October 13, 2026

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman, Tippett 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.bentoncountyia.gov*

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the agenda. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.
Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the minutes of Tuesday, October 6, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.
Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve 10/8/2026 payroll checks numbered 144206 through 144205, ACH Deposits 67075 through 67235, vendor checks 258848 through 258854 and claims numbered 258855 through 259045. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.
Weed commissioner Eric Schares shared the Annual Weed Commissioner's Report. They received 5 complaints this year, 2 from land owners and three were sent to land owners. Thistles are the number one problem, and starting to see Japanese Knotweed as well. Schares reported on new chemicals they used this year to handle the brush in the right of ways and to keep others from growing. Supervisor Tippett thanks Schares and his department for allowing him to ride along a few weeks back, he found it very educational.
Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the Annual Weed Commissioner's Report for 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.
Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To appoint Eric Schares as the Weed Commissioner for another year effective March 1, 2027. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.
Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Recorder's Quarterly Report ending September 30, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.
Melinda Schoettmer, County Treasure provided the board with an update in regards to the state's new software that will be implemented regarding drivers licenses and vehicle registrations. The drivers license part will take place January 14 and 15th and she will publish notice, they will remain open but won't be able to do drivers licenses. The 2nd part of the upgrade won't take place until June of 2028.
Reports:
Supervisor Tippett attended the Benton County Leadership Council Meeting at Kirkwood facility here in Vinton along with Hayley Rippel. They explained the needs for the bond referendum on the upcoming election. They also showcased the statistics of our local schools and how much they utilize Kirkwood's college credit courses for high school students. Supervisor Volz attended the Data Center Advisory Committee. They will be meeting once a month for roughly 2 hours at a time until June. Supervisor Seeman attended Conservation and a meeting with City of Shellsburg officials over a new housing development that will be in a Tif district.
The time of 9:30 a.m. being the time and date set for hearing on the FY 27 Budget Amendment. Chairman Seeman opened it up for discussion. Auditor Rippel explained the different amounts per service area and the needs to amend the juvenile detention budget, Auditor's budget needed to cover family insurance on an employee. Conservation Director Shelby Williams was present to explain her needs for the amended spending authority in their service area. They are fixing the septic at Hannen so a portion was for that, the rest is for the first step in a big project at Hannen Park to dredge the lake. They are going out for RFPs and the DNR will reimburse up to 75% of the costs. So an estimated $112,500 in revenues to offset the expenses. Other discussions about the county reserves and the needed projects they need to focus on. Supervisor Tippet would like to keep with the original budget, but has no issues moving funds between service areas. With the upcoming tax cuts, there are concerns before committing.
Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-81, Adopting FY27 Budget Amendment, with a caveat moving forward, that we won't jump into future projects unless they are a need, not a want. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-81

BE IT REMEMBERED on this, the 13th day of October, 2026, the Board of Supervisors of Benton County, Iowa, met in session for the purpose of hearing on an amendment to the current operating

budget adopted on April 21, 2026. There was a quorum present as required by law. There upon, the Board found that the notice of time and place of the hearing had been published. Thereafter, and on said date the amendment was taken up and considered. Thereafter, the Board took up the amendment to the budget for final consideration and determined that said budget be amended as follows:

Expenditures	**Amendment**
Public Safety	$ 0
Physical Health & Social Services	$ 50,000
Mental Health	$ 0
County Environment & Education	$ 200,000
Roads & Transportation	$ 0
Government Services to Residents	$ 0
Administration	$ 16,100
Non-Program	$ 0
Debt Service	$ 0
Capital Projects	$ 0
Operating Transfers Out	$ 0

REVENUES	**Amount**
Intergovernmental	$ 112,500
Licenses & Permits	$ 0
Charges for Services	$ 0
Use of Money & Property	$ 0
Miscellaneous	$ 0
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	$ 0
Operating Transfers – In	$ 0
Proceeds of Fixed Assets	$ 0
Operating Transfers In	$ 0

Dated this 13th day of October, 2026.

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Tracy Seeman, Chairman

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Ronald Tippett

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Bruce Volz

ATTEST:
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Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn at 9:46 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

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Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor