

April 9, 2024

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Bierschenk and Seeman present. Primmer called in and Vice-Chairman Bierschenk called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Benton County Service Center. Members of the public are invited to join in during open session or watch the livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/bentoncountyiowa>. Summarized Resolutions will be available in the Auditor's office and at: www.bentoncountyiowa.gov

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

Seeman moved/Primmer seconded: To approve the minutes from April 2, 2024. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Payroll checks numbered 143213 through 143218, ACH Deposits 56594 through 56742, claims numbered 249430 through 249595 and vendor checks numbered 249596 through 249601. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Class C Alcohol License for Bloomsbury Farms effective April 30, 2024 through April 29, 2025. All members voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Sheriff's Quarterly Report ending March 31, 2024. Voting aye were: Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Primmer seconded: To approve Resolution #24-29, Proclamation that April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Voting aye thereon were: Seeman, Primmer and Bierschenk. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 24-29

PROCLAMATION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects women, children and men of all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds; and

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

WHEREAS, sexual assault can be devastating not only to the survivor, but also for the family and friends, and community of the survivor; and

WHEREAS, since no one person, organization, agency or community can eliminate sexual assault on their own, we must work together to educate our entire population about what can be done to prevent sexual assault, support victims/survivors and their significant others and support those agencies providing services to victims/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 April 2024 is hereby proclaimed as:

"SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH"

In Iowa and encourage all citizens to learn more about preventing sexual violence.

Signed this 9th day of April, 2024.

Rick Primmer, Chairman

Gary Bierschenk

Tracy Seeman

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Auditor's Quarterly Report ending March 31, 2024. Seeman, Primmer and Bierschenk voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Recorder's Quarterly Report ending March 31, 2024. Seeman, Bierschenk and Primmer voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

Shelby Williams, Conservation Director provided costs for cameras for Hannen Lake and the Nature Center. The Security Committee recently met and approved the quotes. Williams wanted to get clarification on the costs, the original quote was done in 2023 but will still be honored.

Seeman moved/Primmer seconded: To appoint Eric Shares as Weed Commissioner. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

Primmer **moved/Seeman seconded:** To table the appointments to the IRVM Commission to allow time to contact members if they want to be re-appointed. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

The Engineer explained the cost of the Dust Control products and felt that it could stay the same as it was last year.

Seeman moved/Primmer seconded: To set the 2024 MC-70 Dust Control fees. The first 400 feet is \$1,500.00 and \$2.50 per foot after that with a minimum of 50-foot increments with a window for signing up between April 9, 2024 through May 3, 2024. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve the FY 25 IDOT Secondary Road Budget. All members voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Primmer seconded: To approve the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Five-Year Proposed Plan for Secondary Road Construction Program FY 25-FY29. Seeman, Bierschenk and Primmer voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Resolution #24-30, Approving hiring John Martin, Clerk in the Auditor's Office. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #24-30

APPROVE HIRE OF AUDITOR CLERK

WHEREAS, the Benton County Auditor has a position to fill in the office; and

WHEREAS, the auditor has advertised and conducted interviews for said position, including all veterans who applied; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration, the auditor has recommended that John Martin be hired to fill the position, said hire is being done through a transfer as Martin is a current employee of Benton County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the hire/transfer of Jonathan Martin as clerk in the auditor's office, at an annual salary of \$63,000.00, effective April 15, 2024, is hereby approved.

Dated 9th day of April, 2024.

Rick Primmer, Chairman

Gary Bierschenk

Tracy Seeman

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Shelby Williams followed up with an email to confirm the pricing on the security cameras that were discussed earlier in the meeting.

Primmer moved/Seeman Seconded: To approve the quotes for Conservation's Nature Center and Hannen Lake Shop in the amount of \$26,967.00 for a 10-year warranty/license. Voting aye were: Seeman, Primmer and Bierschenk. Motion carried.

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

Gary Bierschenk, Co-Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor