

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECORD “T-T”

January 2, 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 December 30, 2025 minutes. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To appoint Tracy Seeman as Chairman for 2026. Tippet and Volz voting aye, Seeman abstained. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Volz seconded: To appoint Ronald J. Tippet as Vice-Chairman for 2026. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Tippet abstained. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-1, Authorizing the Auditor to Issue Checks and Sign ACH Agreements for 2026. Seeman, Tippet and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-1

AUTHORIZING THE BENTON COUNTY AUDITOR TO ISSUE CHECKS AND SIGN ACH AGREEMENTS FOR 2026

WHEREAS: Iowa Code §331.506 sets forth the auditor's duties relative to the issuance of checks; and

WHEREAS: Iowa Code §331.506(3) allows the auditor to issue checks under the authority of the Board of Supervisors without prior approval, and

WHEREAS: Benton County conducts part of this activity through the use of ACH deposits and other electronic means; and

WHEREAS: It is necessary for the auditor to have the authority to execute agreements on behalf of Benton County when necessary to allow for the use of electronic banking, including but not limited to ACH deposits, and other financial activities, and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the auditor and/or her designee to issue checks in accordance with Iowa Code Section 331.506 and specifically Iowa Code Section 331.506(3).

IT IS RESOLVED that the Benton County Auditor and/or her designee is hereby authorized to execute all necessary agreements on behalf of Benton County for the purposes of ACH deposits and other financial activities of Benton County.

IT IS RESOLVED that this authority may be amended from time to time by resolution of the Board of Supervisors.

IT IS RESOLVED that this authority is granted beginning this date and shall remain in effect until revoked by the Board of Supervisors.

Signed this 2nd day of January, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

ATTEST:

Bruce Volz

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

The Land Use Office wanted to have a discussion on the Senate File 592 that went into effect in July 2025. This is relating to county and city regulation of accessory dwelling units. Current county ordinances do not address this, they regulate the use of the land not the structures. There needs to be a better definition of accessory dwelling and possibly have a separate permitting practice for this.

Seeman moved/Tippet seconded: To deny participating in the Construction Evaluation Resolution for 2026 and allow Department of Natural Resources to handle these. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

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Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-2, Authorizing the Treasurer to Issue Checks and Sign ACH Agreements for 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-2

AUTHORIZING THE BENTON COUNTY TREASURER TO SIGN ACH AGREEMENTS FOR 2026

WHEREAS: Iowa Code 331.552(29) sets forth the treasurer's duties relative to the issuance of direct deposits of tax revenue, special assessments, and other moneys collected for each tax-certifying or tax-levying public agency in the county; and

WHEREAS: Benton County conducts part of this activity through the use of ACH deposits and other electronic means; and

WHEREAS: It is necessary for the treasurer to have the authority to execute agreements on behalf of Benton County when necessary to allow the use of electronic banking, including but not limited to ACH deposits, and other financial activities; and

IT IS RESOLVED that the Benton County Treasurer and/or her designee is hereby authorized to execute all necessary agreements on behalf of Benton County for the purpose of ACH deposits and other financial activities of Benton County.

IT IS RESOLVED that this authority may be amended from time to time by resolution of the Board of Supervisors.

IT IS RESOLVED that the authority is granted beginning this date and shall remain in effect until revoked by the Benton County Board of Supervisors.

Signed this 2nd day of January, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippe

Bruce Volz

Attest:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: That the general schedule for regular meetings of the board of supervisors for 2026 will remain the same and be each Tuesday throughout the year at 9:00 a.m. This schedule is general in nature and may be altered at any time throughout the year, including but not limited to the lack of agenda items, courthouse closings, meeting conflicts, or for any reason. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To authorize signatures on the Statement of Non-Issuance of Certificate of Occupancy for 2026. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To re-appoint Greg Walston, Jay Herman, Marlyn Jorgensen, Janelle Jack and Tracy Papesh for a one-year term to Benton Development Group. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To appoint the following members to the respective boards for 2026. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

North Benton Family Resource Center (HACAP) - Supervisor Tippett

Regional HACAP –Supervisor Tippett

Emergency Management Commission - Supervisor Seeman

Supervisor Tippett, Alternate

Resource Enhancement & Protection (REAP) - Supervisor Seeman and Shelby Williams

Solid Waste Disposal Commission Advisory Board - Supervisor Seeman

Supervisor Tippett, Alternate

Supervisor Volz, Alternate

County Conference Board - Supervisor Seeman

Supervisor Tippett

Supervisor Volz

6th Judicial District Department of Corrections – Supervisor Tippett

Workforce Development - Supervisor Volz

Eastern Iowa Tourism – Supervisor Volz

Supervisor Tippett, Alternate

Supervisor Seeman Alternate

North Central Iowa Juvenile Detention – Supervisor Tippett

Supervisor Volz, Alternate

Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC) – Supervisor Tippett

Benton County Conservation – Supervisor Seeman, Ex-Officio

East Central Iowa Housing Trust Fund-Supervisor Seeman

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Public Health Board-Supervisor Tippet
 Regional Mental Health-Supervisor Tippet
 Decat-Supervisor Tippet

Heritage Area Agency on Aging-Grace Schmidt

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To appoint Derrick Parker to the Benton County Conservation Board for a five-year term ending 12/31/2030. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To table appointments to the East Central Iowa Council of Governments' Boards. Seeman, Tippet and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To appoint the following persons to the Benton County Eminent Domain for 2026. Motion carried.

Licensed Real Estate Sales Person or Real Estate Broker

Danny Kaestner

Tami Timm

Shannon Feuerbach

Alan Michael

Dave Wessling

Scott Schlarbaum

Melissa Lennie

Persons Having Knowledge of Property Values by Reason of Occupation

Brian Bierschenk

Dave Coulter

Melissa McBride

Denise Weeda

Gary McKenna

Harold Knaack Jr.

Owner-Operator Agricultural Property

Elaine Harrington

John David Rhinehart

John Elwick

Todd Hennings

Brenda Schanbacher

Wayne Seila

Connie Barnes

Owners of City or Town Property

Darold Sindt

Jeff Kelly

Kathy Van Steenhuyse

Janice Eldred

Larry Weeda

Connie Ogier

Gary Benson

Seeman moved/Volz seconded: To re-appoint Mark Kuch, Van Horne Benefitted Fire District #1, Dan Busch, Keystone Benefitted Fire District #2, Mike Deklotz, Benton-Linn Fire District #3 and Roy Becker, Newhall Benefitted Fire District #4 terms ending December 31, 2028. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To table appointment to the Board of Health. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Tippet seconded: To table appointments to the Benton County Historic Preservation Commission, those that were up for re-appointment were not interested. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Volz seconded: To appoint John Frazier to the Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Committee. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To table appointments to the Benton County Land Use Adjustment Board. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To re-appoint Ilene Kreider, Kim Kuch and Wayne Shannon to the Pioneer Cemetery Commission three year term. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To appoint Tracy Seeman to the Solid Waste Commission and Brian McNulty. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To appoint Hayley Rippel, Myron Parizek and Ray Lough as the 2026 ADA Coordinators. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Volz seconded: To appoint Myron Parizek as the 2026 County Engineer pursuant to Iowa Code 309.17. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Tippet seconded: To appoint Josh Karsten Civil Rights Coordinator for 2026.

Seeman moved/Tippet seconded: To appoint Bruce Volz as the Trustee to Heartland Insurance Risk Group and Hayley Rippel as the alternate for 2026. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Tippet seconded: To appoint Myron Parizek and Doug Kearns as the 2026 Safety Coordinators. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To have Vinton Newspapers, Vinton Eagle and The Gazette as the Official Newspapers for 2026. Seeman, Tippet and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To authorize Tracy Seeman to sign USDA FSA Documents on behalf of Benton County. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

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Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To appoint Eric Schares as the Benton County Weed Commissioner for 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Volz seconded: To appoint Kim Kuch to replace Matt Gorkow as the Big Grove Township Clerk term ending December 31, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Volz seconded: To appoint Mark Kuch as the Big Grove Township Trustee filling the vacancy term ending December 31, 2028. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Under FY 27 Budget Work, Auditor Rippel reminded the Board about the Budget Work session Monday morning with the Department Heads. The Supervisors asked Rippel to send some YTD budget reports ahead of time. Rippel also reported on the 2025 Valuations filed so she would hope to have some estimates of the budget dollars available if held to the restricted growth available.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To adjourn meeting at 10:43 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

January 5, 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 10:00 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.bentoncountytia.gov*

The Board had a budget work session with all department head to review budget parameters for the upcoming fiscal year 2027 planning. During the discussion, department heads were informed of budget constraints and things that will be financial burdens to the county. There was discussion on uncontrollable increases that burden some departments harder than others, along with having to abide by two union contracts. Departments were instructed to prepare their budgets assuming current wage levels will remain the same and to focus on maintaining essential services within existing staffing and financial limits. Questions were addressed regarding the impact on individual departments, and clarification was provided that any potential future adjustments would be dependent on overall budget conditions and further board direction. The meeting concluded with direction for department heads to finalize budget submissions consistent with wage freeze guidance and submit them to the Auditor.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 11:03 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

January 6, 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.bentoncountytia.gov*

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the agenda. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the January 2, 2026 minutes. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To appoint Dean Vrba and Dawn Markland to the Rural Addressing Board. All members voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To set Tuesday, February 3, 2026 as a land use hearing date for Ethan Henry in part of the NW ¼ NE ¼ 36-86-11. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To acknowledge Barb Fetzter's retirement from the Benton County Health and Land Use Department effective January 23, 2026. Seeman, Tippett and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Tippett seconded: To appoint Tai Burkhart and Tracy Bruns to the Benton County Board of Health. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To appoint the following for East Central Iowa Council of Government (ECICOG) BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Kate Roberts, Doug Boddicke and Tracy Seeman, Ronald Tippett and Bruce Volz as alternates

REGION 10 TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Myron Parizek, Ben Vierling and Dan McKenna as an alternate

REGION 10 TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Randy Scheel and Cecilia Dirks

REGION 10 PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mark Erickson and Jessica Meyer-two-year term

REGION 10 TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Tracy Seeman and Ronald Tippett (alternate) one vacancy

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Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To table appointing members to the Benton County Historical Preservation Commission. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Deanna Robinson, East Central Iowa Housing Trust Fund (ECIHTF) presented the FY 27 Budget Request. This amount of \$5,986 is the same as last year. Their overall budget combined with other entities allocation is \$110,042. ECIHTF is a community-based non-profit organization dedicated to offer funding assistance for housing opportunities within Benton, Iowa, Jones and Washington Counties. In 2025 they assisted 4 households in Benton County for a total amount of \$65,700.

Karen Kurt, East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) was also present to speak up on the FY 2027 county assessment. ECICOG consists of members from Benton, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn and Washington Counties. Benton County's assessment increased by \$365 from last year. FY 27 assessment is \$18,625. Kurt provide a report on all the projects that they assisted with including a resurfacing county road improvement on E22 from HWY 218 to Garrison. ECICOG helps write grants for cities and also can provide technical assistance to entities like the Benton County Landfill. Kurt also said that she will be retiring at the end of the month and thanked the Board for partnering over the years.

Melinda Schoettmer, Benton County Treasurer presented her departments FY27 Budget. It was lower asking than last fiscal year. The Board didn't have any questions or concerns.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-3, Hiring Two Full-time Correctional Officers in the Sheriff's Office. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-3

Hiring Correctional Officers 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 Ethan Hepker as a full-time Correctional Officer, with no credit for prior work experience, at a rate of \$22.80 per hour in accordance with the union contract;

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has recommended the hiring of Dawson Frett as a full-time Correctional Officer, with three years of credit for prior work experience, at a rate of \$27.13 per hour in accordance with the union contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that Ethan Hepker and Dawson Frett are hereby employed as full-time Correctional Officers, with a start date of 01/07/2026, effective January 6, 2026.

Signed this 6th day of January 2026.

Tracey Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To adjourn meeting at 10:03 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

January 13, 2026

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman, Tippett were present and Volz joined remotely. 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*

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the agenda. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the January 5, 2026 and January 6, 2026 minutes. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the following: 1/1/2026 payroll checks numbered 143982 through 143985, ACH Deposits 63799 through 63954, EMS claims 256095 through 256099 vendor checks 256100 through 256105 and claims 256106 through 256266. 1/15/26 payroll checks numbered 143986 through 143993, ACH Deposits 63955 through 64107 and vendor checks 256267 through 256273. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

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Tippett moved/Seeman seconded: To approve the Auditor's Quarterly Report ending December 31, 2025. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Seeman seconded: To approve the Sheriff's Quarterly Report ending December 31, 2025. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Seeman seconded: To approve the Recorder's Quarterly Report ending December 31, 2025. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged that the Treasurer's office will be closed for training on Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

Tippett moved/Seeman seconded: To approve the Treasurer's Semi Annual Report ending December 31, 2025. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Tippett seconded: To appoint Steve Runyan to the Benton County Land Use Adjustment Board. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Tippett seconded: To rescind action on the appointment of Kuch's to Big Grove Clerk and trustee Seeman, Tippett and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Tippett seconded: To appoint Randy Janssen to Big Grove Township Trustee and Catherine Janssen as the Big Grove Township Clerk. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Volz has the Heartland insurance meeting Thursday. Seeman had the Conservation Board meeting last night. Ryan Bevins, with Assured Partners remotely presented the FY27 Renewal Data for the Health Insurance, Dental, Vision and other employee benefits that are available to the county employees.

The Engineer presented bids on a motor grader as follows:

Martin Equipment-770 John Deere with warranty-\$392,100

Altorfer Caterpillar-150 Tandem Drive with warranty-\$369,811

Altorfer Caterpillar -150 AWD with warranty-\$394,287

Seeman moved/Volz seconded: To approve the purchase from Altorfer for the 150 Tandem Drive Caterpillar for \$369,811. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve 75 hours of vacation carryover for Myron Parizek to be used by May 31, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-4, Hiring Barbara Norton as an office manager at Secondary Roads effective January 12, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-4

Hiring Office Manager at Secondary Roads

WHEREAS, the Benton County Secondary Roads Department has a need to fill the Office Manager position in the county engineer's office due to upcoming retirement, and

WHEREAS, the engineer has advertised and conducted interviews for said full-time position, and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration, the engineer has recommended Barbara Norton be hired to fill this position,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that Barbara Norton be hired to fill the position at an annual salary of \$47,500 per year effective January 12, 2026, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the salary for this position be evaluated again in July 2026 and January 2027 with another \$1000 increase being considered each time.

Signed this 13th day of January, 2026.

Tracey Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Lexa Speidel, Benton County Recorder presented her 2027 Budget. Speidel also shared a summary of Activity for the fiscal year 2024-2025. Speidel respected the no wage increase and left her budget asking the same as last fiscal year. The Recorder's office is one of few who actually can bring in revenues to the county to help offset their expenses.

Shelby Williams and Cecelia Dirks presented the Conservation Departments FY27 Budget Request.

National Turkey Grant for a tractor purchase. Williams explained that she took zero increase in wage and put in for her employees to have increases. There is also a need for some building expenses at Rodgers Park.

The Board unanimously felt that there should be zero raises and to go back and adjust the budget accordingly.

The Weed Department a/k/a Iowa Roadside Vegetation Management (IRVM) FY 27 budget was also presented by Shelby Williams.

The Board asked about snow removal help from the weed department for the Sheriff's office, how to help the costs to the budget. The weed building adjoins the sheriff office. The last snow removal cost the county \$2,500. The Board is looking at all ways to cut spending

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and there needs to be discussions. Williams said they are there to help but needs to know the level of expectation and what is asked of them. The board also said to adjust this to have zero wage increases.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To adjourn meeting at 11:34 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

January 20, 2026

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Volz moved/ Tippett seconded: To approve the agenda. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the January 13, 2026 minutes. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To appoint Pam Keel to the Benton County Board of Health term ending December 31, 2028. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To Appoint BJ Wayson to the Integrated Roadside Management Board to replace Shelby Williams. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve FY27 Health, Dental and Visions Insurance rates. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To accept resignations Mindy Icenbice and Amanda Seiler as Medical Examiner Investigators. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To appoint Richard Loy as Medical Examiner Investigator, term ending December 31, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To give permission for the Sheriff's Department to hire in the civil division. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Sheriff Dave Upah and Josh Karsten presented the Sheriff FY27 Budget. Overall budget is increasing by \$500,000, they are estimating bringing in over \$1,000,000, that is estimated on the low end. Asking more money for Federal inmates for room and board. Also looking at switching companies for food in the jail for saving money.

Andrea Morris and Barbara Felzer presented the FY27 Land Use and Health Department Budget. Morris stated she is looking at part-time seasonal person for in the office during their busier season and seeing if they will need a 3rd person full-time. Overall budget is staying the same.

Grace Schmidt presented the Public Health's FY27 Budget. Overall budget went down a little bit.

Mark Erickson presented the Transportation FY27 Budget. Erickson discussed vehicle replacement. He is wanting to start setting money aside in committing funds for when vehicles need to be replaced. Overall budget is increasing not quite \$1,000.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To acknowledge the resignation of Rodney Clark, part-time transportation driver effective January 5, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-5, Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-5

APPROVAL TO POST PUBLIC NOTICE AND SEALED BID PACKET FOR REAL ESTATE SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

RE: ANIMAL SHELTER

WHEREAS, on or about October 14, 2025, after the conclusion of a public hearing regarding the sale of county property, the Benton County Board of Supervisors determined that such county property shall be sold; and

WHEREAS, the county property at issue is commonly known as the Animal Shelter located within Benton County, Iowa, with the following legal description,

One acre in the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE¼), all in the West Half (W½) of the Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of Section Twenty-Two (22), Township Eighty-Five (85) North, Range Ten (10) West of the 5th P.M.,

and **WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors approved the accepting of sealed bids for the sale of the Animal Shelter on December 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors will start accepting sealed bids after the public notice is published. Such public notice is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, no sealed bid will be accepted after 12:00 pm on February 6, 2026. All sealed bids will be opened in the public meeting occurring on February 10, 2026; and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors reviewed the public notice and sealed bid packet RE: Animal Shelter; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the public notice for the sale of the Animal Shelter and hereby approve the sealed bid packet RE: Animal Shelter.

Signed this 20th day of January, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Gina Edler, Deputy Benton County Auditor

Committee Reports: Supervisor Seeman reported that WMA is requesting approximately \$8,000. Seeman toured the Sheriff's office to look at the heating/cooling and see what can be done to save money on utility bills. There is over 80 motors running 24/7. Each individual room has their own heating/cooling unit. Dispatch they are looking at putting a mini-split in since dispatch is so warm. Supervisor Seeman asked for a motion to adjourn, motion failed.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To recess at 10:21 until 11:00. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To re-enter into session and out of recess at 11:00. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m. the board entered into exempt Session 20.17(3) where a strategy meeting of public employers is exempted from the provisions of Chapter 21 of the Iowa Code.

The board exited exempt session at 12:00 p.m.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 12:00 p.m. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Gina Edler, Deputy Benton County Auditor

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Volz moved/ Tippet seconded: To approve the agenda. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve the January 20, 2026 minutes. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve the following claims numbered 256274 through 256401, 1/29/2026 payroll checks numbered 143994 through 14397, ACH Deposits 64108 through 64261, vendor checks 256402 through 256408. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Larry Andreesen, Benton County Assessor presented some quotes obtained for Pictometry imagery flights. There are a few different options in related to contracted year's and the flight resolutions etc. Pictometry has allowed the county to pay the amount broken out over Fiscal Years by how many years we locked into the contract. In year's past the cost has been split multiple ways between the Assessor/E911/Engineer and GIS Budgets. Auditor Rippel reported this has been paid for with Local Option Sales and Services Tax(LOSST)

by classifying it as our required tax relief. This imagery is used for multiple uses in the county such as real estate purposes in the Assessor, septic information for the Land Use, E-911 dispatch and many other reasons. The Board agreed this is a good use and would look further into it. Andreesen pointed out that he prefers the imagery to be flown with leaf off for clearer views. The board didn't take action but would at a future meeting.

Myron Parizek, Benton County Engineer discussed a proposed road improvement project along a half-mile stretch on 30th Avenue with the City of Urbana. One side belongs to the city and the other belongs to the county. The city engineer estimated the cost of the project to be \$363,000 for asphalt. It currently is seal-coated. This was tabled and no action at this time, but to be discussed in a few weeks.

The Engineer also presented his FY27 Budget Request. There will also be a future presentation for the Department of Transportation (DOT) five year plan but the county budget reflects that as well. The Engineer proposed budget has stayed the same as last fiscal year.

Kelly Henkle, representing the County Library Association came to present an update and tell stories about how the funds have helped out the local libraries. They are grateful for the funding received from Benton County and the Local Option Sales and Services Taxes (LOSST) and asked that they receive the same for FY27. The one fun thing they are all doing jointly is a passport program for kids, and it has helped strengthen all of them as one organization.

Hayley Rippel, County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections presented the FY 27 proposed Auditor and Elections Budget. Rippel explained the upcoming primary/general election and how the primary falls in current FY but will need a little carryover for those invoices occurred in FY 27 but won't get paid until FY 27. There is also a need to always have spending authority in the special city/school elections budget departments in the county as well. Her overall Auditor Budget is less than last FY.

Rippel also wanted to bring up storage issues. With Rick Wood, Maintenance director present, Rippel presented a quote obtained from Kurts Enterprises. In years past they moved files from above the Benton County Title Company after the nearby fire and the county pays \$50 a month to Kurt's Enterprises for the old FS office space. In addition to that, we pay rent at the old Lincoln School from records moved due to flooding. Most of these files are Clerk of Court related. There are records in the Auditor's basement and Clerk's office, and with the combined effort along with Kurt's Enterprises, we would like to put all these documents in one location and try and organize them in the process. Kurts quote was not to exceed \$2,000. Maintenance Director Rick Wood presented the grounds and maintenance budget. Wood also shared a quote for a new John Deere mower that can use the 2012's accessories. The quote was \$18,249.00 with the trade in for the old at \$5,300. Part of the maintenance's budget is for repairs and physical needs to the county owned buildings along with utilities, elevator and other items such as foundation work that is a concern that will need address. Auditor Rippel mentioned the funds currently in the capital project fund for restricted items that could be utilized as well.

Ray Lough, County Attorney presented his budget which also includes the collections department. Lough pointed out that there were not that many changes in his budget, although he did advocate to give his collections department staff a raise to be more in line with other county employees. Also adding that he would like to change his assistant attorney Derek Marsh to a deputy paid position with an increase. The collections office is currently helping get restitution from five counties.

Ben Turnis presented the IT/GIS Budget. Most of the budget stays the same. The Board did ask questions and discussed the sheriff's department project and how all that takes place. This discussion led to talking about the radio system and Duane Arnold Energy Center opening back up and what that can potentially effect.

Derek Marsh presented the board with the collective bargaining contract negotiations.

Auditor Rippel asked for clarification to last week's agenda item to act on the Health, Dental and Vision Rates. A few weeks ago Ryan Berven with Assured Partners presented the renewals and suggested that we move from Plan 17 to Plan 2. We currently split the Dental and Vision 50/50 with the employees and the County also pays the premium for a \$25,000 life insurance policy on all full-time employees. In order to get these renewal forms filled out and back to Assured Partners, we need to specify rates in our minutes. She cautioned an increase to the employee's share the same year as a budget freeze could make their overall take home pay less than it currently is. The Board did not have any intention to do so. Supervisor Volz pointing out how good of a rate that Benton County employees do pay for great insurance coverage and they are very fortunate we can participate in a pool and also have a great Wellness Program that also saved the county 4% this year.

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Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To switch the Health Plan from Plan 17 to Plan 2, leave all else the same with Assured Partners and to set the following rates:

Single Health Insurance Plan: Employee pays- \$99.44/month, county-\$842.97

Family Health plan: employee -\$389.55/month, county share- \$1715.45

(Keeping the costs of Dental and Vision split 50/50)

Single Dental Plan: employee- \$11.75/month, county-\$11.75

Family Dental Plan: employee-\$28.00/month, county-\$28.00

Single Vision Plan: employee-\$1.54/month, county-\$1.55

Family Vision Pan employee-\$3.94/month, county-\$3.95

To also continue paying on \$25,000 life insurance policies for all full-time county employees. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-6, Authorizing wage increase and duty classification for Alyce Lynch. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-6

WHEREAS: Benton County Auditor has an employee that has been employed by Benton County for a six months; and

WHEREAS: Alyce Lynch has been performing the duties of Auditor's Clerk, Accounts Payable and has fulfilled her probationary period successfully;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED By the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the annual salary for Alyce Lynch be set at \$50,000 per year effective February 16, 2026.

Signed this 27st day of January, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-7, Finalizing the MidAmerican Energy Company Natural Gas Pipeline Project Inspection. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-7

Finalizing the MidAmerican Energy Company ICCR618 Natural Gas Pipeline Project

WHEREAS, Benton County and I & S Group, Inc. entered into an agreement on July 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, I & S Group, Inc. has fulfilled the MidAmerican ICCR618 Natural Gas Pipeline Project County Inspection; and

WHEREAS, Benton County has been reimbursed in the amount of \$167,270.39 by MidAmerican Energy for all the costs incurred during this inspection project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Benton County Board of Supervisors is authorized to sign and accept the MidAmerican ICCR618 Natural Gas Pipeline Project County Inspection Certification.

Passed and approved this 27th day of January, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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Seeman moved/Tippett seconded: To appoint Jon Kaestner, Nancy Jensen, Terry Hertle, Mike Seeck, Coretta Cronbaugh and Amy Boddicker to the Solid Waste Commission. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the General Assistance Quarterly Report ending December 31, 2025. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the Veteran's Affairs Quarterly Budget ending December 31, 2025. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Supervisor Volz participated in the OSHA Training online that was put on by Heartland Insurance. He also attended the Heartland Insurance Meeting which led to discussion about the workman's compensation claims.

Supervisor Tippett had a DECAT meeting where they discussed re-organization. He also attended the HACAP meeting and Central Iowa Juvenile Detention. The detention center is working on new by-laws and will allow non-member county's to ask to join in the revised 28E agreement.

Auditor Rippel went over other budgeting items that still need addressed or are currently scheduled for upcoming meetings. Rippel felt like they were doing good, staying ahead of the game and keeping to her timeline she provided earlier in the process. The Supervisors Budget was also discussed at this time, and she would need to know if they want to continue to budget for the yearly wellness, required trainings and employee recognition. The Board agreed to continue and also mentioned to have scheduled department head meetings and thought March would be great for another budget work session.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 11:41 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

February 3, 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.bentoncountyiowa.gov*

Volz moved/ Tippett seconded: To approve the agenda. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the January 26, 2026 and February 27, 2026 minutes with one spelling of a name corrected. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the following EMS Trust Fund claims numbered 256409 through 256416 as follows:

Garrison First Responders-\$238.97

North Benton Ambulance to Klocke Emergency Vehicle-\$105,117.50

Blairstown EMS-\$1,305.00

Walford First Responders-\$3,371.08

Atkins First Responders-\$4,141.81

Van Horne First Responders-\$2,354.72

Cedar-Mt. Auburn Fire Department-\$432.25

Belle Plaine Ambulance-\$1,946.32

Total of \$118,907.65

Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

The time of 9:15 a.m. having arrived, and this being the time and date set for a land use hearing for Ethan Henry in part of the NW ¼ NE ¼ of Section 36-86-11. Andrea Morris presented the technical information with the Benton County Agricultural Land Use Preservation Ordinance. Henry would like to change the use of approximately one acre to allow for building a single family dwelling and welding shop. The property is

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owned by Steven and Karyl Henry. This site has a CSR of an average of 70. This site will require a new septic system and private water well both permitted by the department. The property will continue to use the existing driveway which has been reviewed and approved. Official notices were sent out and published in the newspaper and there have been no comments in regards. This request will not likely interfere with farm operations in the area. Hearing no other further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve land use change for Ethan Henry in part of the NW ¼ NE ¼ of Section 36-86-11. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve Utility Permit for Windstream Communications in Iowa Township. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve Class C Alcohol License for Tara Hills Country Club effective through April 1, 2027. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Mark Erickson presented a request to increase his current salary to \$70,000 which was a follow-up to last year's budget request for this 14% increase. He asked that they revisit it. Supervisor Tippet mentioned that he would love to give everyone a raise, but wants to see a decrease in the budget and with all the stale legislative proposals regarding taxes is unknown. Supervisor Volz was not comfortable at this time to increase either, as we are juggling a bunch of stuff and not sure what kind of money we will have. You are doing a fantastic job and we just can't commit to an increase at this time. Erickson stressed he wanted to be treated consistently with other department heads, and referring to action at last week's meeting. Erickson felt there were discrepancies who they say yes to and who they say no to. Erickson then asked more about the pay increase to an employee in last week's meeting, and Auditor Rippel explained the situation. Supervisor Seeman added that he gets where he was coming from, and hopes down the road they can make it better. No action was taken.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve the 36 new FY 26 family farm applications and denying one application that didn't qualify. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Allison Hicks presented the FY 27 Historic Preservation's budget asking. They would like \$10,200 which is just a slight increase from last year of \$10,135.

Committee Reports, Supervisors Volz and Tippet didn't have anything to report. Supervisor Seeman had ECICOG meetings along with the Eastern Iowa Housing Trust Fund. ECICOG is continuing the process for replacing the director and are narrowing down the candidates.

In new business, Chairman Seeman reported about a concern with one of the WMA ponds having some issues. Seeman then proceeded to give a quick background on the past watershed and how Benton County was the fiscal agent. The owner of this pond has complained in the past regarding issues that have come up before and now its leaking and going under the state HWY. Supervisor Volz, Seeman and Auditor Rippel took a tour of the site after the meeting. Rippel asked that they all attend a joint meeting Monday night with the Conservation Board at 5:30 p.m. and that she would get an agenda posted.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 11:41 a.m. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

February 9, 2026

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman and Volz and Tippet present. Chairman Seeman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.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*

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve the agenda. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Eric Schares, Weed Commissioner presented the Iowa Roadside Management report and opened up discussion for questions and comments.

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The Board of Supervisors and Benton County Conservation Board participated in FY 27 Budget and future planning. No action by the County Supervisors.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 7:18 p.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Shelby Williams, Benton County Conservation Director

February 10, 2026

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman and Volz present, Tippett was absent. 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*

Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To approve the agenda. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To approve the February 3, 2026. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To approve the following claims numbered 256417 through 256559, 2/12/2026 payroll checks numbered 143998 through 144009, ACH Deposits 64262 through 64417, vendor checks 256560 through 256566. Tippett and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To set land use hearing date of Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 9:15 a.m. for Cameron Erickson in part of the NE ¼ NE ¼ of 36-84-9. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Volz seconded: To approve the six year contract with Pictometry for new aerial imagery all at the 2 inch for a total of \$321,206 divided by fiscal years to be \$53,535/annually to be paid using Local Option Sales and Services Tax (LOSST) funds. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Volz was gone last week, so had no committee reports although reporting that Supervisor Tippett attended the Wellness Committee meeting on his behalf, and there was a packet shared on the upcoming requirements to reach our goal of 85% participation. Supervisor Seeman and Auditor Rippel attended the EMS advisory council meeting last week. The Board had a joint meeting with the Conservation Board last night.

FY 27 Budgeting discussions continued

Kate Robertson, Greg Walston and Janelle Jack, representing Benton Development Group (BDG) to present their FY 27 Budget Request. The request of \$100,000 was the same as last year noting that they were cut \$20,000 which led to eliminating some of their marketing efforts. Robertson stressed that she hasn't had a raise in over four years. Greg Walston stated it was appropriate to give raises to those who work hard. They have been working to bring more business and money into Benton County and he felt BDG was worth the value. Robertson says she has been working with the communities, and helping them build up the main streets and their downtowns. They promote Benton County and encourage other partners to partner with us.

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The time of 10:30 a.m. being the time and set for opening bids received for the county owned real estate property known as the Dog pound. Assistant County Attorney Derek Marsh reviewed the requirements and how this will take place with the minimal bid of \$10,000. Those who are present can also increase their bids after they are all opened. The transfer of ownership will be done by Quit Claim Deed.

The Bids were opened as follows:

Travis Thompson-\$11,000

Max Wehage-\$14,000 (not present)

John Ketchen-\$10,000

Samuel Reicks-\$12,500

Roger Uthoff-\$11,100 (not present)

Chris Lacey-\$10,000

Brenon Hennigsen-\$12,000

Debra McKibben-\$13,000 (not present)

Randy Patten-\$11,000

The current highest bidder is Chris Lacey for \$35,000. Chairman Seeman asked to give everyone a few more minutes to think on it. Randy Patten then increased his bid to \$36,000, and Lacey countered with \$37,000. There were no more bids received. Highest bidder is Chris Lacey in the amount of \$37,000. Attorney Marsh was filling in the details onto the resolution and we will come back to it.

The Engineer presented quotes received for purchasing a new semi tractor as follows:

GATR Mack Granite MP8-13L-\$169,593

Truck Center Co. Western Star 49X Detroit DD13-\$160,603

Truck Country Western Center 49X Detroit DD13-\$171,619

Seeman moved/Volz seconded: Award the quote to Truck Center Co. in the amount of \$160,603 for the Western Star 49X. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried,

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-8, Approval to accept winning sealed bid for the real estate sale of county property known as the animal shelter. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-8**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT WINNING SEALED BID FOR THE REAL ESTATE SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY****RE: ANIMAL SHELTER**

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2026, the Board of Supervisors opened sealed bids for the real estate sale of county property; and

WHEREAS, the county property at issue is commonly known as the Animal Shelter located within Benton County, Iowa, with the following legal description,

One acre in the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE¼), all in the West Half (W½) of the Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of Section Twenty-Two (22), Township Eighty-Five (85) North, Range Ten (10) West of the 5th P.M.,

and **WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors has previously approved the sale of the Animal Shelter by accepting sealed bids; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors have previously approved the deed for the Animal Shelter to be transferred via quitclaim deed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors have considered all acceptable sealed bids; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors have decided to accept the highest bid at the conclusion of the opening of all sealed bids, and, if necessary, the auction portion of the sale; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors will transfer the deed for the Animal Shelter to Chris Lacey so long as all remaining terms and conditions are met and all proceeds from the sale shall be transferred to Benton County Conservation for capital projects.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors, after considering all acceptable sealed bids, hereby approve and accept the winning sealed bid by Chris Lacey for \$37,000 for the foregoing described property, known as the Animal Shelter, and where the deed for the Animal Shelter shall be transferred to Chris Lacey so long as all remaining terms and conditions, and where all proceeds shall be transferred to Benton County Conservation for capital projects.

Signed this 10th day of February, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Seeman moved/Volz seconded: To approve road maintenance agreement with ITC Midwest, LLC. and Benton County, Iowa, where the developer is constructing transmission line through Benton County and if they cause damage they will cover the costs to fix. Volz and Seeman voting aye. Motion carried. The board discussed the HMA overlay from HWY 150 south ½ mile along 30th Ave with the City of Urbana. The Board tabled this from a few weeks ago. The estimated cost for the entire project is \$363,000. The city asked if the county would be willing to participate and share in the cost. Seeman preferred to have it chipped and oiled again like we have in the past. This was approximately around \$30,000 the last time it was coated. Myron Parizek thought the city was planning a public hearing this evening. Volz agreed he liked the sealcoating idea. The board approved offering them up to \$64,000 towards the project.

Seeman moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 11:26 a.m. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

The Board then had an exempt session 20.17(3) where a strategy meeting of public employers is exempted from the provisions of Chapter 21 of the Iowa Code.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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February 17, 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 with changing of the verbiage on John Lindaman's resignation to retirement. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To approve the February 10, 2026. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To cancel the old secondary roads credit card that had Deb Cummings name on it and replace with a new one that just says Benton County Secondary Roads Shop. Tippet and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To set land use hearing date of Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 9:15 a.m. for Cassandra Patava in part of the SE ¼ SE ¼ of 13-84-9. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To acknowledge Bonnie Ehlinger's retirement from the Sheriff's office civil division effective February 27, 2026. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Debate was had about the wording for retirement or resignation of John Lindaman. Seeman reported they had received recommendation by legal counsel to word it as retirement not resignation. Sheriff Upah asked the reason? Upah stressed this is wrong, the document doesn't say anything about retirement. Seeman looked over the document and recommended they come back to this agenda item when legal counsel gets here.

Discussion about the flood insurance renewals on county owned property at 111 E 3rd Street and 205 2nd Ave. was had. Holmes Murphy and Associates were suggesting we increase the coverage. The board pulled the properties up and looked at them to decide if it was worth it or not.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To increase the coverage to Option B on the 205 2nd Ave. location and leave the 111 E 3rd Street the same. Doug Cook from the public asked to discuss and asked about the cost it was to increase. The increase was roughly \$300 to add increased coverage. They then discussed if the property at 111 E 3rd was even necessary. Supervisor Tippet wanted to change the motion to increase coverage on the 205 2nd Ave. with Option B of \$1,353.00 and not to renew coverage at 111 E 3rd Street. Volz seconded. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To set the FY 27 Maximum Tax Asking Hearing to be Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Assistant Attorney Derek Marsh arrived and encouraged the Board to take the legal advice they were given regarding the wording for John Lindaman. Seeman said there are two different opinions regarding the contract. Marsh explained it comes down to the retirement for IPERS, he wants what is best for the county. There are certain legally things that need to be done with a deal, if someone disagrees with it, then they can litigate it. The Attorney's office has given their opinions and recommendations.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To go with the attorney's recommendation to acknowledge John Lindaman's retirement from the Sheriff's department effective March 1, 2026. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Auditor Rippel printed off the minutes from February 9, 2026 that Shelby Williams took for the joint meeting with the Conservation Board.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve the minutes of Monday, February 9, 2026. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 10:03 a.m. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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February 24, 2026

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman and Volz present, Tippet was absent. 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. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve the February 17, 2026 with a correction. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve the following claims numbered 256567 through 256670, 2/26/2026 payroll checks numbered 144010 through 144030, ACH Deposits 64418 through 64573, vendor checks 256671 through 256678. Seeman, Tippet and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To adopt Resolution #26-9, Amending Resolution #25-81, LOSST gift to Garrison Fire Department. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-9**AMENDING RESOLUTION #25-81**

WHEREAS, the Benton County Board of Supervisors has established a program for gifting funds to emergency service providers who provide services within the unincorporated area of Benton County; and

WHEREAS, the Garrison Fire Department has requested a gift of funds; and

WHEREAS, the Garrison Fire provides emergency services to areas in Jackson and Big Grove Townships and mutual aid to other surrounding townships;

WHEREAS, on the 14th of October, 2025, the Garrison Fire Department had previously provided invoices totaling \$96,066.15 for purchasing new gear/equipment; with the 10% gift amount of \$9,606.60;

WHEREAS, the Garrison Fire Department turned in invoices on February 19, 2026 in the amount of 97,055.66;

WHEREAS, the Garrison Fire Department agrees that the gear/equipment obtained with the proceeds of this gift shall be used when necessary for rural fire protection and/or life support operations, consistent with the intended use of the money from the Local Option Sales and Services Fund,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Benton County Board of Supervisors approves an Emergency Services Gift to Garrison Fire Department and in the amount not to exceed \$9,705.56 which represents ten percent of the total purchase price for the new gear/equipment.

Adopted this 24th day of February, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Gina Edler, Deputy Benton County Auditor

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Andrea Morris requested a county credit card. The main use will be used for training and promotional supplies and water testing. These items will be reimbursed by the grants.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To authorize a credit card to the Environmental Health and Land Use Department with a credit limit of \$2,500.00 . Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve to create seasonal position in the Environmental Health and Land Use Department for the months of April through October. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Andrea Morris presented the Annual Environmental Health and Land Use Report.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Annual Environmental Health and Land Use Report. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Dave Upah, Benton County Sherrif and Josh Karsten, Benton County Chief Deputy, presented an updated jail fee restructuring plan. This plan would amend Resolution #13-3. The new plan would add admin fees allowed by the Iowa Code.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To adopt Resolution #26-10, Amending Resolution #13-3, Establishing Jail Administration/Room and Board Fees, effective March 1, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 26-10

AMENDING RESOLUTION #13-3

ESTABLISHING JAIL ADMINISTRATIVE & ROOM AND BOARD FEES

WHEREAS, the Benton County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #13-3 on January 2, 2013, establishing jail administrative & room and board fees; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code §356.7 authorizes the county sheriff to assess and collect administrative costs relating to arrest and booking, room and board while in custody, and medical aid provided to prisoners who are convicted or sentenced; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code §356.7(5) provides that sixty percent (60%) of the money collected and credited to the County General Fund shall be used for law enforcement budget purposes, including jail infrastructure improvements, medical and prescription costs of inmates, courthouse security equipment, and personnel costs; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code §356.7(7) defines “administrative costs relating to the arrest and booking of a prisoner” to include booking procedures, searches, fingerprinting, photographing, medical screening, records management, warrant processing, inventorying of property, and inmate supervision; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code §356.30 provides that fees shall be established by the County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code §910.3 no longer authorizes the inclusion of jail fees in criminal judgments; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff’s Office has adopted a comprehensive policy governing jail fees, inmate reimbursement claims, billing procedures, accounting, and statutory compliance, and has determined that the existing jail fee structure no longer reflects current operations or statutory best practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that Resolution #13-3 adopted January 2, 2013, is hereby repealed and replaced with the following fee schedule, consistent with the Sheriff’s Office Jail Fees Policy, effective March 1, 2026:

BENTON COUNTY JAIL FEE SCHEDULE

Room and Board

- **\$75.00 per calendar day**, or any portion thereof
- Each billing day begins at **0000 hours**

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Administrative Fee

- **\$75.00 per booking**, assessed once per booking

Covers administrative costs as defined in Iowa Code §356.7(7)

An additional administrative fee may be assessed if new charges occur after twenty-four (24) hours of custody

Work Release Fees (Court-Ordered Only)

- **Work Release Administrative Fee:** \$75.00 (one-time)
- **Days Confined:** \$75.00 per day
- **Days Worked:** \$75.00 per day
- **Electronic Monitoring Device:** \$15.00 per day

Work release participation is subject to jail approval and all prior jail debts must be satisfied before authorization.

Medical Aid

- Medical-related fees shall be assessed at the actual cost of service and are governed by Iowa Code §356.15A and the Sheriff's Office Medical Billing Policy.

APPLICATION OF FEES

1. Fees apply to inmates convicted or sentenced as authorized by Iowa Code §356.7.
2. Contract inmates, parole inmates, juveniles, and other exempt inmate groups shall be governed by applicable contracts or statutory exemptions and are not assessed inmate jail fees.
3. Fees are tracked for pre-conviction inmates but assessed only upon conviction.

COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

All fees collected by the Sheriff's Office shall be credited to the County General Fund. Sixty percent (60%) of collected funds shall be designated for law enforcement purposes as authorized by Iowa Code §356.7(5), with funds committed and carried forward annually in accordance with the approved reimbursement plan.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that fees shall be paid prior to release when applicable or collected through lawful reimbursement methods authorized by Iowa Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 1st day of March, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Gina Edler, Benton County Deputy Auditor

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Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-11 Hiring Civil Division Secretaries at the Sheriff's Office. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 26-11

Hiring Civil Division Secretaries at the Sheriff's Office

WHEREAS, applications for the positions of Office Secretary within the Benton County Sheriff's Office Civil Division have been reviewed, interviews conducted, and background checks completed;

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has recommended the hiring of Rebekah Cripe as a full-time Office Secretary, non-union, salaried, exempt;

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has recommended the hiring of Michelle Wirtz as a full-time Office Secretary, non-union, salaried, exempt;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that Rebekah Cripe and Michelle Wirtz are hereby employed in these non-union, salaried, exempt positions, each starting at an annual salary of \$58,000.00, effective March 4, 2026.

Signed this 24th day of February, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Gina Edler, Deputy Benton County Auditor

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Tax Suspension on Parcel #s 170-13200 and 170-13250. Volz seconded. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve and authorize signature on the Historic Preservation Commission's Annual Report. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Mindy Druschel and Kari Chamberlain representing the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services presented their FY27 Budget. The DHS budget increased overall by \$4,500.00.

Jim Fleming and Scott Fleming met with the board discussing the watershed pond issue at Jim's property. Jim is asking for a legal document requesting permission on what he can do to fix the leaking issue.

Reports: Volz-attended the Historical Preservation meeting via zoom, it was very productive. They are creating a stand-alone website, he was wondering if there could be a link on the County's website to their new site.

Tippett-attended the Duane Arnold meeting, they have an aggressive plan and are very happy Scott Hansen is helping get things in order for Benton County.

Seeman-attended the safety meeting, there is a lot in the works. Solid Waste Commission has a contract with an engineering firm for digging a new cell. The current one will be full in a year and half.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To adjourn meeting at 10:53 a.m. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Gina Edler, Deputy Benton County Auditor

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March 3, 2026

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman and Volz present, Tippet was absent. 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. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve the minutes of February 24, 2026. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve the following \$27,073.78 in EMS claims numbered 256679 through 256686 as follows:

Urbana Polk Fire-\$384.67

Keystone First Responders-\$1,557.08

City of Newhall-\$2,750.54

Walford First Responders-\$3,473.69

Belle Plaine Area Ambulance-\$3,301.54

Atkins First Responders-Motorola Solutions-\$12,684.20

Norway Firefighters First Responders-\$1,620.02

Blairtown EMS-\$1,302.04

Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To adopt Resolution #26-12, 28E Agreement between Benton Community School District and Benton County Sheriff's Office for a Resource Officer effective July 1, 2026. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-12**AGREEMENT FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM BETWEEN BENTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, Benton County Sheriff's Office and the Benton Community School District share a mutual interest in providing law enforcement and related services within the school district, and

WHEREAS, Section 28E.3 of the Code of Iowa provides that any power or powers, privileges or authority exercised or capable of exercise by a public agency of the State of Iowa may be exercised and enjoyed jointly by a public agency of the State of Iowa having such power or powers, and

WHEREAS, it is proposed, that the Benton Community School Resource officer shall be employed by Benton County Sheriff and administration shall be conducted jointly by participating entities under the terms set forth within the 28E agreement;

IT IS NOW AGREED that Benton County will enter into the 28E agreement with the Benton Community School District pursuant to Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa.

Approved on this 3rd day of March, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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**2027 28E AGREEMENT FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM
BETWEEN BENTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE, VINTON, IOWA**

This FY 2027 Agreement is entered into this ____ day of _____, 2025, by and between the Benton Community School District (hereinafter referred to as “BCSD”) and the Benton County Sheriff’s Office, Vinton, Iowa (hereinafter referred to as “BCSO”), pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 28E of the Iowa Code.

WHEREAS, BCSD and BCSO share a mutual interest in providing law enforcement and related services to schools within the Benton Community School District, which encompasses the communities of Atkins, Blainstown, Elberon, Keystone, Newhall, Norway, Van Horne, and Watkins, to help maintain a safe, healthy, and secure environment for students and staff; and

WHEREAS, both parties recognize the value and necessity of implementing a School Resource Officer (SRO) Program (hereinafter “SRO Program”) with a dedicated, full-time officer assigned to the BCSD; and

WHEREAS, BCSD and BCSO believe this partnership will serve the public interest, particularly the welfare of the students, by establishing a cooperative approach to law enforcement in educational settings; and

WHEREAS, both parties seek to clarify their respective roles and responsibilities, and formalize their working relationship to ensure the success of the SRO Program; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement constitutes an intergovernmental agreement between public agencies under Iowa Code Chapter 28E and shall be electronically filed with the Iowa Secretary of State in accordance with state law;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I: Purpose and Mission**A. Purpose**

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the terms and conditions under which the BCSO will assign one full-time deputy to serve as an SRO within the BCSD. This officer will not serve any other school district. This Agreement shall not be construed to obligate BCSO to perform services beyond those expressly agreed herein.

B. Mission

The mission of the SRO Program is to promote school safety by fostering a positive climate where students feel secure and supported in achieving academic success. The SRO will function as a mentor and liaison, not a disciplinary agent, and will build trust through engagement with students, staff, and families.

C. Goals

The goals of the SRO Program include:

1. Providing a safe and secure learning environment;
2. Preventing and reducing school-related violence;
3. Cultivating mutual respect among students and staff;
4. Establishing partnerships with community care providers for student and family support.

ARTICLE II: Term

This Agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, unless terminated or extended as provided herein.

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ARTICLE III: Responsibilities of the Benton County Sheriff's Office**A. Selection of the SRO**

BCSO shall recruit, screen, and select the SRO. BCSD may participate in interviews and make recommendations, but the final hiring decision lies with BCSO. The candidate's assignment to BCSD is subject to BCSD Board approval. Preferred qualifications include a college degree, experience in juvenile law enforcement, and completion of SRO-specific training.

B. Assignment

BCSO shall assign one full-time deputy to serve as the dedicated SRO for BCSD, subject to the approval of the BCSD Board of Directors.

C. Employment and Supervision

1. The SRO shall be an employee of BCSO, not BCSD. BCSO retains all employment authority.
2. BCSO shall be responsible for all wages, benefits, taxes, and training requirements per Iowa Code Chapter 411.
3. BCSO shall provide BCSD with the SRO's training schedule in advance of each school year, or within a reasonable amount of time.
4. BCSO shall assign a supervisor for the SRO and notify BCSD of their identity annually by July 15, or within 30 days of any change.
5. The SRO supervisor shall serve as liaison to BCSD.
6. Annual performance evaluations shall be conducted collaboratively by the SRO supervisor and a designated BCSD representative.
7. While on BCSD premises, the SRO shall be accountable to school leadership and expected to follow district policies.

D. Duty Hours

1. The SRO shall work full-time at BCSD during the school year, with a typical schedule extending from 30 minutes before school starts to 30 minutes after school ends. Adjustments may be made for evening events.
2. During summer months, the SRO shall be reassigned to BCSO but may support BCSD activities as needed.
3. BCSO will attempt to provide a substitute SRO for absences exceeding one day.

E. Uniform, Equipment, and Vehicle

BCSO shall supply all required uniforms, equipment, and vehicles. Property purchased by BCSD shall remain BCSD's property; property provided by BCSO shall remain with BCSO.

F. Duties of the SRO

The SRO's responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Coordinating with school administrators and BCSO;
- Providing instruction on legal and safety topics;
- Establishing rapport with students and parents;
- Participating in school and community events;

- Supporting school crisis planning and safety drills;
- Taking appropriate law enforcement action as needed;
- Assisting in investigations when requested by school officials;
- Maintaining confidentiality of student information;
- Avoiding disciplinary roles—discipline remains under BCSD jurisdiction;
- Submitting monthly activity reports to BCSD and BCSO;
- Collaborating on data collection and assessment.

The SRO shall perform other mutually agreed upon duties consistent with applicable laws, policies, and the goals of the SRO Program.

ARTICLE IV

Duties of the Benton Community School District

The Benton Community School District (BCSD) agrees to provide the following materials, facilities, and support necessary for the effective performance of the School Resource Officer's (SRO) duties:

A. Materials and Facilities

BCSD shall provide the SRO with:

1. Access to a private office equipped with air conditioning, adequate lighting, and a telephone for official business use.
2. A secure, lockable space for storing files and records in compliance with confidentiality standards.
3. Office furniture and equipment, including a desk with drawers, a chair, a worktable, a filing cabinet, appropriate office supplies, and a cell phone. All supplies and equipment provided by BCSD shall remain the property of BCSD and shall be returned upon termination of this Agreement.
4. Access to a computer and/or secretarial support as needed to fulfill administrative functions.
5. Clear guidance regarding any classroom instruction, presentations, or programming the SRO is expected to deliver.

ARTICLE V

Financial Considerations

The parties agree to the following terms regarding financial obligations under this Agreement:

A. Employment and Compensation

The SRO shall remain, at all times, an employee of the BCSO. The BCSO shall be solely responsible for the SRO's salary, benefits, and any other employment-related obligations.

B. Reimbursement by BCSD

For the term of this FY 2027 Agreement—July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027—BCSD agrees to reimburse BCSO 75% of the total annual cost of the SRO position. This cost includes salary, benefits, and average annual deputy fuel costs and overtime expenses. The agreed reimbursement amount is **\$91,020.12**, effective July 1, 2026. This rate remains unchanged from FY 2026.

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If either party receives grant funding applicable to the SRO position, such funds shall first be applied to reduce the total cost, with BCSD reimbursing only the adjusted balance.

BCSO shall submit four (4) quarterly, itemized invoices to BCSD. Each invoice shall reflect one-quarter of the annual cost. BCSD shall process and pay each invoice promptly, following any required Board approval.

Each party shall maintain a separate budget and financial responsibility for their respective obligations under this Agreement.

ARTICLE VI**Discipline and/or Replacement of the School Resource Officer**

In the event BCSD believes the SRO is not effectively performing their duties or disciplinary action is warranted, the following process shall apply:

1. A designated BCSD administrator shall contact the SRO's supervisor to address the concern internally within BCSO.
2. If the issue remains unresolved within a reasonable period, BCSD may submit a formal, written request for disciplinary action or removal of the SRO to the BCSO. The request must include detailed justification.
3. Upon receiving the request, BCSO shall evaluate the concerns and respond with a proposed course of action within a reasonable timeframe.
4. If no agreement can be reached on the proposed resolution, the parties may engage in mediation to resolve the matter.
5. BCSO may reassign the SRO in accordance with its internal policies, when such reassignment is deemed in the best interest of both BCSD and BCSO.
6. If the SRO is reassigned, resigns, or is absent for an extended period, BCSO shall consult with BCSD to provide a temporary replacement within one (1) week. A permanent replacement shall be selected collaboratively and in accordance with the terms of this Agreement as soon as practicable.

Nothing in this Article shall limit the rights of either party to terminate this Agreement as outlined herein.

ARTICLE VII**Miscellaneous****A. Responsibility for Acts**

Each party shall be liable solely for its own acts or omissions and those of its officers and employees. Neither party shall indemnify or insure the actions of the other.

B. Good Faith Cooperation

BCSD and BCSO agree to act in good faith in fulfilling the terms of this Agreement. Any unforeseen issues shall be resolved through mutual negotiation.

C. Insurance and Indemnification

To the extent permitted by law, each party agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other from losses, costs, claims, and expenses arising from their own negligence or willful misconduct. Each party is responsible for its own legal liabilities and shall not insure or indemnify the other.

D. Complete Agreement

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This document represents the entire agreement between the parties. No oral or prior written statements shall modify or supersede the terms herein unless a subsequent written agreement is signed by both parties.

E. Modification

This Agreement may only be modified through a written document signed by both parties.

F. Termination

This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days' written notice. In such an event, BCSO shall be compensated for all services provided through the termination date.

G. Notices

All written notices required under this Agreement shall be delivered to the following addresses:

- **For BCSD:**
Superintendent
Benton Community School District
304 1st Street
Van Horne, IA 52346
- **For BCSO:**
Sheriff
Benton County Sheriff's Office
113 E 3rd Street
Vinton, IA 52349

H. Compliance with Iowa Code § 28E.6

1. No separate legal entity shall be created under this Agreement. BCSO shall serve as the administrator as required by Iowa Code Chapter 28E.
2. No jointly held property shall be acquired; each party shall independently acquire and manage any property needed for program execution.
3. In accordance with Iowa Code § 28E.8, BCSO shall electronically file this Agreement with the Iowa Secretary of State.
4. This Agreement creates no third-party beneficiaries.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement through their duly authorized representatives.

BENTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____

Date: _____

BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

By: _____

Date: _____

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CHAIRPERSON

By: _____

Date: _____

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ATTEST: BENTON COUNTY AUDITOR

By: _____

Date: _____

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-13, 28E Agreements with Cities of Belle Plaine, Vinton and Urbana for Law Enforcement Mental Health Liaison effective July 1, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-13**AGREEMENT FOR JOINTLY UTILIZING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH LIAISON**

WHEREAS, Benton County Sheriff’s Office and the Cities of Belle Plaine, Vinton and Urbana are all public agency’s as is defined by Section 28E.2 of the Code of Iowa, and

WHEREAS, Section 28E.3 of the Code of Iowa provides that any power or powers, privileges or authority exercised or capable of exercise by a public agency of the State of Iowa may be exercised and enjoyed jointly by a public agency of the State of Iowa having such power or powers, and

WHEREAS, it is proposed, that Benton County Sheriff’s Office is willing to jointly support and utilize the law enforcement mental health liaison services under the terms set forth within the 28E agreement;

IT IS NOW AGREED that Benton County will enter into the 28E agreement with the City of Belle Plaine, City of Vinton and City of Urbana above pursuant to Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa effective July 1, 2026.

Approved on this 3rd day of March, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

28E AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH LIAISON

Between the Belle Plaine Police Department and the Benton County Sheriff’s Office

This 28E Agreement is entered into pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 28E, by and among the following governmental entities, hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties”:

- **Belle Plaine Police Department (BPPD)**
- **Benton County Sheriff’s Office (BCSO)**

I – PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a cooperative arrangement to jointly support and utilize a Law Enforcement Mental Health Liaison (“Liaison”) to enhance mental health-related response, coordination, and intervention in Benton County.

II – DURATION

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This Agreement, for **FY 2027**, shall commence on **July 1, 2026**, and terminate on **June 30, 2027**, unless earlier terminated in accordance with Article VIII. It may be renewed on an annual basis upon mutual written consent of the Parties.

III – ADMINISTRATION

The administration of this Agreement shall be conducted jointly by the participating entities. Oversight of the Liaison shall be provided by the Benton County Sheriff's Office, through its Sheriff and Chief Deputy. The Belle Plaine Police Department shall designate a point of contact for communication and coordination purposes.

IV – FUNDING AND COMPENSATION

The Liaison shall be employed by the Benton County Sheriff's Office, which shall be responsible for payroll, benefits, equipment, and administrative oversight.

Salary for Fiscal Year 2027: **\$74,160** (Projected pay freeze, 0% salary increase from FY 2026)

Belle Plaine Police Department Contribution: **7.1% = \$5,265.36** annually

Quarterly Payment Schedule: **\$1,316.34** per quarter (due July 1, October 1, January 1, and April 1)

Payments shall be made payable to the Benton County Sheriff's Office.

V – LIAISON DUTIES

The Liaison shall:

1. Coordinate mental health crisis responses in conjunction with local law enforcement.
2. Assist in identifying and addressing mental health-related concerns.
3. Refer individuals to appropriate services and resources.
4. Deliver training to officers on de-escalation and mental health indicators.
5. Support families and communities affected by crisis incidents.
6. Maintain compliant records of all interactions in accordance with legal and privacy requirements.
7. Collaborate with mental health professionals, service providers, and other stakeholders.

VI – CONFIDENTIALITY

The Liaison shall maintain the confidentiality of all personal, medical, and law enforcement information in accordance with HIPAA, state laws, and applicable federal regulations.

VII – MEETINGS AND EVALUATION

The Parties may meet periodically to:

- Review program effectiveness
- Assess outcomes
- Make recommendations regarding training, resource needs, and continued collaboration

VIII – TERMINATION

Either Party may terminate participation in this Agreement by providing thirty (30) days written notice to the other Party.

If the Belle Plaine Police Department ceases to maintain an active law enforcement department, its obligations under this Agreement shall be considered null and void as of the effective date of such dissolution.

IX – AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may be amended at any time through mutual written consent of both Parties.

X – FILING

This Agreement shall be filed by the Benton County Auditor's Office with the Iowa Secretary of State in compliance with Iowa Code Section 28E.8.

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SIGNATURES**BELLE PLAINE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

28E AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH LIAISON**Between the Urbana Police Department and the Benton County Sheriff’s Office**

This 28E Agreement is entered into pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 28E, by and among the following governmental entities, hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties”:

- **Urbana Police Department (UPD)**
- **Benton County Sheriff’s Office (BCSO)**

I – PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a cooperative arrangement to jointly support and utilize a Law Enforcement Mental Health Liaison (“Liaison”) to enhance mental health-related response, coordination, and intervention in Benton County.

II – DURATION

This Agreement, for **FY 2027**, shall commence on **July 1, 2026**, and terminate on **June 30, 2027**, unless earlier terminated in accordance with Article VIII. It may be renewed on an annual basis upon mutual written consent of the Parties.

III – ADMINISTRATION

The administration of this Agreement shall be conducted jointly by the participating entities. Oversight of the Liaison shall be provided by the Benton County Sheriff’s Office, through its Sheriff and Chief Deputy. The Urbana Police Department shall designate a point of contact for communication and coordination purposes.

IV – FUNDING AND COMPENSATION

The Liaison shall be employed by the Benton County Sheriff’s Office, which shall be responsible for payroll, benefits, equipment, and administrative oversight.

Salary for Fiscal Year 2027: **\$74,160** (Projected pay freeze, 0% salary increase from FY 2026)

Urbana Police Department Contribution: **4.7% = \$3,485.52** annually

Quarterly Payment Schedule: **\$871.38** per quarter (due July 1, October 1, January 1, and April 1)

Payments shall be made payable to the Benton County Sheriff’s Office.

V – LIAISON DUTIES

The Liaison shall:

8. Coordinate mental health crisis responses in conjunction with local law enforcement.
9. Assist in identifying and addressing mental health-related concerns.
10. Refer individuals to appropriate services and resources.
11. Deliver training to officers on de-escalation and mental health indicators.

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12. Support families and communities affected by crisis incidents.
13. Maintain compliant records of all interactions in accordance with legal and privacy requirements.
14. Collaborate with mental health professionals, service providers, and other stakeholders.

VI – CONFIDENTIALITY

The Liaison shall maintain the confidentiality of all personal, medical, and law enforcement information in accordance with HIPAA, state laws, and applicable federal regulations.

VII – MEETINGS AND EVALUATION

The Parties may meet periodically to:

- Review program effectiveness
- Assess outcomes
- Make recommendations regarding training, resource needs, and continued collaboration

VIII – TERMINATION

Either Party may terminate participation in this Agreement by providing thirty (30) days written notice to the other Party.

If the Urbana Police Department ceases to maintain an active law enforcement department, its obligations under this Agreement shall be considered null and void as of the effective date of such dissolution.

IX – AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may be amended at any time through mutual written consent of both Parties.

X – FILING

This Agreement shall be filed by the Benton County Auditor’s Office with the Iowa Secretary of State in compliance with Iowa Code Section 28E.8.

SIGNATURES**URBANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

28E AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH LIAISON

Between the Vinton Police Department and the Benton County Sheriff’s Office

This 28E Agreement is entered into pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 28E, by and among the following governmental entities, hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties”:

- Vinton Police Department (VPD)
- Benton County Sheriff’s Office (BCSO)

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I – PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a cooperative arrangement to jointly support and utilize a Law Enforcement Mental Health Liaison (“Liaison”) to enhance mental health-related response, coordination, and intervention in Benton County.

II – DURATION

This Agreement, for **FY 2027**, shall commence on **July 1, 2026**, and terminate on **June 30, 2027**, unless earlier terminated in accordance with Article VIII. It may be renewed on an annual basis upon mutual written consent of the Parties.

III – ADMINISTRATION

The administration of this Agreement shall be conducted jointly by the participating entities. Oversight of the Liaison shall be provided by the Benton County Sheriff’s Office, through its Sheriff and Chief Deputy. The Vinton Police Department shall designate a point of contact for communication and coordination purposes.

IV – FUNDING AND COMPENSATION

The Liaison shall be employed by the Benton County Sheriff’s Office, which shall be responsible for payroll, benefits, equipment, and administrative oversight.

Salary for Fiscal Year 2027: **\$74,160** (Projected pay freeze, 0% salary increase from FY 2026)

Vinton Police Department Contribution: **15% = \$11,124.00** annually

Quarterly Payment Schedule: **\$2,781.00** per quarter (due July 1, October 1, January 1, and April 1)

Payments shall be made payable to the Benton County Sheriff’s Office.

V – LIAISON DUTIES

The Liaison shall:

15. Coordinate mental health crisis responses in conjunction with local law enforcement.
16. Assist in identifying and addressing mental health-related concerns.
17. Refer individuals to appropriate services and resources.
18. Deliver training to officers on de-escalation and mental health indicators.
19. Support families and communities affected by crisis incidents.
20. Maintain compliant records of all interactions in accordance with legal and privacy requirements.
21. Collaborate with mental health professionals, service providers, and other stakeholders.

VI – CONFIDENTIALITY

The Liaison shall maintain the confidentiality of all personal, medical, and law enforcement information in accordance with HIPAA, state laws, and applicable federal regulations.

VII – MEETINGS AND EVALUATION

The Parties may meet periodically to:

- Review program effectiveness
- Assess outcomes
- Make recommendations regarding training, resource needs, and continued collaboration

VIII – TERMINATION

Either Party may terminate participation in this Agreement by providing thirty (30) days written notice to the other Party.

If the Vinton Police Department ceases to maintain an active law enforcement department, its obligations under this Agreement shall be considered null and void as of the effective date of such dissolution.

IX – AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may be amended at any time through mutual written consent of both Parties.

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X – FILING

This Agreement shall be filed by the Benton County Auditor's Office with the Iowa Secretary of State in compliance with Iowa Code Section 28E.8.

SIGNATURES

VINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-14, Entering into 28E Agreement(s) for law enforcement services with the cities of Atkins, Blainstown, Garrison, Keystone, Luzerne, Mt. Auburn, Newhall, Norway, Shellsburg, Urbana and Van Horne effective July 1, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-14

AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

WHEREAS, Benton County and the Cities of Atkins, Blainstown, Garrison, Keystone, Luzerne, Mt. Auburn, Newhall, Norway, Shellsburg, Urbana and Van Horne are all public agency's as is defined by Section 28E.2 of the Code of Iowa, and

WHEREAS, Section 28E.3 of the Code of Iowa provides that any power or powers, privileges or authority exercised or capable of exercise by a public agency of the State of Iowa may be exercised and enjoyed jointly by a public agency of the State of Iowa having such power or powers, and

WHEREAS, it is proposed, that Benton County Sheriff's Office is willing to provide law enforcement services under the terms set forth within the individual 28E agreements with each city;

IT IS NOW AGREED that Benton County will enter into an agreement with each of the cities listed above pursuant to Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa effective July 1, 2026.

Approved on this 3rd day of March, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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28E Agreement for Law Enforcement Services

This Agreement is made pursuant to Chapter 28E of the Iowa Code and entered into by and between the **City of Atkins** and the **Benton County Sheriff's Office**.

This **FY 2027** Agreement is entered into this ____ day of _____, 2026, by and between the City of Atkins, Iowa, and the Benton County Sheriff's Office.

WHEREAS, the City of Atkins desires to obtain law enforcement services from the Benton County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office is willing to provide such services to the City of Atkins under the terms set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Benton County Sheriff's Office shall provide law enforcement services to the City of Atkins.
2. The City shall pay the Benton County Sheriff's Office a total annual amount of **\$60,840.00**, to be paid in four equal quarterly installments.
3. All payments shall be made payable to the Benton County Sheriff's Office.
4. The services provided shall not exceed an average of **18 hours per week**, totaling no more than **936 hours** during the twelve-month period covered by this Agreement.
5. The Benton County Sheriff's Office shall respond to all law enforcement calls within the City of Atkins.
6. The City of Atkins hereby authorizes, and the Benton County Sheriff's Office agrees to enforce the City's municipal ordinances.
7. This Agreement shall become effective on **July 1, 2026**.
8. This Agreement shall remain in effect until **June 30, 2027**, unless terminated earlier by either party upon providing ninety (90) days' written notice.
9. The parties acknowledge that no agreement has been reached regarding defense or indemnification in the event of any claims or legal action arising from services provided under this Agreement. This matter is expressly reserved for judicial determination at the appropriate time.

This Agreement shall be filed by the Benton County Auditor's Office with the Iowa Secretary of State in compliance with Iowa Code Section 28E.8.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

SIGNATURES

By: _____
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
Benton County, Iowa

Attest: _____
Benton County Auditor
Secretary to the Benton County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Mayor, City of Atkins, Iowa

Attest: _____
City Clerk, City of Atkins

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CONSENT

I, **David B. Upah**, the duly elected and qualified Sheriff of Benton County, Iowa, have reviewed this Agreement, consent to its terms, and agree to be bound by it.

David B. Upah

Sheriff, Benton County, Iowa

Date: _____

28E Agreement for Law Enforcement Services

This Agreement is made pursuant to Chapter 28E of the Iowa Code and entered into by and between the **City of Blainstown** and the **Benton County Sheriff's Office**.

This **FY 2027** Agreement is entered into this ____ day of _____, 2026, by and between the City of Blainstown, Iowa, and the Benton County Sheriff's Office.

WHEREAS, the City of Blainstown desires to obtain law enforcement services from the Benton County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office is willing to provide such services to the City of Blainstown under the terms set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Benton County Sheriff's Office shall provide law enforcement services to the City of Blainstown.
2. The City shall pay the Benton County Sheriff's Office a total annual amount of **\$33,800**, to be paid in four equal quarterly installments.
3. All payments shall be made payable to the Benton County Sheriff's Office.
4. The services provided shall not exceed an average of **10 hours per week**, totaling no more than **520 hours** during the twelve-month period covered by this Agreement.
5. The Benton County Sheriff's Office shall respond to all law enforcement calls within the City of Blainstown.
6. The City of Blainstown hereby authorizes, and the Benton County Sheriff's Office agrees to enforce the City's municipal ordinances.
7. This Agreement shall become effective on **July 1, 2026**.
8. This Agreement shall remain in effect until **June 30, 2027**, unless terminated earlier by either party upon providing ninety (90) days' written notice.
9. The parties acknowledge that no agreement has been reached regarding defense or indemnification in the event of any claims or legal action arising from services provided under this Agreement. This matter is expressly reserved for judicial determination at the appropriate time.

This Agreement shall be filed by the Benton County Auditor's Office with the Iowa Secretary of State in compliance with Iowa Code Section 28E.8.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

SIGNATURES

By: _____

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Benton County, Iowa

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Attest: _____

Benton County Auditor

Secretary to the Benton County Board of Supervisors

By: _____

Mayor, City of Blainstown, Iowa

Attest: _____

City Clerk, City of Blainstown, Iowa

CONSENT

I, **David B. Upah**, the duly elected and qualified Sheriff of Benton County, Iowa, have reviewed this Agreement, consent to its terms, and agree to be bound by it.

David B. Upah

Sheriff, Benton County, Iowa

Date: _____**28E Agreement for Law Enforcement Services**

This Agreement is made pursuant to Chapter 28E of the Iowa Code and entered into by and between the **City of Garrison** and the **Benton County Sheriff's Office**.

This **FY 2027** Agreement is entered into this ____ day of _____, 2026, by and between the City of Garrison, Iowa, and the Benton County Sheriff's Office.

WHEREAS, the City of Garrison desires to obtain law enforcement services from the Benton County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office is willing to provide such services to the City of Garrison under the terms set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Benton County Sheriff's Office shall provide law enforcement services to the City of Garrison.
2. The City shall pay the Benton County Sheriff's Office a total annual amount of **\$10,140**, to be paid in four equal quarterly installments.
3. All payments shall be made payable to the Benton County Sheriff's Office.
4. The services provided shall not exceed an average of **3 hours per week**, totaling no more than **156 hours** during the twelve-month period covered by this Agreement.
5. The Benton County Sheriff's Office shall respond to all law enforcement calls within the City of Garrison.
6. The City of Garrison hereby authorizes, and the Benton County Sheriff's Office agrees to enforce the City's municipal ordinances.
7. This Agreement shall become effective on **July 1, 2026**.
8. This Agreement shall remain in effect until **June 30, 2027**, unless terminated earlier by either party upon providing ninety (90) days' written notice.

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9. The parties acknowledge that no agreement has been reached regarding defense or indemnification in the event of any claims or legal action arising from services provided under this Agreement. This matter is expressly reserved for judicial determination at the appropriate time. This Agreement shall be filed by the Benton County Auditor's Office with the Iowa Secretary of State in compliance with Iowa Code Section 28E.8.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

SIGNATURES

By: _____
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
Benton County, Iowa

Attest: _____
Benton County Auditor
Secretary to the Benton County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Mayor, City of Garrison, Iowa

Attest: _____
City Clerk, City of Garrison, Iowa

CONSENT

I, **David B. Upah**, the duly elected and qualified Sheriff of Benton County, Iowa, have reviewed this Agreement, consent to its terms, and agree to be bound by it.

David B. Upah
Sheriff, Benton County, Iowa

Date: _____

28E Agreement for Law Enforcement Services

This Agreement is made pursuant to Chapter 28E of the Iowa Code and entered into by and between the **City of Keystone** and the **Benton County Sheriff's Office**.

This **FY 2027** Agreement is entered into this ____ day of _____, 2026, by and between the City of Keystone, Iowa, and the Benton County Sheriff's Office.

WHEREAS, the City of Keystone desires to obtain law enforcement services from the Benton County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office is willing to provide such services to the City of Keystone under the terms set forth herein;

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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Benton County Sheriff's Office shall provide law enforcement services to the City of Keystone.
2. The City shall pay the Benton County Sheriff's Office a total annual amount of **\$16,900**, to be paid in four equal quarterly installments.
3. All payments shall be made payable to the Benton County Sheriff's Office.
4. The services provided shall not exceed an average of **5 hours per week**, totaling no more than **260 hours** during the twelve-month period covered by this Agreement.
5. The Benton County Sheriff's Office shall respond to all law enforcement calls within the City of Keystone.
6. The City of Keystone hereby authorizes, and the Benton County Sheriff's Office agrees to enforce the City's municipal ordinances.
7. This Agreement shall become effective on **July 1, 2026**.
8. This Agreement shall remain in effect until **June 30, 2027**, unless terminated earlier by either party upon providing **ninety (90) days' written notice**.
9. The parties acknowledge that no agreement has been reached regarding defense or indemnification in the event of any claims or legal action arising from services provided under this Agreement. This matter is expressly reserved for judicial determination at the appropriate time.

This Agreement shall be filed by the Benton County Auditor's Office with the Iowa Secretary of State in compliance with Iowa Code Section 28E.8.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

SIGNATURES

By: _____
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
Benton County, Iowa

Attest: _____
Benton County Auditor
Secretary to the Benton County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Mayor, City of Keystone, Iowa

Attest: _____
City Clerk, City of Keystone, Iowa

CONSENT

I, **David B. Upah**, the duly elected and qualified Sheriff of Benton County, Iowa, have reviewed this Agreement, consent to its terms, and agree to be bound by it.

David B. Upah
Sheriff, Benton County, Iowa

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Date: _____

28E Agreement for Law Enforcement Services

This Agreement is made pursuant to Chapter 28E of the Iowa Code and entered into by and between the **City of Luzerne** and the **Benton County Sheriff's Office**.

This **FY 2027** Agreement is entered into this ____ day of _____, 2026, by and between the City of Luzerne, Iowa, and the Benton County Sheriff's Office.

WHEREAS, the City of Luzerne desires to obtain law enforcement services from the Benton County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office is willing to provide such services to the City of Luzerne under the terms set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Benton County Sheriff's Office shall provide law enforcement services to the City of Luzerne.
2. The City shall pay the Benton County Sheriff's Office a total annual amount of **\$1,690**, to be paid in four equal quarterly installments.
3. All payments shall be made payable to the Benton County Sheriff's Office.
4. The services provided shall not exceed an average of **0.5 hours per week**, totaling no more than **26 hours** during the twelve-month period covered by this Agreement.
5. The Benton County Sheriff's Office shall respond to all law enforcement calls within the City of Luzerne.
6. The City of Luzerne hereby authorizes, and the Benton County Sheriff's Office agrees to enforce the City's municipal ordinances.
7. This Agreement shall become effective on **July 1, 2026**.
8. This Agreement shall remain in effect until **June 30, 2027**, unless terminated earlier by either party upon providing ninety (90) days' written notice.
9. The parties acknowledge that no agreement has been reached regarding defense or indemnification in the event of any claims or legal action arising from services provided under this Agreement. This matter is expressly reserved for judicial determination at the appropriate time.

This Agreement shall be filed by the Benton County Auditor's Office with the Iowa Secretary of State in compliance with Iowa Code Section 28E.8.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

SIGNATURES

By: _____
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
Benton County, Iowa

Attest: _____
Benton County Auditor
Secretary to the Benton County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Mayor, City of Luzerne, Iowa

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Attest: _____
 City Clerk, City of Luzerne, Iowa

CONSENT

I, **David B. Upah**, the duly elected and qualified Sheriff of Benton County, Iowa, have reviewed this Agreement, consent to its terms, and agree to be bound by it.

David B. Upah
 Sheriff, Benton County, Iowa

Date: _____

28E Agreement for Law Enforcement Services

This Agreement is made pursuant to Chapter 28E of the Iowa Code and entered into by and between the **City of Mount Auburn** and the **Benton County Sheriff's Office**.

This **FY 2027** Agreement is entered into this ____ day of _____, 2026, by and between the City of Mount Auburn, Iowa, and the Benton County Sheriff's Office.

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Auburn desires to obtain law enforcement services from the Benton County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office is willing to provide such services to the City of Mount Auburn under the terms set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Benton County Sheriff's Office shall provide law enforcement services to the City of Mount Auburn.
2. The City shall pay the Benton County Sheriff's Office a total annual amount of **\$1,690**, to be paid in four equal quarterly installments.
3. All payments shall be made payable to the Benton County Sheriff's Office.
4. The services provided shall not exceed an average of **0.5 hours per week**, totaling no more than **26 hours** during the twelve-month period covered by this Agreement.
5. The Benton County Sheriff's Office shall respond to all law enforcement calls within the City of Mount Auburn.
6. The City of Mount Auburn hereby authorizes, and the Benton County Sheriff's Office agrees to enforce the City's municipal ordinances.
7. This Agreement shall become effective on **July 1, 2026**.
8. This Agreement shall remain in effect until **June 30, 2027**, unless terminated earlier by either party upon providing ninety (90) days' written notice.
9. The parties acknowledge that no agreement has been reached regarding defense or indemnification in the event of any claims or legal action arising from services provided under this Agreement. This matter is expressly reserved for judicial determination at the appropriate time.

This Agreement shall be filed by the Benton County Auditor's Office with the Iowa Secretary of State in compliance with Iowa Code Section 28E.8.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

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SIGNATURES

By: _____
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
Benton County, Iowa

Attest: _____
Benton County Auditor
Secretary to the Benton County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Mayor, City of Mount Auburn, Iowa

Attest: _____
City Clerk, City of Mount Auburn, Iowa

CONSENT

I, **David B. Upah**, the duly elected and qualified Sheriff of Benton County, Iowa, have reviewed this Agreement, consent to its terms, and agree to be bound by it.

David B. Upah
Sheriff, Benton County, Iowa

Date: _____

28E Agreement for Law Enforcement Services

This Agreement is made pursuant to Chapter 28E of the Iowa Code and entered into by and between the **City of Newhall** and the **Benton County Sheriff's Office**.

This **FY 2027** Agreement is entered into this ____ day of _____, 2026, by and between the City of Newhall, Iowa, and the Benton County Sheriff's Office.

WHEREAS, the City of Newhall desires to obtain law enforcement services from the Benton County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office is willing to provide such services to the City of Newhall under the terms set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Benton County Sheriff's Office shall provide law enforcement services to the City of Newhall.
2. The City shall pay the Benton County Sheriff's Office a total annual amount of **\$50,700**, to be paid in four equal quarterly installments.
3. All payments shall be made payable to the Benton County Sheriff's Office.
4. The services provided shall not exceed an average of **15 hours per week**, totaling no more than **780 hours** during the twelve-month period covered by this Agreement.

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5. The Benton County Sheriff's Office shall respond to all law enforcement calls within the City of Newhall.
6. The City of Newhall hereby authorizes, and the Benton County Sheriff's Office agrees to enforce the City's municipal ordinances.
7. This Agreement shall become effective on **July 1, 2026**.
8. This Agreement shall remain in effect until **June 30, 2027**, unless terminated earlier by either party upon providing ninety (90) days' written notice.
9. The parties acknowledge that no agreement has been reached regarding defense or indemnification in the event of any claims or legal action arising from services provided under this Agreement. This matter is expressly reserved for judicial determination at the appropriate time.

This Agreement shall be filed by the Benton County Auditor's Office with the Iowa Secretary of State in compliance with Iowa Code Section 28E.8.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

SIGNATURES

By: _____
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
Benton County, Iowa

Attest: _____
Benton County Auditor
Secretary to the Benton County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Mayor, City of Newhall, Iowa

Attest: _____
City Clerk, City of Newhall, Iowa

CONSENT

I, **David B. Upah**, the duly elected and qualified Sheriff of Benton County, Iowa, have reviewed this Agreement, consent to its terms, and agree to be bound by it.

David B. Upah
Sheriff, Benton County, Iowa

Date: _____

28E Agreement for Law Enforcement Services

This Agreement is made pursuant to Chapter 28E of the Iowa Code and entered into by and between the **City of Norway** and the **Benton County Sheriff's Office**.

This **FY 2027** Agreement is entered into this ____ day of _____, 2026, by and between the City of Norway, Iowa, and the Benton County Sheriff's Office.

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WHEREAS, the City of Norway desires to obtain law enforcement services from the Benton County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office is willing to provide such services to the City of Norway under the terms set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Benton County Sheriff's Office shall provide law enforcement services to the City of Norway.
2. The City shall pay the Benton County Sheriff's Office a total annual amount of **\$33,800**, to be paid in four equal quarterly installments.
3. All payments shall be made payable to the Benton County Sheriff's Office.
4. The services provided shall not exceed an average of **10 hours per week**, totaling no more than **520 hours** during the twelve-month period covered by this Agreement.
5. The Benton County Sheriff's Office shall respond to all law enforcement calls within the City of Norway.
6. The City of Norway hereby authorizes, and the Benton County Sheriff's Office agrees to enforce the City's municipal ordinances.
7. This Agreement shall become effective on **July 1, 2026**.
8. This Agreement shall remain in effect until **June 30, 2027**, unless terminated earlier by either party upon providing ninety (90) days' written notice.
9. The parties acknowledge that no agreement has been reached regarding defense or indemnification in the event of any claims or legal action arising from services provided under this Agreement. This matter is expressly reserved for judicial determination at the appropriate time.

This Agreement shall be filed by the Benton County Auditor's Office with the Iowa Secretary of State in compliance with Iowa Code Section 28E.8.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

SIGNATURES

By: _____
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
Benton County, Iowa

Attest: _____
Benton County Auditor
Secretary to the Benton County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Mayor, City of Norway, Iowa

Attest: _____
City Clerk, City of Norway, Iowa

CONSENT

I, **David B. Upah**, the duly elected and qualified Sheriff of Benton County, Iowa, have reviewed this Agreement, consent to its terms, and agree to be bound by it.

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David B. Upah

Sheriff, Benton County, Iowa

Date: _____**28E Agreement for Law Enforcement Services**

This Agreement is made pursuant to Chapter 28E of the Iowa Code and entered into by and between the **City of Shellsburg** and the **Benton County Sheriff's Office**.

This **FY 2027** Agreement is entered into this ____ day of _____, 2026, by and between the City of Shellsburg, Iowa, and the Benton County Sheriff's Office.

WHEREAS, the City of Shellsburg desires to obtain law enforcement services from the Benton County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office is willing to provide such services to the City of Shellsburg under the terms set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Benton County Sheriff's Office shall provide law enforcement services to the City of Shellsburg.
2. The City shall pay the Benton County Sheriff's Office a total annual amount of **\$67,600**, to be paid in four equal quarterly installments.
3. All payments shall be made payable to the Benton County Sheriff's Office.
4. The services provided shall not exceed an average of **20 hours per week**, totaling no more than **1,040 hours** during the twelve-month period covered by this Agreement.
5. The Benton County Sheriff's Office shall respond to all law enforcement calls within the City of Shellsburg.
6. The City of Shellsburg hereby authorizes, and the Benton County Sheriff's Office agrees to enforce the City's municipal ordinances.
7. This Agreement shall become effective on **July 1, 2026**.
8. This Agreement shall remain in effect until **June 30, 2027**, unless terminated earlier by either party upon providing ninety (90) days' written notice.
9. The parties acknowledge that no agreement has been reached regarding defense or indemnification in the event of any claims or legal action arising from services provided under this Agreement. This matter is expressly reserved for judicial determination at the appropriate time.

This Agreement shall be filed by the Benton County Auditor's Office with the Iowa Secretary of State in compliance with Iowa Code Section 28E.8.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

SIGNATURES**By:** _____Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
Benton County, Iowa**Attest:** _____Benton County Auditor
Secretary to the Benton County Board of Supervisors

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By: _____
Mayor, City of Shellsburg, Iowa

Attest: _____
City Clerk, City of Shellsburg, Iowa

CONSENT

I, **David B. Upah**, the duly elected and qualified Sheriff of Benton County, Iowa, have reviewed this Agreement, consent to its terms, and agree to be bound by it.

David B. Upah
Sheriff, Benton County, Iowa

Date: _____

28E Agreement for Law Enforcement Services

This Agreement is made pursuant to Chapter 28E of the Iowa Code and entered into by and between the **City of Urbana** and the **Benton County Sheriff's Office**.

This **FY 2027** Agreement is entered into this ____ day of _____, 2026, by and between the City of Urbana, Iowa, and the Benton County Sheriff's Office.

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana desires to obtain law enforcement services from the Benton County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office is willing to provide such services to the City of Urbana under the terms set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Benton County Sheriff's Office shall provide law enforcement services to the City of Urbana.
2. The City shall pay the Benton County Sheriff's Office a total annual amount of **\$40,560**, to be paid in four equal quarterly installments.
3. All payments shall be made payable to the Benton County Sheriff's Office.
4. The services provided shall not exceed an average of **12 hours per week**, totaling no more than **624 hours** during the twelve-month period covered by this Agreement.
5. The Benton County Sheriff's Office shall respond to all law enforcement calls within the City of Urbana.
6. The City of Urbana hereby authorizes, and the Benton County Sheriff's Office agrees to enforce the City's municipal ordinances.
7. This Agreement shall become effective on **July 1, 2026**.
8. This Agreement shall remain in effect until **June 30, 2027**, unless terminated earlier by either party upon providing ninety (90) days' written notice.
9. The parties acknowledge that no agreement has been reached regarding defense or indemnification in the event of any claims or legal action arising from services provided under this Agreement. This matter is expressly reserved for judicial determination at the appropriate time.

This Agreement shall be filed by the Benton County Auditor's Office with the Iowa Secretary of State in compliance with Iowa Code Section 28E.8.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

SIGNATURES

By: _____
 Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
 Benton County, Iowa

Attest: _____
 Benton County Auditor
 Secretary to the Benton County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
 Mayor, City of Urbana, Iowa

Attest: _____
 City Clerk, City of Urbana, Iowa

CONSENT

I, **David B. Upah**, the duly elected and qualified Sheriff of Benton County, Iowa, have reviewed this Agreement, consent to its terms, and agree to be bound by it.

David B. Upah
 Sheriff, Benton County, Iowa

Date: _____

28E Agreement for Law Enforcement Services

This Agreement is made pursuant to Chapter 28E of the Iowa Code and entered into by and between the **City of Van Horne** and the **Benton County Sheriff's Office**.

This **FY 2027** Agreement is entered into this ____ day of _____, 2026, by and between the City of Van Horne, Iowa, and the Benton County Sheriff's Office.

WHEREAS, the City of Van Horne desires to obtain law enforcement services from the Benton County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office is willing to provide such services to the City of Van Horne under the terms set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Benton County Sheriff's Office shall provide law enforcement services to the City of Van Horne.
2. The City shall pay the Benton County Sheriff's Office a total annual amount of **\$50,700**, to be paid in four equal quarterly installments.
3. All payments shall be made payable to the Benton County Sheriff's Office.

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4. The services provided shall not exceed an average of **15 hours per week**, totaling no more than **780 hours** during the twelve-month period covered by this Agreement.
5. The Benton County Sheriff's Office shall respond to all law enforcement calls within the City of Van Horne.
6. The City of Van Horne hereby authorizes, and the Benton County Sheriff's Office agrees to enforce the City's municipal ordinances.
7. This Agreement shall become effective on **July 1, 2026**.
8. This Agreement shall remain in effect until **June 30, 2027**, unless terminated earlier by either party upon providing ninety (90) days' written notice.
9. The parties acknowledge that no agreement has been reached regarding defense or indemnification in the event of any claims or legal action arising from services provided under this Agreement. This matter is expressly reserved for judicial determination at the appropriate time.

This Agreement shall be filed by the Benton County Auditor's Office with the Iowa Secretary of State in compliance with Iowa Code Section 28E.8.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

SIGNATURES

By: _____
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
Benton County, Iowa

Attest: _____
Benton County Auditor
Secretary to the Benton County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Mayor, City of Van Horne, Iowa

Attest: _____
City Clerk, City of Van Horne, Iowa

CONSENT

I, **David B. Upah**, the duly elected and qualified Sheriff of Benton County, Iowa, have reviewed this Agreement, consent to its terms, and agree to be bound by it.

David B. Upah
Sheriff, Benton County, Iowa

Date: _____

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Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution#26-15, Enter into 28E Agreement(s) for law enforcement dispatch services with the Cities of Belle Plaine, Vinton and Urbana effective July 1, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-15

AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT DISPATCH SERVICES

WHEREAS, Benton County Sheriff’s Office and the Cities of Belle Plaine, Vinton and Urbana are all public agency’s as is defined by Section 28E.2 of the Code of Iowa, and

WHEREAS, Section 28E.3 of the Code of Iowa provides that any power or powers, privileges or authority exercised or capable of exercise by a public agency of the State of Iowa may be exercised and enjoyed jointly by a public agency of the State of Iowa having such power or powers, and

WHEREAS, it is proposed, that Benton County Sheriff’s Office is willing to provide law enforcement dispatch services under the terms set forth within the 28E agreement;

IT IS NOW AGREED that Benton County will enter into the 28E agreement with the City of Belle Plaine, City of Vinton and City of Urbana above pursuant to Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa effective July 1, 2026.

Approved on this 3rd day of March, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

28E AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT DISPATCH SERVICES

Between Benton County Sheriff’s Office and City of Belle Plaine, Iowa.

This 28E Agreement (“Agreement”) is made pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 28E by and between the Benton County Sheriff’s Office (hereinafter “BCSO”) and the City of Belle Plaine (hereinafter “City”).

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a cooperative arrangement under which BCSO shall provide centralized law enforcement dispatch services to the City of Belle Plaine. This Agreement promotes efficiency, interoperability, and equitable cost-sharing.

II. DURATION

This Agreement applies to **FY 2027**, shall take effect **July 1, 2026**, and shall remain in effect until **June 30, 2027**, unless terminated earlier in accordance with Section VIII.

III. SERVICES PROVIDED

BCSO shall provide the following dispatch services to the City:

- 24/7 radio dispatching and call routing
- Handling of emergency and non-emergency law enforcement calls for service

- Communications coordination between field units and support services
- Iowa Systems access and applicable notifications

IV. DISPATCH BUDGET AND COST-SHARING FORMULA

A. Dispatch Salary Budget

The FY 2026 Dispatch Salary Budget is \$661,150, consisting of:

- Full-time dispatcher salaries: \$615,000
- Part-time dispatcher salaries: \$46,150

This amount includes base salaries only and excludes overtime, shift differentials, benefits, and other employment-related costs.

B. City Contribution

The City shall compensate BCSO at a fixed per-capita rate of \$10.00 per resident, based on the 2020 Census population:

- Belle Plaine Population: 2,330
- Belle Plaine Annual Fee: $2,330 \times \$10 = \mathbf{\$23,300}$
- Quarterly Payment: **\$5,825**

C. BCSO Portion

BCSO shall cover the remainder of the Dispatch Salary Budget, minus combined city contributions:

- Total Dispatch Budget: \$661,150
- Combined 3 City Total: \$88,220
- BCSO Portion: \$572,930

All payments shall be made to BCSO within 30 days of receiving an invoice. The City is responsible for paying its own Iowa Quarterly System Invoice fees.

V. RATE ADJUSTMENT METHODOLOGY

Future annual fees shall be recalculated based on changes in the dispatch salary budget and the most recent official census population.

VI. RECORDS AND CALL VOLUME TRACKING

BCSO shall maintain accurate dispatch usage records for the City. Records may be reviewed upon request.

VII. DISSOLUTION OR SUSPENSION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

If the City ceases to operate an active police department, its obligations under this Agreement shall terminate on the effective date of dissolution.

VIII. TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this Agreement by providing 30 days' written notice. Fees shall be prorated, and outstanding invoices remain payable.

IX. LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

Each party is responsible for the actions of its own officers and employees and shall maintain liability insurance or self-insurance in accordance with Iowa law.

X. FILING AND RECORDKEEPING

This Agreement shall be filed with the Iowa Secretary of State and the Benton County Auditor, per Iowa Code § 28E.8.

XI. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This document represents the full understanding between the parties. Any amendments must be in writing and signed by both parties.

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SIGNATURES**BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

CITY OF BELLE PLAINE

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

28E AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT DISPATCH SERVICES**Between Benton County Sheriff’s Office and City of Urbana, Iowa.****This 28E Agreement (“Agreement”) is made pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 28E by and between the Benton County Sheriff’s Office (hereinafter “BCSO”) and the City of Urbana (hereinafter “City”).****I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a cooperative arrangement under which BCSO shall provide centralized law enforcement dispatch services to the City of Urbana. This Agreement promotes efficiency, interoperability, and equitable cost-sharing.

II. DURATION

This Agreement applies to **FY 2027**, shall take effect **July 1, 2026**, and shall remain in effect until **June 30, 2027**, unless terminated earlier in accordance with Section VIII.

III. SERVICES PROVIDED

BCSO shall provide the following dispatch services to the City:

- 24/7 radio dispatching and call routing
- Handling of emergency and non-emergency law enforcement calls for service
- Communications coordination between field units and support services
- Iowa Systems access and applicable notifications

IV. DISPATCH BUDGET AND COST-SHARING FORMULA**A. Dispatch Salary Budget**

The FY 2026 Dispatch Salary Budget is \$661,150, consisting of:

- Full-time dispatcher salaries: \$615,000
- Part-time dispatcher salaries: \$46,150

This amount includes base salaries only and excludes overtime, shift differentials, benefits, and other employment-related costs.

B. City Contribution

The City shall compensate BCSO at a fixed per-capita rate of \$10.00 per resident, based on the 2020 Census population:

- Urbana Population: 1,554
- Urbana Annual Fee: $1,554 \times \$10 = \mathbf{\$15,540}$
- Quarterly Payment: **\$3,885**

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C. BCSO Portion

BCSO shall cover the remainder of the Dispatch Salary Budget, minus combined city contributions:

- Total Dispatch Budget: \$661,150
- Combined 3 City Total: \$88,220
- BCSO Portion: \$572,930

All payments shall be made to BCSO within 30 days of receiving an invoice. The City is responsible for paying its own Iowa Quarterly System Invoice fees.

V. RATE ADJUSTMENT METHODOLOGY

Future annual fees shall be recalculated based on changes in the dispatch salary budget and the most recent official census population.

VI. RECORDS AND CALL VOLUME TRACKING

BCSO shall maintain accurate dispatch usage records for the City. Records may be reviewed upon request.

VII. DISSOLUTION OR SUSPENSION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

If the City ceases to operate an active police department, its obligations under this Agreement shall terminate on the effective date of dissolution.

VIII. TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this Agreement by providing 30 days' written notice. Fees shall be prorated, and outstanding invoices remain payable.

IX. LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

Each party is responsible for the actions of its own officers and employees and shall maintain liability insurance or self-insurance in accordance with Iowa law.

X. FILING AND RECORDKEEPING

This Agreement shall be filed with the Iowa Secretary of State and the Benton County Auditor, per Iowa Code § 28E.8.

XI. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This document represents the full understanding between the parties. Any amendments must be in writing and signed by both parties.

SIGNATURES**BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

CITY OF URBANA

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

28E AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT DISPATCH SERVICES

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Between Benton County Sheriff’s Office and City of Vinton, Iowa.

