

**September 30, 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](http://www.bentoncountya.gov)*

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

**Volz moved/ Tippet seconded:** To approve minutes from September 23, 2025. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

**Tippet moved/Volz seconded:** To approve EMS (Emergency Management Services Trust Fund) Checks 255165 through 255171 for the following entities:

North Benton Ambulance, \$2,400.00 to DRSE for training and \$1,204.13 to Geiger Repair for ambulance repairs. Garrison First Responders, \$214.93 for medical supplies. Urbana First Responders, \$208.00 for medical supplies, Belle Plaine Area Ambulance, \$2,919.87 and \$189.00 for medical supplies. Norway EMS, \$2,781.08 for supplies and correction for Atkins First Responders, \$26,199.07 paid to RACOM for first responder vehicle, and voided check #254901 previously issued to Atkins. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

**Volz moved/Tippet seconded:** To set land use hearing date of Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 9:15 a.m. for Dylan and Tiffany Niebes in a part of the W ½ of the SW ¼ of 4-82-12. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

**Tippet moved/Volz seconded:** To set public hearing date of Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. for status on funded activities for the CDBG Grant regarding the Benton County Conservation Tree Planting Project. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Isaac Harthorn, Pioneer Cemetery Board member came to discuss a budget amendment need. They had an invoice come through end of FY25 that didn't get submitted to be paid until FY 26. With the plans and expense needs already in place for FY26, he asked that the board amend their spending authority accordingly.

**Volz moved/Tippet seconded:** To approve increasing the Pioneer Cemetery's FY 26 Budget expenses by \$602.95 to cover that accrued invoice from FY 25. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Anna DeMuth, North Benton Ambulance met with the board to discuss purchase of a new ambulance rebuild out of the EMS (Emergency Management Services Fund). This will be a remounted ambulance that they plan to pay half this fiscal year, then the rest in next fiscal year for a total cost of \$112,000. They hope to get it picked up by November. DeMuth just wanted to explain the big purchase that would be coming and to note, this will be within North Benton Ambulance's allotted spending authority out of the EMS Trust Fund.

Doug Kearns, member of the Safety Committee explained the need for the drafted safety foot and eyewear policy. The Safety Committee had recommended this in an effort to protect employees and avoid lawsuits. The Board discussed the types of safety shoes and who would be required to wear them. The eyeglass needs should have a capped dollar amount that is allowed for reimbursement also. The Board recommended this go back to the safety committee and department heads to further refine before adopting. No action was taken.

**Tippet moved/Volz seconded:** To approve Resolution #25-79, Entering into a 28E agreement between Benton Community School District (BCSD) and Benton County Sheriff Department for law enforcement services related to the schools in the BCSD. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION #25-79**

#### **Repealing Resolution #20-39**

28E AGREEMENT FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM BETWEEN  
BENTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (BCSD) AND THE BENTON  
COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT, VINTON, IOWA

WHEREAS, BCSD and the Benton Co. Sheriff Department share a mutual desire to provide law enforcement and related services to the schools in the Benton Community School District located within the communities of Atkins, Blairstown, Elberon, Keystone, Newhall, Norway, Van Horne, and Watkins to help maintain a safe environment, which will promote the safety, health, and general welfare of the students and staff, including freedom from intimidation; and

WHEREAS, BCSD and the Benton Co. Sheriff Department recognize the need for a School Resource Program (hereinafter "the SRO Program") for BCSD and the need to have one School Resource Officer (hereinafter "SRO") to work solely with BCSD, not to be shared with any other school district, in order to provide a cooperative approach toward addressing the desires of both parties; and

WHEREAS, BCSD and the Benton Co. Sheriff Department recognize the benefits of the SRO program to the citizens of Benton Community School District and particularly to the students of BCSD; and

WHEREAS, BCSD and the Benton Co. Sheriff Department wish to develop guidelines that shall clarify each entity's roles and expectations and formalizes the relationship between the participating entities to foster an efficient and cohesive SRO Program that will build a positive relationship between law enforcement officers, school staff, and the students; promote a safe and positive learning environment; and decrease the number of youth formally referred to the juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that this Agreement is between two public agencies and is entered into pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 28E and shall be electronically filed with the Iowa Secretary of State's Office upon execution, as required by law.

Signed this 30th day of September 30, 2025.

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Tracy Seeman, Chairman

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Ronald Tippet

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Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

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Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

\*\* See 28E Agreement

Auditor Hayley Rippel discussed the finished Arcasearch scanning project done by her office and the Recorders. It includes all of the real estate records in the Auditor's Office, archived Supervisor minutes and other real estate and indexed documents in the Recorder's office. Rippel demonstrated how this works and shared the links that are now on the County's website at:

[https://www.bentoncountyla.gov/board\\_of\\_supervisors/property\\_records/](https://www.bentoncountyla.gov/board_of_supervisors/property_records/) The employees have log ins but the general public can hit the access all Benton county Archive Site Public Documents. From there, it has searching capabilities. There is also a click here for a tutorial or about tab to help.

Auditor Rippel presented a proposed timeline in preparation in getting a head start on the FY 27 Budget work and to meet the required deadlines by law. Rippel recommended that the sooner they give goals

and guidelines to the department heads the better so that they can work on their departmental budget requests. Rippel also mentioned that it is still the Board of Supervisor's decision if they want to retain the compensation board. They agreed to have the Compensation Board try and meet in November, and then get some department head budget work sessions set up as well.

**Tippett moved/Volz seconded:** To adjourn meeting at 11:00 a.m. Volz, Seeman and Tippett voting aye. Motion carried.

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Tracy Seeman, Chairman

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

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor