th day of October, 2022.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Gary Bierschenk

Rick Primmer

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Bierschenk moved/Seeman seconded: To approve Resolution #22-91, Approve wage and classification change for George Haefner. Voting aye were Bierschenk and Seeman. Primmer abstained from conflict of interest. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #22-91

APPROVING HIRE IN ROADSIDE MANAGEMENT/WEED DEPARTMENT

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Weed Commission has a vacancy for the position of a full time Roadside Manager, and;

WHEREAS George Haefner has been selected to fill this vacancy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that George Haefner be hired as a full-time Roadside Manager in the Weed Commission department, effective September 26, 2022 with an annual salary of \$56,000.

This wage is set to increase to \$58,000 July 1, 2023 plus any cost of living increase approved by the Board. This is subject to Board approval.

Date this 3rd day of October, 2022.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Gary Bierschenk

Rick Primmer, abstained

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Bids were received from Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) for September letting for Bridge Replacement Project (BROS-SWAP-CO06(120—SE-06) as follows:

Taylor Construction, Inc. -\$485,498.38

Peterson Contractors Inc. -\$578,818.06

Jim Schroeder Construction, Inc. -\$636,125.84

Iowa Bridge & Culvert, L.C. -\$853,223.80

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To accept the lowest bid of \$485,498.38 and award Taylor Construction as the contractor for the Bridge Replacement Project on 55th St. (BROS-SWAP-CO06(120—SE-06) Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Resolution #22-92, Designate County Engineer to execute contract for Project (BROS-SWAP-CO06(120—SE-06). Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #22-94

WHEREAS, the Benton County Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as “the Board”, believes the BROS-SWAP-C006(120)--SE-06, hereafter referred to as “the project” is in the best interest of Benton County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as Bridge Replacement-CCS on 55th Street over Pratt Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Benton County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Board to accept the bid from Taylor Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$485,498.38 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Benton County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor’s bond and certificate of insurance, Myron L Parizek, the County Engineer for Benton County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

Dated at Benton County, Iowa, this 4th day of October, 2022.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Gary Bierschenk

Rick Primmer

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Resolution #22-93, Hiring Equipment Operator-Norway Shed. Motion carried.
RESOLUTION #22-93

WHEREAS: Benton County Secondary Road Department has a Maintainer Operator to fill at the Norway shed and

WHEREAS: Applications were accepted for this position and

WHEREAS: These applications have been narrowed to one.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY The Benton County Board of Supervisors that Cody Mattison be hired to fill the position as Maintainer Operator at a starting wage of \$24.75 per hour starting October 10, 2022. This is an Equipment Operator II classification with a Labor Grade IVA.

Signed this 4th day of October, 2022.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Gary Bierschenk

Rick Primmer

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Auditor Rippel and Supervisor Seeman reported on a recent ARPA committee meeting. They discussed some projects that they felt were good use of the ARPA funds. One of those being the scanning and archiving of documents such as real estate records and old supervisors' minutes. History that would be backed up and able to search in a database. Other expenses due to ongoing projects such as the new boiler in the courthouse needs a few additional valves that weren't in the original quote. Conservation was going to move forward with quotes for Hannen Park Shop. And the Engineer's department will need new radios to go with the new county wide radio project.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve moving forward with the 4 discussed projects using ARPA funds and authorizing department heads to sign agreements and obtain quotes to move forward. Motion carried.

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

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor