

August 31, 2023

The Benton County Opioid Task Force Committee met for the first time at the Benton County Service Center Conference Room at 1:30 p.m. The members of the committee present were: John Lindaman, Grace Petrezelka, Chelsea Hurber, Hayley Rippel, Ray Lough, Brian Meeker, Ben Parmater, James Bieschke and Cindy Pattee.

The purpose of today's meeting was to introduce everyone and to allow Ray Lough, County Attorney to give an overview of how the funds became available. Benton County currently has \$105,000 and anticipates up to \$330,000 before litigation is all said and done. There was some good conversation and some resources shared to allow everyone to do some research of their own and come back at the next meeting so that the committee can create a needs assessment for our community so we can start spending this money wisely and appropriately. We will also need to appoint a chairman and secretary to the committee. The next meeting was set to be held here at the same location on Thursday, September 21, at 1:30 p.m.