

May 12, 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*

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

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the minutes of Tuesday, May 5, 2026 adding date for the Liquor License. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the following claims handwritten 257233 and 257234, EMS numbered 257235 through 257238, 5/7/2026 payroll checks numbered 144072 through 144078, ACH Deposits 65210 through 65375 and vendor checks 257239 through 257244 and claims numbered 257245 through 257416. Seeman and Volz both voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-41, Gifting LOSST funds to the Van Horne Fire Department. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-41

WHEREAS, the Benton County Board of Supervisors has established a program for gifting funds to emergency service providers who provide services within the unincorporated area of Benton County; and

WHEREAS, the Van Horne Fire Department has requested a gift of funds; and

WHEREAS, the Van Horne Fire Department provides emergency services to areas in Union, Big Grove, Eldorado and Eden Townships and mutual aid to other surrounding townships;

WHEREAS, the Van Horne Fire Department has provided invoices totaling \$521,797.67 for purchasing a new fire truck;

WHEREAS, the Van Horne Fire Department agrees that the firetruck with the proceeds of this gift shall be used when necessary for rural fire protection and/or life support operations, consistent with the intended use of the money from the Local Option Sales and Services Fund,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Benton County Board of Supervisors approves an Emergency Services Gift to Van Horne Fire Department and in the amount not to exceed \$52,179.76 which represents ten percent of the total purchase price for the new gear/equipment.

Adopted this 12th day of May, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve contract renewal with Cost Advisory Services, Inc. for FY2026-2028 for the cost allocation plans for obtaining reimbursements for indirect costs expended on

behalf of the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve farm exemption application for Bradley Rick in part of the NE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 1-85-9. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Volz spoke about his recent Heartland Insurance meeting. His big take away on that was that the county's policy for using county grounds and facilities may need verbiage to have them provide liability insurance coverage. Judi Hamaker would be at next week's meeting to go over the renewals which increased about 4.2%. Volz also attended Linn County's Supervisors meeting on Monday and publicly spoke on the disappointment Benton County has with their lack of communication in regards to the proposed project for the energy center. Volz stressed about their ordinance having the 2.5 mile buffer and thought they would honor the same for Benton County residents also.

The time of 9:15 a.m. having arrived, and this being the time and date set for a land use hearing for Nathaniel and Grace Holub in part of the N ½ of the SW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 2-84-12. Andrea Morris presented the technical information with the Benton County Agricultural Land Use Preservation Ordinance. Holub's would like to change 2.5 acres for a single family dwelling and renovation of an existing barn. This site has a CSR of 42. The current driveway was reviewed and approved by Secondary Roads Department. This request will need a new septic system that will be permitted by the department and will utilize the existing private well. Official notices were sent out and published in the newspaper, the department received nothing in advance and nobody else was present at the hearing to speak on the matter. This request has been found to be consistent with the applicable policies of the Benton County Land Use Preservation and Use Plan. Hearing no other further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the land use change for Nathaniel and Grace Holub in part of the N ½ of the SW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 2-84-12. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried. Supervisor Seeman reported on his Conservation Board meeting and also that he did give the tour to Jim Stephenson, who we mentioned before having a systems navigator at the Service Center a couple days a week and that they would be willing to pay \$150 a month toward utilities. They were to get an MOU drafted up and then we can share with the county attorney before proceeding any further.

The time of 9:30 a.m. having arrived, and this being the time and date set for a land use hearing for Nick and Kaylee McQuilkin within the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 3-86-12. Andrea Morris presented the technical information with the Benton County Agricultural Land Use Preservation Ordinance. McQuilkin's would like to do commercial breeding and dog boarding and would like to change .018 acres of use for a 20X40 building. This site has a CSR of 70 however it has not been used for agricultural production since 1963. The existing driveway was reviewed and approved by Secondary Roads Department. This request will require the installation of a holding tank which will be under the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR. Official notices were sent out and published in the newspaper. The existing private well will be utilized. This request should not alter the stability of the overall land use pattern in the area.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the land use change for Nick and Kaylee McQuilkin within the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 3-86-12. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Under public comments: Kelly Goodwin-Ackerman wanted to thank Supervisor Volz for attending the Linn County meeting.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To enter closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)c. To discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudiced or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried at 10:00a.m.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To exit closed session at 11:00 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

No action needed to be taken.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn the meeting at 11:01 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor