

May 9, 2023

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

Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To approve the minutes of May 2, 2023. Motion carried.

Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To approve payroll checks numbered 142855 through 142864, ACH Deposits 53006 through 53155, claims numbered 246053 through 246201 and vendor checks numbered 246202 and 246208. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve 22.5 vacation hours carryover for Cara Martin to be used by September 1, 2023. Motion carried.

Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To approve Class C Liquor License for Blairstown Sauerkraut Days Beer Tent for May 24, 2023 through June 6, 2023. Motion carried.

Maggie Mangold and Lisa Staab, both members on the Board of Health met with the supervisors to provide another update after their recent meeting. They also asked for a possible budget amendment for next fiscal year to accommodate the structure the supervisors chose to go with. They need to be able to financially support a full-time public health individual and an additional possible part-time to assist along with the other necessary expenses to provide the services. The Board agreed that this amount could be determined this fall with an amendment, once they know what all it will involve.

Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To approve Resolution #23-30, Proclamation of Crisis Intervention Awareness Month. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #23-30
PROCLAMATION OF CRISIS INTERVENTION AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, traumatic and critical incidents have the ability to affect anyone of all racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the immediate physical and emotional costs, critical incidents may also have associated consequences of acute stress disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, depression, homelessness, eating disorders, and suicide; and

WHEREAS, critical incidents can be devastating not only for the survivor(s) but also for the family and friends, and community of the survivor(s); and

WHEREAS, since critical incidents may happen to anyone at any time and cannot be eliminated, we must work together to educate our entire population about what can be done to minimize the aftermath, support survivors and their agencies and/or families, and support those agencies providing services to survivors.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED we, the Benton County Board of Supervisors in and for Benton County, on behalf of all staff and citizens of Benton County, that the Month of May 2023 is hereby proclaimed as:
"CRISIS INTERVENTION AWARENESS MONTH"

Signed this 9th day of May, 2023.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Gary Bierschenk

Rick Primmer

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To acknowledge and authorize chairman's signature on the FY 2022 Cost Allocation Plan. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Resolution #23-31, Declaring Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to be an Essential Service. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #23-31
DECLARING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO BE AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE**

A resolution by Benton County to declare emergency medical services (EMS) to be an essential county service as authorized by Iowa Code Section 422D.1.

WHEREAS, Benton County supports EMS to its residents.

WHEREAS, ensuring efficient and effective EMS coverage is essential for maintaining the health and welfare of its residents.

WHEREAS, in order to be able to efficiently and effectively provide EMS to its residents, the Board of Supervisors will proceed with the process under Iowa Code Section 422D.1 to declare emergency medical services as an essential county service in order to allow an ad valorem property tax for EMS and the creation of a county emergency medical services system advisory council to assist in researching and assessing the service needs of the county and guiding implementation of the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Benton County hereby declares emergency medical services to be an essential county service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Benton County directs that notice of the first meeting to consider this resolution be made and any other actions be taken as necessary to proceed with the process under Iowa Code Section 422D.1 to declare EMS be an essential county service.

HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Benton County on this 9th day of May, 2023.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Rick Primmer

Gary Bierschenk

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Committee reports: Auditor Rippel attended last week's Heartland Insurance Meeting in Tama. Supervisor Seeman provided an update from the Conservation's meeting and was happy to report that Marlyn and Ann Jorgensen donated 40 acres of ground known as the Garrison Paha. They also got to tour the ground adjoining Wildcat that they are trying to obtain.

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

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor