

October 6, 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*

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve the agenda. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve the minutes of Tuesday, September 29, 2026. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve Auditor's Quarterly Report ending September 30, 2026. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve Resolution #26-79, Enter into a 28 Agreement with City of Elberon pursuant to Iowa Code 422D for utilizing the EMS Trust Fund. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-79

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO 28E AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF ELBERON FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, Benton County, Iowa and City of Elberon have elected to participate providing emergency medical services pursuant to Iowa Code 422D6(2);

WHEREAS, Benton County approved the Benton County EMS Trust Fund Policy, establishing the policy and procedures that allow EMS agencies that provide EMS services within Benton County to receive reimbursements; and

WHEREAS, Benton County desires to contract with non-Benton County EMS Agencies to provide transporting emergency medical services within the borders of Benton County:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS FOLLOWS:

To enter into a 28E Agreement with City of Elberon for providing Emergency Medical Services within Benton County and can seek reimbursement within in our EMS Trust Fund Policy, effective July 1, 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED 6th DAY OF October, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chair

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

**** See Attached 28E Agreement**

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To acknowledge resignation of Salena Strohecker, full-time jail staff at the sheriff's office effective immediately. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To acknowledge early retirement incentive for Dawn Markland in the Sheriff's Office effective April 30, 2027 pursuant to Resolution #24-3. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was had about replacing the vacant jail position with a full time maintenance employee for the jail. Sheriff Upah explained the things that keep popping up in the 15 year old building including some issues with Geothermal and the current plumbing issue. He would like to see them being more proactive instead of reactive in situations. The Board asked if this could be a part-time position instead and to maybe put that in the advertisement and see what happens. In regards to the plumbing issues going on, without truly knowing what all the issues are, Pipe Pro has come and started making recommendations and are willing to get started. No formal action taken on the maintenance position other than advising Sheriff Upah to move forward with a job posting.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To hire Pipe Pro to start repairs on the plumbing project at the Benton County Jail and to pay for labor and parts as needed. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the Sheriff's Quarterly Report ending September 30, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve and authorize signature on the Federal Aid Agreement with the Iowa DOT for County Highway Bridge Program Project for project No: BROS-CO06(133)—8J-06 with an estimated construction cost of \$450,000. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-80, Temporary Closure along 68th Street between 23rd Avenue and 24th Avenue in Eldorado Township. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-80

BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisor's that the following described Secondary Road be closed for CONSTRUCTION effective from October 8, 2026, through the completion of the project.

From the NW corner of Section 05-T83N-R10W thence easterly 1 mile to the NE corner of Section 05-T83N-R10W along 68th Street between 23rd Avenue & 24th Avenue in Eldorado Township.

Signed this 6th day of October, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chair

Ronald J. Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To amend the reimbursement amount stated in the September 29, 2026 minutes for Gabe McGowan for his safety glasses and increase that amount to \$1,098.00 with the Engineers budget to cover the initial \$540 and the county to cover the difference. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

The Board addressed the light poles in the unincorporated area of Watkins with the Engineer. Supervisor Tippett reported on the HACAP Open House he attended. They took a tour of the food reservoir and were given a presentation on the overall program. He said it was well attended.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn at 9:41 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor