

July 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](http://www.bentoncountyiowa.gov)*

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

**Tippet moved/ Volz seconded:** To approve the minutes from June 27, 2025 and both sets on July 1, 2025 minutes. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

**Tippet moved/ Volz seconded:** To approve the correction to the June 17, 2025 minutes regarding action on the passing of Resolution #25-47, Certifying the Deputies Salaries for FY26 was left off in error and the Auditor will get those adjusted accordingly. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye thereon. 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.

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Tracy Seeman, Chairman

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Ronald J. Tippet

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Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

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Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

**Tippet moved/ Volz seconded:** To set land use hearing date of Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 9:15 a.m. for Jeremy and Stacy Koopman for part of the NE ¼ NW ¼ of 33-85-9. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

**Volz moved/Tippet seconded:** To approve payroll checks numbered 143806 through 143817, ACH Deposits 61706 through 61872, claim 254299, vendor checks 254300 through 254305, claims 254306 through 254423. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

**Volz moved/Tippet seconded:** To acknowledge the resignation from Jennifer Zahradnik from the Benton County Solid Waste Commission and Civil Service Commission effective July 1, 2025. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

**Tippet moved/Volz seconded:** To approve the Sheriff's Quarterly Report ending June 30, 2025. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

**Tippet moved/Volz seconded:** To approve the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report ending June 30, 2025. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

**Seeman moved/Tippet seconded:** To table action on approving contract between Benton County and ISG Group, Inc. until next week. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Auditor Rippel explained the need for a FY26 Budget amendment due to the MOU that was approved with Disability Access Point and retaining an employee on June 26, 2025. There wasn't spending authority put in for salary and benefits, only for accrued expenses.

**Tippet moved/Volz seconded:** To set Tuesday, August 5, 2025 for a public hearing for amending FY 26 Budget. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

**Volz moved/ Tippet seconded:** To approve Resolution # 25-59, Wage and Classification Change for Donald Erger. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

#### RESOLUTION #25-59

WHEREAS: Benton County Secondary Road Department has an employee that has been employed at his present job classification for a sufficient length of time to change his respective job classification

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED By the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the Labor Grade classification of Donald Erger will be VG (telescop operator with two years working with the machine). VG base wage for Donald Erger will be \$30.13 per hour. Donald Erger rate change will be effective July 14, 2025.

Signed this 8th day of July, 2025.

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Tracy Seeman, Chairman

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Ronald J. Tippet

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Bruce Volz

Attest:

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Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

The Board was invited to tour the Old School Produce gardens for their open house today, and tonight they have an meeting with the EMS Advisory Council at the EOC.

**Tippet moved/Volz seconded:** To adjourn meeting at 9:35 a.m. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

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

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor