

April 30, 2024

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Bierschenk and Seeman present. Supervisor Primmer attended via phone and 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

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

Bierschenk moved/Seeman seconded: To approve the minutes from April 23, 2024. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To appoint Jeffery Holmes to the vacancy on the Veterans Affairs Commission term ending June 30, 2024. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk all voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

Eric Shares, Weed Commissioner explained the spray notice for the newspaper and encouraged residents who wish to be placed on the do not spray list to reach out and he can walk them through the process.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve the 2024 Weed Commissioner Spray Notice for the newspaper. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk all voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Resolution #24-39, Abatement of Taxes. Voting aye were Primmer, Bierschenk and Seeman. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #24-39

WHEREAS, the Benton County Treasurer has reported that one mobile home has been deemed to have no value by the Westview Urbana Mobile Home Court pursuant to Iowa Code 435.23(3): and

WHEREAS, there are currently tax liens filed against the property and has determined that it is impractical to pursue collection of the total amount of tax due through the tax sale and the personal judgment remedies and has recommended that the board of supervisors abate the tax on these parcels,

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the delinquent tax, penalty, interest and costs assessed on the below listed parcels and unpaid through the 2023 county system.

#1V701FFFR24437 – \$772.00 in tax, penalty and interest Tax Sale Certificate CH00701 2022

Dated this 30th day April, 2024.

Rick Primmer, Chairman

Gary Bierschenk

Tracy Seeman

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Bierschenk moved/Seeman seconded: To approve Fireworks Permit for Iowa Pyrotechnics Association for May 25 and 26th, 2024. Primmer, Bierschenk and Seeman voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To table the Fireworks Permit for Iowa Pyrotechnics Association for Boomtown 2024 awaiting signature on the application. Voting aye were Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk. Motion carried.

Bierschenk moved/Seeman seconded: To approve the minutes from April 23, 2024. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Tracy Seeman attended the Eastern Iowa Housing Trust Fund, and they have been receiving applications for projects. That meeting was followed by the ECICOG meeting. Gary Bierschenk reported on his Mental Health Regional meeting and Rick Primmer had the monthly Central Iowa Juvenile Detention meeting and went over the aging summary and how this is one of the areas in the budget where we are going over in.

Public Comments:

Sheriff Ron Tippet brought up the budget concerns regarding areas of his budget that were mentioned at last week's budget hearing. After reviewing budget history, he reported that his budgets have always come in under the budget estimate at the end of the fiscal year. The large increase in the administrative portion was mainly due to the "back the blue" bill that was passed. He also said carefully went through this budget for 2025 asking and reduced some of the cushion areas he had from year's past. He said it is important to me as a tax payer to be vigilant with the county's money and return as much as I can, he also added that he was not an end-of-the-year spender.

Al Schafbuch, representing Farm Bureau also spoke up in regards to the recent budget hearing and what he observed. The 12% increase was awfully high, but how they look at the ending balance of the entire county. Individual budgets are over-estimated, making it higher on that estimates which then reflected a lower ending fund balance. He asked that the supervisors look into individual departments in the future budget requests to keep their spending in line. Schafbuch also shared a suggestion about public meeting procedure rules and rules of conduct and shared what Tama County has.

Sue Wilber, HR Director reminded all County employees that the open enrollment period is starting effective May 1-15, 2024. If they do nothing then everything stays the same with the only exception being the accidental insurance since we switched vendors, they will need to look at those options.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To Adjourn at 9:36 a.m. Voting aye were Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk. Motion carried.

Richard Primmer, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor