

June 17, 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.bentoncountya.gov*

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve the agenda. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To table the minutes from June 10,2025 per Assistant Attorney Derek Marsh's advice to get a clarified motion for denying the land use hearing. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve the amended Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Kacena Family Tree Farm, Inc. d/b/a Kacena Farms effective August 7, 2024 through August 7, 2025. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve the Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Watkins Community Athletic Association effective May 29, 2025 through May 28, 2026. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #25-45, LOSST Gift to Belle Plaine Area Ambulance. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #25-45

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 Belle Plaine Area Ambulance has requested a gift of funds; and

WHEREAS, the Belle Plaine Area Ambulance provides emergency services to areas of Iowa, Kane and Leroy Townships and mutual aid to other surrounding townships;

WHEREAS, the Belle Plaine Area Ambulance has provided invoices totaling \$157,553.00 for purchasing a 2024 Ford E450 Ambulance;

WHEREAS, the Belle Plaine Area Ambulance agrees that the vehicle obtained with the proceeds of this gift shall be used when necessary for providing services consistent with the intended use of the money from the Local Option Sales and Services Fund,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Benton County Board of Supervisors approves an Emergency Services Gift to Belle Plaine Area Ambulance in the amount of \$15,755.30. which represents ten percent of the total purchase price for all equipment.

Adopted this 17th day of June, 2025.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution # 25-46, Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #25-46

SERVICE AREA BUDGET AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the Benton County Board of Supervisors adopted the FY2025 budget on April 23, 2024;

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to amend said budget within service area(s) to reallocate funds;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the FY2025 county budget is hereby amended within the following service areas:

Service Area 1) 0002-05-1000-000-113000-000 -\$55,000.00

0002-05-1050-000-113000-000 -\$10,000.00

0002-05-1060-000-113000-000 -\$50,000.00

0002-31-1540-000-425043-000 +\$1,000.00

0001-05-1000-000-101937-000 +\$54,000.00

0001-05-1050-000-304000-000 +\$10,000.00

0001-05-1060-000-100941-000 +30,000.00

0001-05-1060-000-100940-000 +10,000.00

0001-05-1060-000-262000-000 +5,000.00

0001-05-1060-000-632000-000 +5,000.00

Service Area 6) 0001-99-6320-000-480056-000 -435.00

0011-99-6200-000-490000-000 +435.00

Service Area 8) 0024-07-8110-000-447000-000 -\$500.00

0001-07-8110-000-422000-000 +\$500.00

Service Area 9) 0001-50-9000-000-100000-000 -\$5200.00

0001-02-9010-000-412000-000 +\$2,000.00

0002-99-9230-000-116000-000 +\$3,000.00

0006-60-9230-000-116000-000 +\$100.00

0011-99-9230-000-116000-000 +\$100.00

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that said funds are hereby appropriated. The auditor is directed to make the necessary changes.

Signed this 17th day of June, 2025

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution # 25-47, Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #25-47

CERTIFICATION OF DEPUTY SALARIES FOR FY26

WHEREAS, Iowa Code 331.904(1) states that auditor, treasurer, and recorder shall certify the annual base salary of the deputies in the auditor's, recorder's, and treasurer's office pursuant to said code section; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code 331.904(2) states that the sheriff shall certify the salaries of the first and second deputies within his department pursuant to said code section; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code 331.904(3) states that the county attorney shall set the salaries of the assistant county attorneys pursuant to said code section; and

WHEREAS, the salaries of the deputies and assistants of the auditor, treasurer, recorder and sheriff, have been certified by the principal officers to the board of supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the base salaries will not exceed the limitations specified in Iowa Code for the deputies in the auditor's, treasurers, recorder's and sheriff's departments; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code 331.904 states that the Board shall certify the salaries to the county auditor if the salaries are within the budgets set for the auditor, treasurer, recorder and sheriff,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the following salaries for deputies and assistants in the respective offices be certified to the county auditor:

Auditor's Office:

Gina Edler – 85% of the principal officer

Alisha Burmeister-77% of the principal officer

Jonathon Martin-67 % of the principal officer

Recorder's Office:

Marla Sutton-85% of the principal officer

Katelyn Welper-55% of the principal officer

Treasurer's Office:

Rose Sackett– 85% of the principal officer

Joy Wieditz– 82% of the principal officer

Jodi Bonar– 72% of the principal officer

Beth Geater-62% of the principal officer

Ariane Geiger-59.5% of the principal officer

Jacob Winsor-53% of the principal officer

Sheriff's Department:

Chief Deputy– Josh Karsten-85% of the principal officer

Second Deputy-Kyle Lynch-80% of the principal officer

Jail Administrator-Russell Denison-55% of the principal officer

Dawn Markland-Communications Supervisor-\$75,498.18

Shelby Chekal-Law Enforcement Liaison-\$74,160

Sarah Ries-Office Administrator-\$70,000

FURTHER BE IT KNOWN that the county attorney has set the salaries for the assistants in his office as follows:

Alisha Stach-Lorang- 85% of the principal officer and other duties and compensation outside of that role.

Derek Marsh-\$88,621.00

Dated this 17th day of June 2025.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the fireworks permits for Iowa Pyrotechnic Association for July 12, 2025 and August 22, 2025 through August 23, 2025 pending approval from the Vinton Fire Chief and also with the stipulation that if there is a burn ban in place, we don't allow the event to take place. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To accept the resignation of Julia Biery in the Human Resources Department effective June 20, 2025. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Deborah Guard, Finance Director for the MHDS of the East Central Region and Sarah Wagner were re-visiting a memorandum of understanding from DAP and asset transfer for District 7. This was tabled a few weeks ago and was placed back on to re-visit after allowing the county attorney's office to look over the terms of the 28E agreement. Assistant Attorney, Derek Marsh explained some of the terms of the agreement brought some concerns. At this time they are recommending not to sign it, they wanted to have some language added to the agreement so it wasn't so vague. Discussion continued in regards to what entity would be the employer for Wagner. With all the changes being made after dissolving the mental health regions in the state, there are a lot of questions for everyone. If Benton County would choose to be the employer of record, the funding would be estimated a month up front at a time. Marsh asked to obtain contact information for the Region's attorney and discuss some of the language changes we would like to see.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To table action on the MOU for Dap and asset transfers to District 7 until June 24, 2025. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Engineer Myron Parizek discussed safety measures at the Van Horne/Blairstown intersection on Hwy 30. Parizek shared the safety action plan that Benton County joined last year along with 96 other counties for federal grant money to review accidents and develop a safety action plan. One of those locations is this intersection and it was recommended to add rumble strips. One of those strips is very close to a resident, who has expressed concern over the noise. They currently have destination lighting on both sides, and are waiting on flashing red beacons for the stop signs facing north and south. Parizek was looking for guidance on changes they wanted to make, stressing that from an engineering standpoint, the rumble strips were fulfilling their purpose. This intersection has three panels, and they all agreed to try and minimize the noise from the middle panel that is close to the residence.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 10:27 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor