

January 12, 2023

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.bentoncountyiowa.gov (<https://www.youtube.com/bentoncountyiowa>)*

Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To approve the minutes of January 10, 2023. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Seeman seconded: To appoint Mike Barnes and Mark Zahradnik as the Supervisor's representatives to the Benton County Compensation Board. Motion carried.

The Engineer presented his budget along with discussing upcoming projects that include the purchase of land north of Blairstown to widen the road. Highway 30 intersections were also a big topic.

IT Director Ben Turnis presented his budget and that included his interest in pursuing an assistant. Since being hired, Turnis has added coverage to The Benton County Service Center, Secondary Roads and Conservation. The Sheriff's department has also expressed interest for him to take it over as well. When you compare the cost to replace this position in a private sector and how cyber security continues to be a continued threat and we need to be proactive.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To adjourn and proceed to have an exempt budget work session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.9. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor