

April 11, 2023

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman and Bierschenk present, Primmer 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.bentoncountiia.gov (<https://www.youtube.com/bentoncountyiowa>)*

Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To approve the minutes of April 4, 2023. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve payroll checks numbered 142828 through 142840, ACH Deposits 52559 through 52705, handwrite 245728, vendor checks 245729 through 245735 and claims numbered 245736 through 245917. Payroll Checks numbered 142841 through 142846, ACH Deposits 52706 through 52853 and vendor checks numbered 245918 through 245924. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve using ARPA Funds for the following claims: True North Consulting Group for \$5,904.00 and Amazon for a duplex printer in the amount of \$1,476. Motion carried.

Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To approve Auditor's Quarterly Report ending March 31, 2023. Motion carried.

Bierschenk moved/Seeman seconded: To approve Recorder's Quarterly Report ending March 31, 2023. Motion carried. George Haefner, Weed Commissioner asked about posting for seasonal positions. Haefner would like two interns, which Supervisor Seeman asked if two positions were necessary while Supervisor Primmer asked about the pay. Haefner requested the pay stay same as last year at \$17 an hour and work would take place between May and June. Seeman also asked about the longer work days if they were going to do the 10-hour days all five days a week. Haefner answered they would do so when the weather cooperated with their spraying. The Board agreed for him to proceed with the position posting and come back for formal action for approval at a later date when he found the qualified candidate(s).

Jennifer Fencil of East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) and Shelby Williams, Benton County Conservation Director presented a proposal for applying for a four-year grant. It is worth \$900 a tree. The trees would be split between Hannen, Wildcat and Rodgers Parks and if any leftover, they would go to the Atkins roundhouse for those 80 acres that need replanted. Fencil explained there is 1.1 million in funding that will be split among Marshall, Tama and Benton County. Benton County would act as the pass-through fiscal agent.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Resolution #23-22, Authorizing ECICOG to submit application and associated documents for funding the CDBG-DR to the IED. Motion carried.

Resolution #23-22

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING EAST CENTRAL IOWA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ECICOG) TO SUBMIT APPLICATION AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS FOR FUNDING FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY DERECHO TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM (CDBG-DR) TO THE IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (IED) AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2020, communities in Benton County, Iowa experienced a derecho storm that significantly impacted the county's tree canopy in parks and other publicly owned land; and

WHEREAS, Benton County has heretofore deemed it necessary and desirable to apply for a \$931,500 grant through the CDBG DR Tree Canopy and Tree Replanting Program to the Iowa Economic Development Authority to purchase and plant native trees on public land in the county and in partnering communities, and

WHEREAS, Benton County is supportive of this project to replace some of the tree canopy lost to the 2020 derecho storm with a more diverse mix of native trees providing a wide range of economic and mitigation benefits to the community; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, a grant application is being prepared for this project and documents have been presented to the Benton County Board of Directors for the approval necessary to submit the grant applications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the City of Benton, Iowa, that the Chair is hereby authorized and directed to sign and execute on behalf of the County of Benton, the additional documents required for the application, as presented to the Board of Supervisors, and ECICOG is hereby authorized to submit the CDBG DR application and the associated documents for the above-named project to the Iowa Economic Development Authority on or before April 28, 2023.

Passed this 11th day of April, 2023.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Rick Primmer

Gary Bierschenk

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Supervisor Seeman and Auditor Rippel updated the board on some of the projects that were discussed and approved at the 3/27/2023 ARPA Committee meeting. The Conservation project for a shower house at Wildcat Park was one of the bigger ones along with two-way radios for the secondary roads and weed department. Agreed to go up to \$200,000 towards the cost so they can be compatible with the new E911 Radio Tower Project in the works. Other smaller projects such as finishing the courthouse boiler, network wiring and a few other small needs that can be approved as the invoices come through.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve using ARPA Funds for Wildcat Shower House Project and authorizing Shelby Williams, Conservation Director to move forward. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Resolution #23-23, FY23 Service Area(s) Amendments. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #23-23

SERVICE AREA BUDGET AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the Benton County Board of Supervisors adopted the FY2023 budget on March 15, 2022;

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to amend said budget within service area(s) to reallocate funds;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the FY2023 county budget is hereby amended within the following service areas:

Service Area 1) \$10,000 moved from 0001-99 to 0001-28

\$15,000 moved from 0040-99 to 0002-61

Service Area 3) * + \$12,000 from 0004-99 to 0002-61(**Service Area 9**)

Service Area 9) \$29,656.51 moved from 0002-16 to 0006-16 (Function 9040)

\$26,900 moved from 0004-99 to 0002-99

*-\$12,000 moved from 0004-99 to **Service Area 3** -0002-61

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that said funds are hereby appropriated.

The auditor is directed to make the necessary changes.

Signed this 11th day of April, 2023.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Rick Primmer

Gary Bierschenk

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To set the 2023 MC-70 Dust Control fees. The first 400 feet is \$1,500.00 and \$2.50 per foot after that with a minimum of 50-foot increments. Motion carried.

Engineer Myron Parizek provided the break down one year at a time for the five-year program. Discussed design work for upcoming bridge replacements along with widening shoulders and replacing culverts. A number of roads will also be resurfaced.

Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To approve the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Five-Year Proposed Plan for Secondary Road Construction Program FY 24-FY28. Motion carried.

Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To approve the FY 24 IDOT Secondary Road Budget. Motion carried.

Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To approve utility permit for Alliant Energy in Jackson and Cedar Townships. Motion carried.

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

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor