

October 1, 2024

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Bierschenk and Seeman present, Supervisor Primmer called in. Supervisor 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.bentoncountyia.gov](http://www.bentoncountyia.gov)

**Seeman moved/Primmer seconded:** To approve the agenda. Bierschenk, Seeman and Primmer voting aye. Motion carried.  
**Seeman moved/Primmer seconded:** To approve the minutes from September 24, 2024. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye. Motion carried.

**Primmer moved/Seeman seconded:** To deny action on abatement of taxes for parcel #240-88575. Seeman, Primmer and Bierschenk voting aye. Motion carried.

**Seeman moved/Primmer seconded:** To approve application to use the courthouse grounds and allow for the holiday parade and Santa visit for Vinton Unlimited on November 14, 2024. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye. Motion carried.

**Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded:** To approve the law contract with City of Blairstown for a yearly sum of \$16,900 to be paid quarterly and not to exceed 10 hours a week. Primmer and Bierschenk voting aye, Seeman abstained. Motion carried.

**Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded:** To approve Resolution #24-94, Wage and Classification change for Ron Ragen in Secondary Roads. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #24-94**

WHEREAS: Benton County has an employee that has been employed by Benton County for six months, and

WHEREAS: Upon the completion of the probationary period the base wage is to be increased from the starting wage;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the hourly base wage of Ron Ragen be set at \$28.23 effective October 1, 2024. This position carries a Labor Grade IVB classification.

Dated 1st day of October, 2024

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Rick Primmer, Chairman

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Gary Bierschenk

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Tracy Seeman

ATTEST:

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Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Wayne Gibney came to discuss seal coating the road on 74<sup>th</sup> Street near Atkins. This would affect three residences and they have all agreed they would pay for half the cost. The Engineer provided an estimated cost for 1200 feet of the product and other fees at \$58,500. Parizek explained to the Board how previous special assessments have been done. All parties agreed to be in favor, including the supervisors. There will need to be a petition, contract and waiver drafted to take official formal action on this at a later date. The Engineer anticipated that Spring of 2025 is the earliest this would take place.

The time of 9:15 a.m. having arrived, and this being the time and date for a land use hearing for Chad Albert in part of Parcel A in the NE ¼ NE ¼ and part of Parcel B in the SE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 27-84-10. Chad Albert would like to change one acre of land to allow for a mobile home on his property which totals 5.42 acre. Matt Even presented some of the technical information. This area has a CSR of 87 and has not been in production since the 1930s, and previously there had been a dwelling that was removed more than three years ago. There is an existing driveway that will be used to access this property. A private sewage disposal system will need to be installed to serve this new dwelling. The existing private well was drilled in 1970. Three notices were sent out to adjacent property owners and the legal notices were also published in the official newspapers as required by the Ordinance. This proposal should not have any negative impacts on surrounding farm operations.

**Seeman moved/Primmer seconded:** To approve the land use change application for Chad Albert in part of Parcel A in the NE ¼ NE ¼ and part of Parcel B in the SE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 27-84-10. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye. Motion carried.  
Rick Grimm and Tim Meyer, both residents on 64<sup>th</sup> Street coming into Shellsburg on the edge of town. They voiced their concerns about the speed limit in that area and the need to slow the traffic down. With the new development going in, railroad crossing along with the road leading to the cemetery, it has become a safety issue. They also spoke on behalf of Chris and Lori Mott, also residents in the area who are also in favor of reducing the speed limit along with making it a no passing zone. Engineer Myron Parizek stated per Iowa Code, there would have to be a traffic study before anything can be changed. The DOT is who we use and they are an impartial body looking into it. There have been numerous studies approaching and leaving towns within the county and had adjustments made accordingly.

**Bierschenk moved/Seeman seconded:** To Adjourn at 9:51 a.m. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye. Motion carried.

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Rick Primmer, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

