

April 8, 2025

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman, Tippet and Volz present. Chairman Seeman 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>. *Full Resolutions will be available in the Auditor's office and at: www.bentoncountyiowa.gov*

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve agenda. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve all three sets of minutes of April 1, 2025 including the Budget Work Session and EMS Advisory Council. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve payroll checks numbered 143753 through 143759, ACH Deposits 60709 through 60866, vendor checks 253270 through 253276, Handwrites 253277 and 253278 and claims numbered 253279 through 253445. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #25-20, Proclamation for April being Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #25-20

PROCLAMATION

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, 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 survivors and their significant others, and support those agencies providing services to survivors.

NOW THEREFORE, WE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN AND FOR BENTON COUNTY, ON BEHALF OF ALL STAFF AND CITIZENS OF BENTON COUNTY DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2025 AS

"SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH"

IN BENTON COUNTY, IOWA AND ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PREVENTING SEXUAL VIOLENCE.

Signed this 1st day of April, 2025.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #25-21, Gifting Local Option Sales and Service Tax (LOSST) to Luzerne Fire Department. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #25-21

WHEREAS, the Benton County Board of Supervisors has established a program for gifting funds to emergency service providers who provide services within the unincorporated area of Benton County; and

WHEREAS, the Luzerne Fire Department has requested a gift of funds; and

WHEREAS, the Luzerne Fire provides emergency services to areas in Iowa and Leroy Townships and mutual aid to other surrounding townships;

WHEREAS, the Luzerne Fire Department has provided invoices totaling \$16,603.39 for purchasing a Polaris Ranger and some equipment associated with this;

WHEREAS, the Luzerne Fire Department agrees that the vehicle obtained with the proceeds of this gift shall be used when necessary for rural fire protection and/or life support operations, consistent with the intended use of the money from the Local Option Sales and Services Fund,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Iowa and Leroy Townships in the amount of \$1,660.34. which represents ten percent of the total purchase price for all equipment.

Adopted this 8th day of April, 2025.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the Sheriff's Quarterly Report ending March 31, 2025. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #25-22, Hiring a Law Enforcement Liaison at the Benton County Sheriff's Office. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #25-22

Hiring a Law Enforcement Liaison position at the Sheriff's Office

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors authorized the establishment of a new Law Enforcement Liaison position through Resolution 24-111 on December 31, 2024;

WHEREAS, applications for the position have been reviewed, interviews conducted, and background checks completed;

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has recommended Shelby Chekal, who has served as a Benton County Law Enforcement Liaison since July 8, 2019, as the most qualified candidate for the position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Benton County Board of Supervisors, that Shelby Chekal is hereby employed to this non-union position at an annual starting salary of \$72,000, effective April 8, 2025.

Signed this 8th day of April, 2025.

Tracey Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve Resolution #25-23, Entering into a 28E agreement between Benton County, IA and Floyd County, IA effective July 1, 2025. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #25-23

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO 28E AGREEMENT WITH FLOYD COUNTY REGARDING DELINQUENT COURT DEBT COLLECTIONS

WHEREAS, Benton County and Floyd County have elected to participate in the collection of delinquent court obligations on the county level; and

WHEREAS, by combining their efforts under a 28E Agreement, Benton County and Floyd County will return unpaid debt to the State, Benton and Floyd Counties, and will return unpaid victim restitution to the victims of crime in both counties; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Attorney and Floyd County Attorney have discussed entering into a 28E Agreement with each other regarding delinquent court debt collections and have determined that it would be in the best interest of both counties to do so.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS
FOLLOWS:**

The proposal to enter into a 28E Agreement with Floyd County for the collection of delinquent court debt was hereby approved by a motion in the minutes on April 8, 2025 and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for Benton County is hereby authorized to execute said 28E Agreement on behalf of Benton County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF APRIL, 2025.

Tracy Seeman, Chair

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

****See 28E Agreement**

Mae Hintgen, Chief Executive Officer of the MHDS of the East Central Region provided an update to the Board regarding the upcoming transitional plan that will go into effect after July 1, 2025. A service from Des Moines was chosen to cover the entire state for mental health and substance abuse. They will no longer be dividing that into regions as we currently are, but will now be the re-organized districts created. The priority will still be getting people the services they need and to make them accessible. They will be committed to be a good transitional partner and get information out during this time. Further discussion about the positions that will no longer be funded by the region was also had. This has been an emotional time for all involved.

Engineer Myron Parizek presented his proposed 2025 Dust Control Prices. He bases this on material and labor costs as best as possible. Last year it was \$1500 for the first 400 feet and he is asking for that to increase to \$1550. Parizek reported last year there were 140 different sites who participated in the dust control, but also mentioned that residents can also choose to hire outside contractors for their applications. Contractors will do it for profit while the county does it per cost. Benton County isn't required to offer this. The Board agreed as long as the equipment works for this to continue, although would revisit it if things start needing replaced. In years past, County also requested some roads that was recommended to seal coat and what we provide or continue to do so. We don't charge for administration costs such as permits.

Seeman moved/Volz seconded: To set the cost for the 2025 MC-70 Dust Control to be \$1550.00 for the first 400 feet, with an additional \$260 per 100 feet or \$2.66 a foot with a minimum of 50 foot increments and can apply between April 14, 2025 through May 2 2025. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve the Auditor's Quarterly Report ending March 31, 2025. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve Class C Retail Alcohol License for Bloomsbury Farm April 30, 2025 through April 29, 2026. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

More discussion on the tabled action from March 25, 2025 in regards to the quotes received for updating the Benton County, Iowa Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan was had.

Quotes received were as follows:

Blue Umbrella, LLC-\$36,500

MCM Consulting Group, Inc.-\$87,510

Two Rivers Emergency Management, LLC-\$24,000

Atchison Consulting Service (ACS)-\$36,160 Approach A or Approach B for \$27,200

Emergency Planning and Consulting, LLC-\$16,642

Dean Vrba, Emergency Management Coordinator had recommended the Board go with Two Rivers Emergency Management. Although it was not the lowest quote, he has heard all good things about them when checking their references. Supervisor Seeman was leaning towards the lowest bid, and realizing they may lean on the EMA Director, Auditor and Assessor for obtaining information and data needed to compile their update.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To award the quote to Emergency Planning and Consulting, LLC. \$16,642. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.
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Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve \$80,000 funding for the FY 25 Budget Request of Benton Development Group. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Bruce Volz attended the ECICOG meeting last week. Also reminding the Board of their upcoming meeting with Farm Bureau on Thursday, April 10, 2025.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn at 11:17 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor