

February 17, 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 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 with changing of the verbiage on John Lindaman's resignation to retirement. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To approve the February 10, 2026. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To cancel the old secondary roads credit card that had Deb Cummings name on it and replace with a new one that just says Benton County Secondary Roads Shop. Tippet and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To set land use hearing date of Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 9:15 a.m. for Cassandra Patava in part of the SE ¼ SE ¼ of 13-84-9. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To acknowledge Bonnie Ehlinger's retirement from the Sheriff's office civil division effective February 27, 2026. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Debate was had about the wording for retirement or resignation of John Lindaman. Seeman reported they had received recommendation by legal counsel to word it as retirement not resignation. Sheriff Upah asked the reason? Upah stressed this is wrong, the document doesn't say anything about retirement. Seeman looked over the document and recommended they come back to this agenda item when legal counsel gets here.

Discussion about the flood insurance renewals on county owned property at 111 E 3rd Street and 205 2nd Ave. was had. Holmes Murphy and Associates were suggesting we increase the coverage. The board pulled the properties up and looked at them to decide if it was worth it or not.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To increase the coverage to Option B on the 205 2nd Ave. location and leave the 111 E 3rd Street the same. Doug Cook from the public asked to discuss and asked about the cost it was to increase. The increase was roughly \$300 to add increased coverage. They then discussed if the property at 111 E 3rd was even necessary. Supervisor Tippet wanted to change the motion to increase coverage on the 205 2nd Ave. with Option B of \$1,353.00 and not to renew coverage at 111 E 3rd Street. Volz seconded. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To set the FY 27 Maximum Tax Asking Hearing to be Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Assistant Attorney Derek Marsh arrived and encouraged the Board to take the legal advice they were given regarding the wording for John Lindaman. Seeman said there are two different opinions regarding the contract. Marsh explained it comes down to the retirement for IPERS, he wants what is best for the county. There are certain legally things that need to be done with a deal, if someone disagrees with it, then they can litigate it. The Attorney's office has given their opinions and recommendations.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To go with the attorney's recommendation to acknowledge John Lindaman's retirement from the Sheriff's department effective March 1, 2026. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Auditor Rippel printed off the minutes from February 9, 2026 that Shelby Williams took for the joint meeting with the Conservation Board.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve the minutes of Monday, February 9, 2026. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 10:03 a.m. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

