

August 18, 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.bentoncountyiowa.gov*

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

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve the minutes of Monday, August 10, 2026 and Tuesday, August 11, 2026. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Cecilia Dirks provided a Benton County Wellness update. Reminding all departments to stress the importance of getting their physicals and on line assessments done for the county to qualify for discounts and employees to receive money in addition. Dirks said the Wellness committee will be presenting at the all employee meeting on Monday, August 31, 2026.

Ray Lough explained the MOA between Benton County and ASAC to continue the care navigator position in Benton County using the Opioid funds. The term can be terminated at any time, or opioid funds are no longer available.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Benton County, IA and Area Substance Abused Council (ASAC) for a care navigator position to continue in Benton County utilizing the Opioid Funds in the amount of \$35,000 annually during the periods FY 26-FY28. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Tippet reported on his recent Public Health Board meeting. The well grants funding has been pretty much spoken for this year and everything is going good.

Supervisor Seeman attended the Eastern Iowa Housing Trust Fund meeting where they approved some funding out of the repairs grant program.

Attorney Lough wanted to make a public comment regarding some things happening at the state level with employees. Auditor Hayley Rippel will get sworn in Thursday in Des Moines at the ISAC conference to be the State of Iowa Auditor's Association President. Assessor Larry Andreesen was an outgoing president of the Assessor's Association and Assistant Attorney Alisha Stach-Lorang services on the Iowa County Attorney's Legislators Committee as well. These are all great roles where it is an honor to have representation from Benton County.

Cecilia Dirks wanted to invite the Supervisors to the ICCS conference Tuesday, September 15-17, 2026. There are various days with different activities they could participate it and get registered for.

Shelby Williams, Conservation Director provided an update on the department. They are working on preparing the RFP for the Hannen Park Watershed Improvement Project. The septic repairs will be made soon at Hannen Park as well. Williams wanted to clarify something briefly that she had heard rumors were circulating recently regarding their department receiving raises without a reduction to their budget. Conservation did receive a budget reduction, but that reduction was absorbed within its existing operating budget. It did not come from the Rodgers Park shelter project, nor did it affect special projects or earmarked funds. She wanted to make sure it was clear on the record and if any questions she would happy to answer.

Auditor Rippel brought up a liquor license application that came in today for something labor day weekend. There may be a need for another quick meeting this week to get it approved in a timely manner and sent back to the state.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn at 9:19 a.m. All three voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

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Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor