

May 2, 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 are invited to join in during open session or watch the 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*
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Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve the minutes of April 25, 2023, April 28, 2023 and May 1, 2023. Motion carried.
Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To authorize a letter and signature for obtaining a vending machine waiver to the State of Iowa requested by McBride Mobile Taps. Motion carried.
Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To approve Resolution #23-27, Abatement of Taxes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #23-27

WHEREAS, the County of Benton has acquired property for public purposes and were given the appropriate notice of the taxes due; and

WHEREAS, said entity failed to pay said tax; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code 445.63 provides that the board of supervisors shall abate the tax if the governing body fails to immediately pay the tax,

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the 2022 tax assessed against parcels listed below as follows are hereby abated in the amounts listed pursuant to Iowa Code 445.63: the treasurer is directed to strike the amount listed due from the county system.

Parcel #	Taxes Due:
870-44700	\$18.00

Dated this 2nd day of May, 2023

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Rick Primmer

Gary Bierschenk

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve the April 2023 Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds project ending March 31, 2023. Motion carried.

Mona Onken was in the office regarding the tabled action from last week's MOU between Benton County and the Region referring to the Advocate position and duties. Mae Hintgen called in. Assistant Attorney Tim Dille brought up one concern being the agenda referred to the item as Exhibit A and it should be Exhibit B. Also referring Iowa Code 229.14 and the duties listed. Discussion regarding the roles of the county and the region with the reporting requirements along with the quality assurance program. Action was tabled again until things can be worked out and agreed up before being put back on an agenda.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Resolution #23-28, Proclamation for May being Community Action Month. Motion carried.

Resolution #23-28

WHEREAS, Community Action has made essential contributions to individuals and families across this Nation by creating economic opportunities and strengthening communities; and

WHEREAS, Community Action is a robust state and local force connecting people to lifechanging services and creating pathways to prosperity in 99% of all American counties; and

WHEREAS, Community Action builds and promotes economic stability as an essential aspect of enabling and enhancing stronger communities and stable homes; and

WHEREAS, Community Action promotes community-wide solutions to challenges throughout our cities, suburbs, and rural areas; and

WHEREAS, Community Action delivers innovative services and supports that create greater opportunities for families and children to succeed; and

WHEREAS, Community Action insists on community participation and involvement ensuring that all sectors of the community have a voice and will be heard; and

WHEREAS, Community Action is celebrating 59 years of innovation, impact, and providing proven results for Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Benton County Supervisors do hereby proclaim May 2023 as Community Action Month in recognition of the hard work and dedication of all [CITY AND/OR STATE] Community Action Agencies.

Signed this 2nd day of May, 2023.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Rick Primmer

Gary Bierschenk

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve the second consideration of declaring EMS as an Essential Service in Benton County. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To appoint the following members to the HR Director Hiring Committee: Sheriff Ron Tippet, Karen Uthoff, Doug Kearns, Shelby Williams, Megan Hill, Rick Primmer and Beth Geater. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve and authorize signature on the IDOT Detour Agreement for IA HWY 150 Roundabout project. Motion carried.

Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To approve Resolution #23-29, Bridge Embargo Removal. Motion carried.
Resolution #23-29

Bridge Embargo Removal

WHEREAS, the structure at this location has been replaced by a new structure and

WHEREAS, the new structure will no longer need a weight restriction,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the weight restriction previously imposed on this structure be removed. The structure is located as follows:

FL-3910 0.1 mile west of the NE corner of section 10-82N-9W (Florence Township) on 75th Street

Signed this 2nd day of May, 2023.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Rick Primmer

Gary Bierschenk

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve and authorize signature on the IDOT Detour Agreement for IA HWY 150 Bridge Replacement Project in 2024. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To acknowledge the resignation of George Haefner, Weed Commissioner effective May 5, 2023. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To recess until 1:00 p.m. Motion carried.

The Board Reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Discussion was had over the revised lease agreement following Friday's meeting.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve and authorize Chairman's signature on the Benton County Business Lease Agreement with Cedar Valley Ranch with a few changes such as striking 4.1 in its entirety and revising the wording in section 3.1. Motion carried.

Barb Greenlee requested to go into closed session to discuss her employment conditions.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)i. Motion carried at 1:11 p.m.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To Exit closed session at 1:53 p.m. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To go with option one based on the two options the Board of Health provided. To hire a Public Health Administrator along with approaching Virginia Gay Hospital and see if they would be willing to grant a short extension if we don't have an administrator hired by July 1. Motion carried.

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

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor