

September 26, 2023

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman and Primmer and Bierschenk present. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. at the Vinton Skate and Activity Center. Members of the public 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:*

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve the minutes of September 19, 2023. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To authorize a credit card for the Benton County Relief department with a credit limit of \$1,000. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Primmer seconded: To approve payroll checks numbered 142983 through 143005, ACH Deposits 54530 through 54684, claims numbered 247449 through 247578 and vendor checks numbered 247579 through 247586 with the exception of fixing one line item and descriptions for a vendor and checking into another payment to be made quarterly instead of yearly. Motion carried.

Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To approve ARPA claim for \$ to Henry Adkins & Son, Inc. for \$99,140.00 for new election equipment. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Primmer seconded: To set land use hearing date for Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 9:15 a.m. for David Wilson in a part of the NE ¼ NE ¼ of Sec 13-84-12. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Resolution #23-67, Amending Resolution #23-38, Veterans Affairs Office Hours. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #23-67

AMENDING RESOLUTION # 23-38

WHEREAS, Cara Martin, has been employed by Benton County as the Veterans Affairs Director since May 24, 2021;

WHEREAS, the VA Director was a full-time position until July 1, 2023, at which time it became a part-time position with the requirement to work a minimum of 20 hours per week and any additional as necessary to meet the needs of the office and county Veterans;

WHEREAS, the Veterans Affairs Director is currently a part-time county employee who works a minimum of 20 hours per week and does not receive any paid time off for vacation or sick leave;

WHEREAS, the Veterans Affairs Commission has recommended that Cara Martin work a minimum of 20 hours per week, but more as deemed necessary to meet the needs of the county Veterans, excluding any extended time off that needs to be taken for illness or vacation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING policies and job description are amended accordingly and adopted for the Office of the Benton County Veterans Affairs:

1. In accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 35B.6(4)(b)(1), the Benton County Veterans Affairs Director, shall be employed as a part-time county employee and work a minimum of 20 hours per week, excluding any extended time off that needs to be taken for either illness or vacation.
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Passed this 26th day of September, 2023.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Rick Primmer

Gary Bierschenk

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To approve Resolution #23-68, Abatement of Taxes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #23-68

WHEREAS, the City of Blirstown 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 2023 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.

<u>Parcel #</u>	<u>Taxes Due:</u>
050-06550	\$458.00

Dated this 26th day of September, 2023

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Rick Primmer

Gary Bierschenk

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Darren Stein, Weed Commissioner presented a quote from Future Line Truck Bodies for a new truck bed/body.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve the purchase of the new truck/body from Future Line Truck for the Weed department with the addition of electric tarp. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To acknowledge Hayley Pringle's resignation as a correctional officer at the sheriff's office effective September 15, 2023. Motion carried.

Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To hire Pat Jorgensen as a part-time courthouse security officer for \$21.08 an hour effective October 2, 2023. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Resolution #23-69, Approve the 2E for Mental Health/Disability Services of the East Central Region (ECR). Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #23-69

WHEREAS, Benton County is a member of the Mental Health/Disability Services of the East Central Region (ECR);

WHEREAS, Benton County approved the 28E Agreement for Mental Health/Disability Services of the East Central Region pursuant to Resolution No. 22-68, passed on August 9, 2022;

WHEREAS, the Governing Board has now recommended that the language of the 28E Agreement follow Iowa Code Section 331.390;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors believes that the recommended updates are in the County's best interests;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Supervisors that Benton County approves the changes of the 28E Agreement for Mental Health/Disability Services of the East Central Region recommended by the Governing Board.

Signed this 26th day of September, 2023.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Rick Primmer

Gary Bierschenk

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

****See 28E**

Rick Wood, Courthouse Maintenance Director presented quotes he obtained for repairing the basement floor. The quotes were as follows: Wood said the one that was more expensive is because they were willing to grind and fill cracks that need to be done also.

PolishMaxx-\$9,640.00

TSR Concrete Coatings-\$9,442.55

Claussen Painting-\$9,696.00

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve the recommendation from Rick Wood to accept the bid from Claussen, for the amount of \$9,696.00 to repair the courthouse basement with a 50% deposit due up front. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)i: To evaluate the professional competence of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary Voting aye were Primmer, Bierschenk and Seeman. Motion carried at 10:02 a.m.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To exit closed session at 10:47 a.m. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To take action as discussed in closed session. Motion carried.

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

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor