

June 2, 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 8:45 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 26, 2026. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Attorney Ray Lough discussed the temporary promotion of Kelsey Robbins, and she has been doing the duties well and he would like to make that permanent. They interviewed numerous applicants and is hiring Carly Schlarbaum for the vacancy position. There will be some salary adjustments to keep it consistent within the collections department. Ray presented a resolution combining all the mentioned action items.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-45, Appointment of Collections office and salaries. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 26-45

Appointment of Collections Manager and Collections Officer and establishing salaries

WHEREAS: Benton County Attorney's Office has openings to fill for a Collections Manager and a Collections Officer; and

WHEREAS: Applications were accepted for these positions and

WHEREAS: These applications have been reviewed and evaluated and

WHEREAS: The salaries of these positions and those of the paralegals within the office need to be established.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY The Benton County Board of Supervisors that the following items be effective immediately:

1. Kelsey Robbins be hired to fill the position of Collections Manager at a salary of \$60,00 starting June 2, 2026.
2. That Carly Schlarbaum be hired to fill the position of Collections Officer with a starting salary of \$45,900. Her official start date will be June 22, 2026.
3. That based on reorganization within the department, paralegals Allaina Bennet Casali and Angela Becker will be paid at the rate of \$46,900 effective July 1, 2026.
4. That upon achieving the title of paralegal Carly Schlarbaum's salary will be increased to match those of the other paralegals in the office.

Signed this 2nd day of June, 2026

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ron Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the following EMS claims numbered 257550 through 257555 totaling \$ 45,444.85 out of the EMS Trust Fund for the following entities:
North Benton Ambulance-\$20,000 towards payroll, \$4,000 - DRSE LLC, \$4,310.14-Master Medical Equipment, \$3,280 -Timeclock Plus
Garrison First Responders-\$72.17
Belle Plaine Area Ambulance-\$13,782.44 for reimbursement for various expenses.
Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Volz had a historical preservation meeting. They would like to obtain a website domain and be able to share posts, pictures and other information regarding to them.

Seeman had an Eastern Iowa Housing Trust Fund meeting, they have started receiving applications. He also had a landfill meeting. Seeman also mentioned that ASAC would like to get their own network hooked up for their office space.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-46. Acknowledging Statutory Maximum Age for Peace Officers and approving change in employment status for Richard Stallman. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-46

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE STATUTORY MAXIMUM AGE FOR PEACE OFFICERS AND APPROVING A CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS FOR RICHARD STALLMAN

WHEREAS, Richard Stallman is a peace officer currently employed full-time with the Benton County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Richard Stallman is classified as a Utility Deputy; and

WHEREAS, Richard Stallman will attain the age of sixty-six (66) on June 12, 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code § 321.477(5), the maximum age for a person employed as a full-time peace officer under this section is sixty-five (65) years of age; and

WHEREAS, upon reaching the statutory maximum age, Richard Stallman will no longer be eligible for full-time employment as a peace officer under Iowa law; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff desires to retain Richard Stallman in a part-time capacity as a Utility Deputy effective June 12, 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 25-15, any full-time employee transitioning to part-time status shall be compensated at the hourly wage established for part-time employees in the same job classification at the time of the transition; and

WHEREAS, the current hourly rate of pay for a part-time Utility Deputy is \$29.17 per hour.

1. The employment of Richard Stallman as a full-time peace officer with Benton County shall conclude effective June 12, 2026, upon reaching the statutory maximum age pursuant to Iowa Code §321.477(5).

2. Effective June 12, 2026, Richard Stallman shall be employed as a part-time Utility Deputy at an hourly rate of \$29.17.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that:

Signed this 5th day of May, 2026

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-47, Promotion of Deputy to Detective in the Sheriff's Office. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-47

APPROVING THE PROMOTION OF A DEPUTY TO DETECTIVE IN THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office conducted an internal promotional process for the position of Detective within the Patrol Division; and

WHEREAS, applications for the position were received and reviewed by the Civil Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission recommends Deputy Richard Dvorsky for promotion to the position of Detective;

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff has selected Richard Dvorsky to be promoted to the position of Detective;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that Deputy Richard Dvorsky is hereby approved for promotion to the rank of Detective in the Patrol Division of the Benton County Sheriff's Office, effective June 3rd, 2026.

SIGNED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of June, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To acknowledge employment separation with Jasira Prasasouk in the Sheriff's office effective May 31, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz both voting aye. Motion carried.

The time of 9:15 a.m. having arrived, and this being the time and date set for a land use hearing for Mark and Kimberly Noe within the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 7-86-10. Matt Even presented the technical information with the Benton County Agricultural Land Use Preservation Ordinance. Noe's would like to change 5.47 acres for non-agricultural use. They would like to clean up the property and remove multiple dilapidated old buildings. They want to build a shed and install a concrete pad for an RV and potentially build a barn dominium down the road. This site has a CSR of 73, however this parcel has not been in ag production since 1930s. The existing driveway was reviewed and approved by Secondary Roads Department. This request will need a new septic system and well that will be permitted by the department. An existing private water well will be utilized. Official notices were sent out and published in the newspaper, the department didn't hear anything before today. This request has been found to be consistent with the applicable polices of Benton County Land Preservation and Use Plan. Hearing no other further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the land use change for Mark and Kimberly Noe within the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 7-86-10. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

The time of 9:30 a.m. having arrived, and this being the time and date set for a land use hearing for Jordan and Jana Haerther within the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 22-83-9. William Haerther along with Jordan and Jana were present. Matt Even presented the technical information with the Benton County Agricultural Land Use Preservation Ordinance. Haerther's would like change an acre to be able to put up a dog grooming shop. The entire area of this request has a CSR of 90, which is considered high-quality farmland. Historically only approximately ¼ of the area was ever utilized for crops. This site will need a new driveway that was reviewed and approved by Secondary Roads Department. This new dwelling will require installation of a new private well which will be permitted by the department. The waste generated from the dog grooming activities is not considered domestic waste and wastewater permitting, if applicable that will be under the jurisdiction of the Iowa DNR. Official notices were sent out and published in the newspaper. Surrounding area is primarily agricultural with scattered farmsteads and single-family dwellings. This request show not materially alter the stability of the overall land use pattern in the area. No comments were heard for or against.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the land use change for Jordan and Jana Haerther within the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 22-83-9. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Auditor Rippel brought up a few items that needed to be followed up with. Supervisor Tippett was handling the letter of recommendation per email received. Chairman Seeman will attend Thursday night's meeting regarding the Morgan Valley Energy Center. There is also an invite to a District REAP meeting to be held on July 8th, if two or more attend, there needs to be an agenda posted.

The time of 9:45 a.m. having arrived, and this being the time and date set for a land use hearing for Ben Grant within the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 4-84-9. Grant was present. Matt Even presented the technical information with the Benton County Agricultural Land Use Preservation Ordinance. Grant would like to change the use of 2.5 acres for a single family dwelling. This site has a CSR of 62. There will be a new driveway installed which has been reviewed and approved by Secondary Roads Department. This request will need a new septic system and private water well, both will be permitted by the Department. Official notices were sent out and published in the newspaper. This request has been found to be consistent with the applicable policies of Benton County.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the land use change for Ben Grant within the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 4-84-9. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 9:47 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor