

September 1, 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*

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 Tuesday, August 25, 2026. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve \$78,316.91 from the EMS Trust fund for claims numbered 258571 through 258576 for the following: North Benton Ambulance-\$60,000 payroll, Imagetrend, LLC-\$2,296.96 for North Benton Ambulance training, Belle Plaine Area Ambulance-\$2,575.46 for vehicle and maintenance, Urbana Polk Township-\$4,342.96 for supplies, training and equipment, Garrison First Responders-\$486.53 for equipment maintenance, Van Horne First Responders-\$8,615.00 for building maintenance. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve the quote from Vion for new witness chair in the courtroom in the amount of \$866 and to have maintenance mount it down. Volz added, he did his own price checking and found that this is a reasonable amount. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve the Safety Glass Policy as presented. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Ray Lough had inquired for the Mary Ingalls Society to place a display in the courthouse. This discussion lead to where it would be placed. The Board agreed to allow for this displayed, with the placement being approved by both the Auditor and Maintenance department.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To acknowledge the resignation of Larry Andreesen, Benton County Assessor effective September 18, 2026 and thanked him for his service to the county. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Ron Tippet spoke about his recent HACAP meetings and Central Iowa Juvenile Detention. The proposed revised 28E agreement for the detention center will be placed on a future agenda. Supervisor Seeman reported on a recent ECICOG meeting and the lead mitigation program that is available. This is available to those living in homes with lead that have children five years and under living with there also. Supervisor Volz had a wellness meeting held last week.

Seeman moved/Volz seconded: To approve the Cedar Valley Ranch to pour new sidewalk at the facility at their costs. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Myron Parizek, Benton County Engineer and the Board had a discussion on the dust control program the county offers. Parizek presented a map that showed the seal coated areas including the 14.7 miles the county maintains along with 160 people who utilize the program. There was talk about the need for a new truck/equipment, number of employees and hours spent along with the upcoming omissions. Tracy Seeman said there are employees of secondary roads who think they should do away with it. Tippet would like cost analysis done, what it costs the county vs having it outsourced. Volz said his concern would be if this work was contracted out, the county wouldn't have the control like they do now when it gets done, he would like to see it continue. Parizek said this is a headache program, too many rural residents don't appreciate the product they get with the price they pay. It is supposed to help minimize dust vs reduced dust and is intended to be put down in the spring and end in the fall. The Supervisors advised the engineer to continue the program for another season and try and get by with the equipment we have.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To acknowledge Dennis Eden's retirement effective September 18, 2026. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

The Sheriff would like to change 2 part-time cook/custodians position into one full time. It is hard to hire for part-time positions for this shift. The shifts are 6 am until 6 pm 7 days a week. Its hard to find part timers to fill in when needed and it will be a cost saving overall. Tippet asked if it was within their budget and they said it would work.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the employment change replacing 2 part-time cook/custodian positions and making it one full-time position. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Public comments:

Kenny Miller wanted to revisit with the Board in regards to the bridge replacement project. Regarding the condemnation process, he asked why he wasn't made aware that the board would be taking action on August 4. Derek Marsh explained that the code states that a bridge falls within the exception of the statutes. He assured Miller he would get notified of the hearing date when that is set. Miller reiterated that he really hoped that Supervisor Volz would come take a look at the area since the other two board members have.

Jayson Gritsch and Ed Scheetz brought concerns regarding HWY 131 between HWY 30 and Belle Plaine, stating there are a lot of travelers on this road and it is unsafe conditions. The county's five-year plan shows this road to be having work next year.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To enter closed session at 10:33 a.m. pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)k: to discuss information contained in records in the custody of a governmental body that are confidential records pursuant to section 22.7, subsection 50. To discuss/establish safety procedures and policies. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To exit closed session at 11:15 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To accept and adopt the new security policy and eliminating security at the Benton County Service Center effective immediately. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To enter closed session at 11:16 a.m. 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 prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

No action was taken.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn at 11:31 a.m. All three voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor