October 27, 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*

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the agenda. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.
Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the minutes of Tuesday, October 20, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.
Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve 10/22/2026 payroll checks numbered 144211 through 144218, ACH Deposits 67236 through 67399, vendor checks 259046 through 259053 and claims numbered 259054 through 259186. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.
Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To set land use hearing date on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 for Lloyd and Sherry Biggart in part of the SE ¼ SW ¼ of Section 5-83-9. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.
Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Class C Retail Alcohol License Renewal for Walnut Ridge Venue effective December 6, 2026 through December 6, 2027.Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.
Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the General Assistance Quarterly Report ending September 30, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.
Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the Veteran's Assistance Quarterly Report ending September 30, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.
Bruce Volz provided an update on his recent Heartland Risk Insurance Meeting. There are a lot of increases in our future. They would like members to have 33% of their premium cost in reserves for a surplus. We can do this over 3-year span. Benton County is ranked high for workman Comp injuries, and that will also increase along with the cyber security premium. As that sits now, it is split 50/50 and we will be responsible for the full premiums next year. The Insurance Pool is not going to be funding this in the future. They will also be doing another re-evaluation of buildings with concerns that not all are insured for their full values. Another topic was the use of personal cell phones and laptops for county business, and how those would be available as a public record in any type of lawsuit.
Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-82, New Bridge Embargoes for various Secondary Road Bridges. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried

RESOLUTION #26-82

WHEREAS, the structures at these locations are not currently posted for any embargo restrictions, and

WHEREAS, these structures, due to age, design and load rating computations have reached the point where a restricted weight limit needs to be imposed,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the following weight restrictions be imposed and restricted as follows:

UN-0410 **28** ton **/ 40** ton **/ 40** ton
0.4 mile east of the NW corner of section 07-83-11 (Union Township) on 69th Street
ST CL-1039 **20** ton **/ 34** ton **/ 34** ton
0.1 mile north of the SW corner of section 20-82-10 (St Clair Township) on 23rd Avenue

Approved on this 22nd day of September, 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 approve Resolution #26-83, Reduction in Bridge Embargoes for various Secondary Road Bridges. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-83

WHEREAS, the structures at these locations due to load rating computations, age, pile decay and design have reached the point in time where a more restricted weight limit needs to be imposed,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the following new weight restrictions be imposed and restricted as follows:

CA-1905 **6** ton
0.1 mile west of the E ¼ corner of section 05-84-09 (Canton Township) on 62nd Street Drive
CA-0500 **26** ton / **40** ton / **40** ton
0.5 mile east of the NW corner of section 06-84-09 (Canton Township) on 62nd Street
ED-4710 **6** ton
0.3 mile west of the NE corner of section 11-84-10 (Eden Township) on 63rd Street
FR-5052 **20** ton / **34** ton / **34** ton
0.2 mile south of the NW corner of section 36-83-09 (Fremont Township) on 33rd Avenue
HO-2020 **10** ton
Near the NW corner of section 16-84-12 (Homer Township) on 12th Avenue
HO-4200 **6** ton
0.2 mile east of the NW corner of section 02-84-12 (Homer Township) on 62nd Street
LE-0110 **12** ton / **20** ton / **20** ton
0.1 mile east of the NW corner of section 07-82-11 (Leroy Township) on 75th Street
LE-1025 **6** ton
0.5 mile south of the NW corner of section 17-82-11 (Leroy Township) on 17th Avenue
LE-2400 **6** ton
0.4 mile east of the NW corner of section 04-82-11 (Leroy Township) on 74th Street
LE-5900 **14** ton / **22** ton / **22** ton
0.1 mile west of the NE corner of section 01-82-11 (Leroy Township) on 74th Street

Approved on this 22nd day of September, 2026.

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Tracy Seeman, Chairman

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ATTEST:

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Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Auditor Rippel informed the Board of an event they were invited to be held Thursday, October 29, 2026 between 1-2 p.m. There is a tour of the Belle Plaine Urban Water Initiative Wetland that the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship has partnered on with the cost share funding for this. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig will also be there.
Supervisor Seeman reported that our Jail inspection passed with flying colors. He also brought up a request by Heidi Wood, University of Iowa who would like to meet with ASAC once a month at the service center in regards to the mobile mat clinic they had partnered with Virginia Gay Hospital. Everyone agreed that this would be fine and a good thing to do.
Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To adjourn at 9:39 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

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Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor