

March 21, 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 minutes of March 14, 2023 with a correction. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve payroll checks numbered 142780 through 142827, ACH Deposits 52411 through 52558, vendor checks 245575 through 245582 and claims numbered 245583 through 245727. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To amend FY 24 Budget Hearing Date from Tuesday, April 4, 2023 to Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Class C Liquor Licenses for Kacena Farms for May 19-23, 2023 and July 28-August 1, 2023. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Class C Liquor License for Bloomsbury Farms, Inc. for April 30, 2023 through April 24, 2024. Motion carried.

Auditor Rippel read the combined results of the Benton Community School Special Election with Tama and Iowa County votes. Public Measure BE failed with 1,431 no votes and 769 yes votes, Benton Community School Public Measure BF in Benton County as failed with 1,456 no votes and 762 yes votes.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve the second-tier canvass of the March 7, 2023 Special School Election. Motion carried.

Sheriff Ron Tippett shared some bids he received for jail medical expenses.

Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc. had 2 options.

Option 1-\$129,999 included Doctor and nurses. Option 2-\$38,999 would only be the nurses.

Virginia Gay Hospital only submitted a bid on the nurse's portion at \$26,400 annually or \$2,200 a month with a 3% increase in contract yearly.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Option 2 with Advanced Correctional Healthcare and accept bid from Virginia Gay Hospital for their nursing option. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To enter closed session at 9:22 a.m. pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)g. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To exit closed session at 9:53 a.m. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve contract as discussed in closed session. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman reported on the Norway tower being up, and recently added a fence around it. The landfill was starting on the construction of a new cell.

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

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor