

January 26, 2026

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in a joint session with the Benton County Emergency Management Commission. Supervisors Seeman, Volz and Tippett present. The meeting was held at the Benton County Emergency Operations Center and called to order at 6:30 p.m.

This meeting was a joint session to discuss the needs to amend the FY26 Emergency Management's Budget due to different areas for added spending authority relating to the Duane Arnold Energy Plant opening back up. This will all be reimbursable funds including the hiring of Scott Hansen, part-time assistance to Dean Vrba, Director, who got a salary increase as well. Hansen will be a great asset for not only Benton County but for the Duane Arnold Plant with his past years' experience.

Overall the EMA FY27 budget asking for the county's portion is \$90,706.00 which is a reduction from \$136,287 in FY 26. This is the amount that is reflected on county tax statements.

Discussion was had on the county's hazard mitigation plan that will be taking place for the required update along with the finalized E911 tower project.

Seeman moved/Tippett seconded: To adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Tippett, Volz and Seeman voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor