

May 1, 2024

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Bierschenk and Seeman present, Primmer called in. Supervisor Bierschenk called the meeting to order at 11:15 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.bentoncountya.gov*

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve the agenda. Voting aye were Bierschenk and Seeman. Motion carried. Supervisor Primmer joined by phone.

Auditor Rippel read a letter of support drafted for City of Belle Plaine addressed to Congresswoman Ashley Hinson.

Primmer moved/Seeman seconded: To approve and authorize signatures on the letter of support for the City of Belle Plaine to apply for Community Project Funding for the Belle Plaine Strategic Drought Resilience Program. Seeman, Bierschenk and Primmer voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

Supervisor Primmer said the tabled Fireworks Permit for Iowa Pyrotechnics Association for Boomtown 2024 would need to be approved by the City of Vinton, so no action was taken.

Sheriff Tippet discussed the idea of getting pool cars for the county. He saw this as a possible money-saving thing for the county if employees could use these cars and not get paid the .68 per mile reimbursement. Tippet had a 2017 Durango in good condition and a possible second. He has reached out to the insurance company with questions on Coverage costs and the liability concerns of the county. This also led to discussion on the maintenance on the cars along with fuel cards. If individuals were issued fuel cards, they would track the mileage as they put the fuel into the county owned vehicles. There was no action taken. Sheriff Tippet would work with the Auditor to compare the costs of establishing pool cars vs paying mileage reimbursement and report back to the board after questions are answered from our insurance provider also.

Seeman moved/Primmer seconded: To approve the Health Insurance Plan #17 through ISAC and the respective costs to the county along with the COBRA Rates that would be applicable are as such:

Single-\$777.00/month and Family-\$1746.00 a month. All three members voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Primmer seconded: To Adjourn at 11:36 a.m. Voting aye were Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk. Motion carried.

Richard Primmer, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor