

August 4, 2026

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman, Tippet and Volz were 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, July 28, 2026. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve EMS Claims numbered 258219 through 258220 as follows: Garrison First Responders 3 invoices totaling-\$753.48 for training and equipment, Unplugged Wireless, for Atkins EMS-\$1,120.00 for radio equipment. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Tippett seconded: To re-appoint Michael Silhanek to the Veterans Affairs Commissioner for a three year term. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve 61.5 hours of vacation carryover for Rick Wood, Maintenance Director to be used by December 1, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Volz reported on his recent Historic Preservation Commission meeting. They were all very happy with the coloring contest program and hope to continue events as such. They also provided an update from their recent conference.

Supervisor Seeman shared about a new program he learned about at the recent Eastern Iowa Housing Trust Fund Meeting. This is a repair program for low income home owners, they can qualify for up to \$20,000 for home repairs such as window replacement, roof, deck, plumbing and other listed items.

Seeman also has an upcoming Iowa Roadside Vegetation Management Commission (IRVM) tour to see all the recent activities and projects

Engineer Myron Parizek shared some background on a temporary easement need for a bridge replacement project on 16th Avenue in Cedar Township over Spring Creek. The County and owner on the east side of this project have not come to an agreement for purchasing .002 acres of land voluntarily. The owners on the west side have already signed off for the easement. In order to keep this project moving and not loose out on grant funding, Parizek asked to pursue condemnation. Supervisor Seeman said he has met with the owner and is torn on this. He understands the money and need for the bridge, but as a farmer, he hates to say he agreed with the land owner and will abstain from the vote. Supervisor Volz said the bridge needs replaced and we do not want to loose the grant money, he understood Seeman's concerns but he felt moving forward was the best path to take. Supervisor Tippett agreed.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-69, Approval to Acquire or Condemn property. Tippett and Volz voting aye. Seeman abstained. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-69

APPROVAL TO ACQUIRE OR CONDEMN IF NECESSARY ALL OR A PORTION OF PROPERTY OR AN INTEREST IN PROPERTY FOR THE BROS-C006(126)--8J-06 PROJECT

WHEREAS, BROS-C006(126)--8J-06 Project is necessary for the maintenance, safety improvement, repair, or upgrade of an existing bridge on 16th Avenue in Benton County who is responsible for maintaining that road;

WHEREAS, certain easement and right-of-way rights in property are necessary to start and complete BROS-C006(126)--8J-06 Project;

WHEREAS, the Benton County Board of Supervisors finds that it may be necessary to acquire or condemn all or a portion of property an interest in the following-described property (the "Property") for the BROS-C006(126)--8J-06 Project:

Parcel #2 is the Fractional Northwest Quarter of the Fractional Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 86 North, Range 11 West of the 5th P.M., Benton County Iowa, and more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the West Quarter Corner of said Section;

*Thence **South 00°24'53" East, 772.18 feet** along the West Line of said Quarter-Quarter Section;*

*Thence **North 89°35'07" East, 33.00 feet** to the East Right-of-Way Line of 16th Avenue, also being the Point of Beginning;*

*Thence **South 16°18'51" East, 171.56 feet;***

*Thence **South 00°24'53" East, 50.00 feet;***

*Thence **South 18°46'52" West, 142.95 feet** to said East Right-of-Way Line;*

*Thence **North 00°24'53" West, 350.00 feet** along said East Right-of-Way Line to the Point of Beginning. Containing 0.22 Acre(s) (9,400 Square Feet), subject to any other easements recorded or unrecorded.*

AND

Temporary Construction Easement #2 in the Fractional Northwest Quarter of the Fractional Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 86 North, Range 11 West of the 5th P.M., Benton County, Iowa, and more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the West Quarter Corner of said Section;

*Thence **South 00°24'53" East, 772.18 feet** along the West Line of said Quarter-Quarter Section;*

*Thence **North 89°35'07" East, 33.00 feet** to the East Right-of-Way Line of 16th Avenue;*

*Thence **South 16°18'51" East, 129.97 feet** to the Point of Beginning;*

*Thence **South 64°28'04" East, 57.16 feet;***

*Thence **South 00°24'53" East, 74.99 feet;***

*Thence **South 46°35'53" West, 88.00 feet;***

*Thence **North 18°46'52" East, 74.12 feet;***

*Thence **North 00°24'53" West, 50.00 feet;***

*Thence **North 16°18'51" West, 41.59 feet** to the Point of Beginning. Containing 0.11 Acre(s) (4,907 Square Feet), subject to any other easements recorded or unrecorded;*

and WHEREAS, the owners of the Property are Kenneth R. and Debra J. Miller (the "Owners"); and

WHEREAS, Benton County representatives have made good-faith efforts to negotiate the purchase of rights in the Property; and

WHEREAS, offers to the Owners for the purchase of the rights in the Property have been refused; and

WHEREAS, Condemnation Proceedings are necessary and required to commence BROS-C006(126)--8J-06 Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors hereby approve to acquire or condemn the Property to complete the bridge improvement project known as BROS-C006(126)--8J-06.

Signed this 4th day of August, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve use of courthouse grounds for Vinton Unlimited for the Boom-Fest entertainment to be held on August 29, 2026. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn at 9:46 a.m. All three voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor