

September 8, 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, September 1, 2026. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve vendor check 258577 through 258698, 09/10/2026 payroll checks numbered 144191 through 144195, ACH Deposits 66741 through 66906, vendor checks 258699 through 258705. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve Resolution #26-71, Hiring Salena Strohecker, full-time correctional officer in the Sheriff's office. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-71

Hiring Correctional Officer at the Sheriff's Office

WHEREAS, applications for the position of Correctional Officer have been reviewed, interviews conducted, and background checks completed;

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has recommended the hiring of Salena Strohecker as a full-time Correctional Officer, with 1-year credit for prior work experience, at a rate of \$26.27 per hour in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that Salena Strohecker is hereby employed as full-time Correctional Officer, with a start date of 09/23/2026, effective September 1, 2026.

Signed this 8th day of September 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve Resolution #26-72, Approve hiring Cassie Riha for the full time food service/custodian in the Sheriff's office. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-72

APPROVE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOOD SERVICE/CUSTODIAN

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office was granted approval by the Benton County Board of Supervisors to eliminate two part-time positions and establish one full-time Food Service/Custodian position; and

WHEREAS, Cassie Riha has been employed by the Benton County Sheriff's Office as a part-time Food Service/Custodian since August 13, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Cassie Riha meets the qualifications established in the Food Service/Custodian job description and has formally expressed her intent to undertake the duties and responsibilities of the full-time position; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff recommends that Cassie Riha be promoted from part-time to full-time Food Service/Custodian;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that Cassie Riha is hereby approved to fill the full-time Food Service/Custodian position with the Benton County Sheriff's Office at a pay rate of \$23.61 per hour, pursuant to the applicable collective bargaining agreement, effective September 9, 2026.

Passed and approved this 8th day of September, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippet, Supervisor

Bruce Volz, Supervisor

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-73, Abatement of Taxes. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-73

WHEREAS, Benton County and the City of Urbana has acquired property for public purposes and were given the appropriate notice of the taxes due; and

WHEREAS, said entities failed to pay said tax; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code 445.63 provides that the board of supervisors shall abate the tax if the governing body fails to immediately pay the tax,

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the 2025 tax assessed against parcels listed below as follows are hereby abated in the amounts listed pursuant to Iowa Code 445.63: the treasurer is directed to strike the amount listed due from the county system.

Parcel #	Taxes plus interest and costs Due:
200-11950 (City of Urbana)	\$918.00
550-01301 (Benton County)	\$4.00
550-01651 (Benton County)	\$6.00
350-13951 (Benton County)	\$6.00

Dated 8th day of September 2026

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-74, Approving Final Plat for Darland Addition to Benton County, Iowa. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-74

APPROVING FINAL PLAT FOR DARLAND ADDITION TO BENTON COUNTY, IOWA

WHEREAS, a Plat of Darland Addition to Benton County, Iowa, containing two (2) lots has been presented to the Benton County Board of Supervisors consisting of the following described real estate:

The North One-Half (N ½) of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) all in Section Fifteen (15), Township Eighty-Six (86) North, Range Ten (10), West of the 5th P.M.

Subject to restrictions, easements, covenants, ordinances, and limited access provisions of record and not of record.

And

WHEREAS, after consideration, the same is found to be correct and in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Iowa and the ordinances of Benton County, Iowa, and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Board of Supervisors find that the Final Plat of Darland Addition to Benton County, Iowa, would be advantageous to Benton County, Iowa, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that said Final Plat of Darland Addition to Benton County, Iowa, will be and the same hereby acknowledged, approved and accepted on the part of Benton County, Iowa, subject to the following stipulations:

1. Any new driveways will be built to comply with Benton County's driveway resolution dated October 17, 1975 and amended September 4, 1981 and April 17, 2008.
2. Any new water supply will be constructed with the approval of the Benton County Health Department.
3. Any new sewage treatment system will be constructed with the approval of the Benton County Health Department.
4. To the scale being adjusted to 1"=100'
5. Including the minimum unadjusted error of closure for all subdivision boundaries, which shall be 1:10,000 and shall be 1:5,000 for any individual lot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that said board, on July 28, 2026, at the request of Tom Darland did grant a variance under resolution #26-65 waiving the following items regarding the submission of the Final Plat for Darland Addition to Benton County, Iowa:

Article IV, Sections 4.01 through 4.05; Article V, Sections 5.04 through 5.07; Article VI, Sections 6.01 (a), 6.02 through 6.03 and 6.05(e & f); and Article VII, Section 7.01

The Benton County Auditor is hereby directed and authorized to certify this Resolution Approving Plat to the Benton County Recorder and affix the same to the Final Plat as provided by law.

Resolution passed and approved on this 8th day of September, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

Attest:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve Resolution #26-75, Adopting Benton County Sheriff's Office Courthouse Security Policy. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-75

BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE COURTHOUSE SECURITY POLICY

WHEREAS, the Benton County Board of Supervisors and the Benton County Sheriff have drafted a Courthouse Security Policy, in lieu of additional policy's related to security;

WHEREAS, the Benton County Board of Supervisors has determined that disclosure of the above information could reasonably be expected to jeopardize its employees, visitors to its premises, persons in the care, custody, or under the control of Benton County, Iowa, or property under its jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Courthouse Security Committee, the Benton County Attorney and the Benton County Sheriff concur that such action is appropriate.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that information contained in records related to Courthouse security, security measures such as security and response plans, security codes and combinations, passwords, security camera recordings, restricted area passes, keys, and security or response procedures; emergency response protocols; and information contained in records that if disclosed would significantly increase the vulnerability of critical physical systems or infrastructures of Benton County, Iowa, to attack is declared confidential pursuant to Iowa Code Section 22.7(50)(2017).

Adopted this 8th day of September, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To acknowledge temporary liquor license suspension for Bloomsbury Farm. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve temporary 5 day Liquor license for Cedar Ridge Vineyard at Bloomsbury Farms starting October 9th. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Seeman reported on that he met with the City of Atkins, they are asking for a letter from the Board of Supervisors for the construction of the gas plan with the Linn County. Seeman asked for it to be placed on next week's agenda. Seeman also reported that he replaced the soil pipes in the Sally port at the Sheriff's office from the cement up. Lastly ITC will be flying a helicopter around to look at power lines. He was asked to mention it during the meeting to let the public know. He also attended the opening of the Bloomsbury corn maze. They have been doing the corn maze for 170 years, this is the 7th generation operating Bloomsbury Farms.

Supervisor Tippett stated that he is working with Central Iowa Juvenile Detention to come to a board meeting to go over a 28E agreement with them.

Supervisor Volz has a Heartland meeting this Thursday and some counties are adding the verbiage "load center" to their ordinances against data center's being in there county.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To adjourn at 9:29 a.m. All three voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Gina Edler, Deputy Benton County Auditor