

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 of December 27, 2022 and December 29, 2022. Motion carried.

Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To appoint Tracy Seeman as chairman for 2023. Motion carried.

Bierschenk moved/Seeman seconded: To appoint Rick Primmer as vice-chairman for 2023. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To take no action on adopting the Construction Evaluation Resolution for 2023. Motion carried.

Bierschenk moved/Primmer 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/Seeman seconded: To designate the official newspapers for Benton County for 2023 as The Cedar Valley Times, The Vinton Eagle and The Gazette. Motion carried.

John Lindaman asked for clarification on the holiday pay for the Sheriff's Office employees for December 23, 2022.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To grant 8 hours of floating vacation hours to those who worked on December 23, 2022. Motion carried.

Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To appoint the following members to the respective boards for 2023. 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

6th 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 Bierschenk, 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

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To re-appoint Tyneal Herger to the Land Use Adjustment Board. Motion carried.

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

Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To appoint Myron Parizek as the Heartland Safety Coordinator for 2023. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To re-appoint Randy Scheel to the Conservation Board. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Resolution #23-1, Authorize Auditor to issue Warrants per Iowa Code 331.506 and execute ACH and financial agreements for 2023.

RESOLUTION #23-1

AUTHORIZING THE BENTON COUNTY AUDITOR TO ISSUE CHECKS AND SIGN ACH AGREEMENTS FOR 2023

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, 2023.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Rick Primmer

Gary Bierschenk

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Resolution #23-2, Authorize Treasurer to sign ACH Agreements for 2023. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #23-2

AUTHORIZING THE BENTON COUNTY TREASURER TO SIGN ACH AGREEMENTS FOR 2023

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.

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Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Rick Primmer

Gary Bierschenk

Attest:

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:

Kate Robertson
Dave Fish
Tracy Seeman
Rick Primmer and Gary Bierschenk, Alternates

REVOLVING LOAN FUND COMMITTEE

Kate Robertson
REGION 10 TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Myron Parizek, Engineer,
REGION 10 PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dean Vrba and Jessica Meyer 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

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To appoint Ilene Kreider, Wayne Shannon and Kim Kuch to the Pioneer Cemetery with term ending on 12/31/2025. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To recess and make some phone calls. Motion carried.
The Board reconvened.

Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To appoint Lisa Staab to the Benton County Public Health Board. Motion carried.

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 the following persons to the Benton County Eminent Domain for 2023. 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 the following persons to the Benefited Fire Districts for three-year terms. Motion carried.

Van Horne Benefited #1 – Mark Kuch
Keystone Benefited #2 –Dan Busch
Newhall Benefited #4 –Roy Becker
Ben-Linn Benefited #3-#5 – Mike Deklotz

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To appoint First deputy Sheriff John Lindaman as the Civil Rights Coordinator for 2023. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To acknowledge Kathy Chamberlain's resignation to the Integrated Vegetation Roadside Management (IVRM) and appoint Jeff Schadle and also re-appoint John Frazier. 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.

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

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor