

January 5, 2026

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 10:00 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*

The Board had a budget work session with all department head to review budget parameters for the upcoming fiscal year 2027 planning. During the discussion, department heads were informed of budget constraints and things that will be financial burdens to the county. There was discussion on uncontrollable increases that burden some departments harder than others, along with having to abide by two union contracts. Departments were instructed to prepare their budgets assuming current wage levels will remain the same and to focus on maintaining essential services within existing staffing and financial limits. Questions were addressed regarding the impact on individual departments, and clarification was provided that any potential future adjustments would be dependent on overall budget conditions and further board direction. The meeting concluded with direction for department heads to finalize budget submissions consistent with wage freeze guidance and submit them to the Auditor.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 11:03 a.m. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor