Brent Hinders met with the Board of Supervisors per Iowa Code 21.5 (1)(c) To discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: to enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 (1)(c). Voting aye were Primmer, Bierschenk and Seeman. Motion carried.

At 10:38 a.m. Board entered into closed session.

At 10:45 a.m. Auditor, Hayley Rippel exited closed session due to a conflict of interest. Closed Session discussion was suspended pending arrival of a Deputy Auditor to take minutes per Iowa Code.

At 10:49 a.m. Deputy Auditor, Gina Edler entered into closed session. Board returned to closed session discussions.

At 11:01 a.m. Ray Lough, County Attorney entered into closed session.

At 11:29 a.m. Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: to come out of Closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 (1)(c). Voting aye were Primmer, Bierschenk and Seeman. Motion carried.

Bierschenk moved/Seeman seconded: To adopt Resolution #24-26, Approve hire of Mark Erickson as Transportation Director. Voting aye were Primmer, Bierschenk and Seeman. Motion carried

## RESOLUTION #24-26 APPROVE HIRE OF TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR

WHEREAS: Benton County Secondary Roads Department has an opening to fill for Director of Transportation, and

WHEREAS: Applications were accepted for this position and,

WHEREAS: These applications have been reviewed and evaluated.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY The Benton County Board of Supervisors that Mark Erickson be hired to fill the position of Transportation Director at a salary of \$56,000 per year starting April 8, 2024.

Signed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024

Rick Primmer, Chairman

Gary Bierschenk

ATTEST:

Tracy Seeman

Gina Edler, Benton County Deputy Auditor

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To Adjourn. Voting aye were Primmer, Bierschenk and Seeman. Motion carried.

Richard Primmer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Gina Edler, Benton County Deputy Auditor