This 28E Agreement (“Agreement”) is made pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 28E by and between the Benton County Sheriff’s Office (hereinafter “BCSO”) and the City of Vinton (hereinafter “City”).

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a cooperative arrangement under which BCSO shall provide centralized law enforcement dispatch services to the City of Vinton. This Agreement promotes efficiency, interoperability, and equitable cost-sharing.

II. DURATION

This Agreement applies to **FY 2027**, shall take effect **July 1, 2026**, and shall remain in effect until **June 30, 2027**, unless terminated earlier in accordance with Section VIII.

III. SERVICES PROVIDED

BCSO shall provide the following dispatch services to the City:

- 24/7 radio dispatching and call routing
- Handling of emergency and non-emergency law enforcement calls for service
- Communications coordination between field units and support services
- Iowa Systems access and applicable notifications

IV. DISPATCH BUDGET AND COST-SHARING FORMULA**A. Dispatch Salary Budget**

The FY 2026 Dispatch Salary Budget is \$661,150, consisting of:

- Full-time dispatcher salaries: \$615,000
- Part-time dispatcher salaries: \$46,150

This amount includes base salaries only and excludes overtime, shift differentials, benefits, and other employment-related costs.

B. City Contribution

The City shall compensate BCSO at a fixed per-capita rate of \$10.00 per resident, based on the 2020 Census population:

- Vinton Population: 4,938
- Vinton Annual Fee: $4,938 \times \$10 = \mathbf{\$49,380}$
- Quarterly Payment: **\$12,345**

C. BCSO Portion

BCSO shall cover the remainder of the Dispatch Salary Budget, minus combined city contributions:

- Total Dispatch Budget: \$661,150
- Combined 3 City Total: \$88,220
- BCSO Portion: \$572,930

All payments shall be made to BCSO within 30 days of receiving an invoice. The City is responsible for paying its own Iowa Quarterly System Invoice fees.

V. RATE ADJUSTMENT METHODOLOGY

Future annual fees shall be recalculated based on changes in the dispatch salary budget and the most recent official census population.

VI. RECORDS AND CALL VOLUME TRACKING

BCSO shall maintain accurate dispatch usage records for the City. Records may be reviewed upon request.

VII. DISSOLUTION OR SUSPENSION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

If the City ceases to operate an active police department, its obligations under this Agreement shall terminate on the effective date of dissolution.

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VIII. TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this Agreement by providing 30 days' written notice. Fees shall be prorated, and outstanding invoices remain payable.

IX. LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

Each party is responsible for the actions of its own officers and employees and shall maintain liability insurance or self-insurance in accordance with Iowa law.

X. FILING AND RECORDKEEPING

This Agreement shall be filed with the Iowa Secretary of State and the Benton County Auditor, per Iowa Code § 28E.8.

XI. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This document represents the full understanding between the parties. Any amendments must be in writing and signed by both parties.

SIGNATURES**BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

CITY OF VINTON

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To set land use hearing date of Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 9:15 a.m. for Jeff Geiger in part of the NW ¼ SE ¼ of Section 28-86-10. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

The time of 9:15 a.m. having arrived, and this being the time and date set for a land use hearing for Cameron Erickson in part of the NE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 36-84-9. Cameron Erickson was present. Andrea Morris presented the technical information with the Benton County Agricultural Land Use Preservation Ordinance. Erickson would like to change the use of approximately 3.85 acres to allow for building a single family dwelling and possibly out buildings. The property is owned by John R. Owens Estate. This request is located on approximately 9.3 acres of agricultural row crops, so it does not meet the definition of a farm within the County's Ordinance. This site has a CSR of an average of 70, which is considered high-quality farmland. This site will require a new septic system and private water well both permitted by the department. The property will need a new driveway which was reviewed and approved by Secondary Roads Department. Official notices were sent out and published in the newspaper and there was one written concern for disruption by a neighboring farmer. Morris read some definitions in the County's land use plan, such as the majority of urban activities are discouraged from being located in the Rural Service Area. Approval of this request would set precedent which may result in the removal of high-quality farmland from production throughout the county. For the reasons stated, this request has been found to be inconsistent with the applicable policies of the Benton County Land Preservation and Use Plan. Erickson stated there shouldn't be any disruption to farming in the area, that he just wanted a peaceful place in the county to call his home. Hearing no other further comments, the public hearing was closed.

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Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To table land use change for Cameron Erickson in part of the NE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 36-84-9 and allow the Board time to visit the site. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To put the tabled land use hearing back on the agenda for Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. for Cameron Erickson in part of the NE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 36-84-9. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Auditor Rippel provided a report about her recent NACO Legislative Conference she attended in Washington, D.C. The Iowa State Association of County Auditor's will be reimbursing the county \$1,250.00 for her expenses. Rippel said it was an honor to go and represent Benton County and the State Auditor's. It was very educational and worthwhile and she hopes to go again. Rippel summarized some of the topics the Iowa group discussed on Capitol Hill and how we shared local examples of real funding concerns to put it into perspective.

Committee Reports:

Supervisor Tippett had a recent HACAP meeting, along with Central Iowa Juvenile Detention. There was also talk about the DECAT being re-organized in the future.

Supervisor Volz had the Central Iowa Workforce Development Group meeting.

Supervisor Seeman had a few ECICOG meetings, one was for a meet and greet for the new candidate for the director position. He also attended the Eastern IA Housing Trust Fund and spoke about a new loan they gave out for a half million for a North Liberty business.

The Board will have a budget work session with this meeting is adjourned.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To adjourn meeting at 10:02 a.m. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel Benton County Auditor

March 10, 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.bentoncountyiowa.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 March 3, 2026. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the following claims numbered 256687 through 256814, 3/12/2026 payroll checks numbered 144031 through 144052, ACH Deposits 64574 through 64732, handwrite 256815 and vendor checks 256816 through 256822. Seeman, Tippett and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

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Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To adopt Resolution #26-16, Appointing Derek Marsh as Deputy Attorney effective March 15, 2026 with a salary of \$109,900.88 Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 26-16

WHEREAS, the Benton County Attorney has a need for full-time assistants; and

WHEREAS, Derek Marsh has been performing the duties of assistant county attorney for a period of over 20 months and has demonstrated a superior understanding and application of the law; and;

WHEREAS, the county Attorney is recommending that Derek Marsh become a deputy at 75% of the county attorney's salary;

WHEREAS, 75% of the county attorney's salary equals \$109,900.88

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that Derek Marsh be changed to a 75% deputy county attorney in the Attorney's office, effective March 15, 2026 and his salary will be \$109,900.88.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Bruce Volz

Ron Tippett

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-17, Amending Resolution #25-13, FY26 Elected Officials Salaries needs amounts corrected. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To acknowledge and file the 2025 Fiscal Year Audit with the State Auditor's Office. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To set the date of Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. for FY26 Budget Amendment #3. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To set land use hearing date of Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 9:15 a.m. for Melissa and Brendan Rule in a part of the NW1/4 SE ¼ of Section 22-85-10. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To set land use hearing date of Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. for Tim and Jaime Whitehead in a part of the SE1/4 NE ¼ of Section 12-85-9. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Farm Exemption application for Tom Stueck in a part of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 36-86-11. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

The time of 9:15 a.m. having arrived, and this being the time and date set for a land use hearing for Cassandra Patava in part of the SE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 13-84-9. Patava was present. Andrea Morris presented the technical information with the Benton County Agricultural Land Use Preservation Ordinance. Patava would like to change the use of approximately one acres to allow for building a single family dwelling with a shop. This site has a CSR of an average below 70, which is not considered high-quality farmland. This site will require a new septic system and private water well both permitted by the department. The property will need a new driveway which was reviewed and approved by Secondary Roads Department. This request will also require the installation of a new septic system and private well which will be permitted by the department. Official notices were sent out and published in the newspaper. The surrounding area is primarily agricultural with scattered farmstead and rural residential developments, and this request should

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not alter the stability of the overall land use pattern in the area. Hearing no other further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve land use change for Cassandra Patava in part of the SE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 13-84-9. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

The time of 9:30 a.m. having arrived, and this being the time and date set for reconvening on a tabled land use hearing for Cameron Erickson in part of the NE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 36-84-9 from March 3, 2026.

Cameron Erickson was present. Andrea Morris gave a brief summary of the technical information presented last week. The CSR reflects high quality farm land and it is likely to interfere with farm operations in the area. This request was found to be inconsistent with the county's land use policy. Erickson stressed that no farmland was being put out of production. Supervisor Seeman pointed out that as an elected official, he has to follow the rules in our county's ordinance. Hearing no other further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To deny the land use change for Cameron Erickson in part of the NE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 36-84-9 because it is below 21 Acres to qualify for a farm exemption and regardless how the ground is split, the CSR is above the listing in the County Ordinance. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To rescind action from earlier in the meeting regarding Approving Resolution #26-17, Amending Resolution #25-13, Elected Officials FY26 Salaries, Auditor Rippel found where it was amended with Resolution #25-14. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried. Engineer Myron Parizek explained the failed right of way acquisition on bridge replacement project BROS-CO06-(126)—8J-06 along 16th Ave. in Cedar Township. No action was taken for condemnation proceedings, Supervisor Seeman wanted to speak with the property owner in person.

Julie Davidson, CEO of MHDS of the East Central Region Disability Access Point (DAP) provided an update regarding Benton County's employee serving the DAP. As of July 1, 2026 Benton County will no longer be the employer of record for Sarah Wagner. The Central Iowa Juvenile Detention has already been serving the role for other DAP employees and will take on more this upcoming fiscal year including Wagner.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve the following FY 27 Budget Allocations: \$1,500- Riverview, \$5,986-Eastern Iowa Housing Trust Fund, \$81,138- HACAP, \$ 2,575- Kirkwood Community Workplace Learning, \$20,000-Benton County Volunteers, \$6,000-Belle Plaine Community Center, \$90,000 Benton Development Group, \$2000-Middle Cedar WMA. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried. Supervisor Volz reported on the Iowa Workforce Development meeting held last week, and they want all aspects in the state to serve on this board. Supervisor Seeman had conservation meeting.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 10:45 a.m. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel Benton County Auditor

March 17, 2026

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman and Tippet present, Volz called in. 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. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve the minutes of March 10, 2026. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve firework permit applications for Iowa Pyrotechnic Association for the following dates: March 21, 2026, April 16, 2026, May 23, 2026, June 20, 2026, July 18, 2026, August

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21 and 22, 2026, September 19, 2026, October 17, 2026 and November 21, 2026. Tippet, Seeman and Volz all voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve the Special Class C Retail Alcohol License Renewal for Bloomsbury Farm Inc. effective April 30, 2026 through April 30, 2027. Seeman, Tippet and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Andrea Morris read a letter aloud to clarify the board's denial on the ruling for Cameron Erickson's land use hearing last week. The property subject to the request had a CSR greater than 70. It would remove 2.2 acres of high quality farm ground out of row crop production. Approval of such request may set precedent that could encourage other removal of high-quality ag land from production elsewhere in the county. This non-agricultural use would likely interfere with existing ag operations in the surrounding area.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To authorize a letter to be mailed to Cameron Erickson why his land use was denied. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To adopt Resolution #26-17, Granting variance to the subdivision ordinance for Rich Kundel and Ben Grant. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-17

VARIANCE TO THE BENTON COUNTY SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Benton County adopted the Benton County Subdivision Ordinance #72; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance prohibits the creation of multiple splits within a 40-acre aliquot part; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance sets forth the minimum requirements and improvements for subdivisions created in the unincorporated area of Benton County; and

WHEREAS, this ground in consideration had a previous split in 2012 for cemetery purposes, and therefore shouldn't count against the property owners;

WHEREAS, a request has been presented to the Board of Supervisors by Rich Kundel & Ben Grant to vary the required provisions of the ordinance to allow for one new, residential parcel located in the North East corner of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 4, Township 84 North, Range 9 West (NE Cor, SE ¼, NE ¼, Sec 4, T84N, R9W).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors allowed for the division of real property located in a parcel within the NE Cor, SE ¼, NE ¼, Sec 4, T84N, R9W.

Signed this 17th day of March, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-18, Acting on the Compensation Board's recommendation for the FY 27 Elected Officials Salaries. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-18

ELECTED OFFICIALS' SALARIES

WHEREAS, the Benton County Compensation Board met on November 13, 2025, and recommended the following increases in the salaries of all the elected officials pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 331.905 and 331.907; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Compensation Board recommended zero increases for FY 27;

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors approved the following:

<u>Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Recommended Salary for FY27</u>
Auditor	\$101,441.46	\$0	\$101,441.46
Treasurer	\$95,897.07	\$0	\$95,897.07
Recorder	\$95,897.07	\$0	\$95,897.07
Attorney	\$146,534.51	\$0	\$146,534.51
Sheriff	\$140,290.32	\$0	\$140,290.32
Supervisor	\$51,664.61	\$0	\$51,664.61

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Benton County Board of Supervisors adopts the salary recommendations for elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, as recommended by the Benton County Compensation Board and this resolution replaces the previous one.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-19, Approval to post public notice for sealed bids for real estate sale of county property known as the Cherveny Wildlife Area. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-19

APPROVAL TO POST PUBLIC NOTICE AND SEALED BID PACKET FOR REAL ESTATE SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

RE: CHERVENY WILDLIFE AREA

WHEREAS, on or about October 14, 2025, after the conclusion of a public hearing regarding the sale of county property, the Benton County Board of Supervisors determined that such county property shall be sold; and

WHEREAS, the county property at issue is commonly known as the Cherveny Wildlife Area located within Benton County, Iowa, with the following legal description,

All of Chicago Milwaukee Corporation's (the former Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company) 100 foot wide and extra width right of way located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW¼ NE¼) and the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE¼ NE¼) lying westerly of the West line of County Road Highway V56 of Section Sixteen (16), Township Eighty-three (83) North, Range Eleven (11) West, containing 7.15 acres, more or less,

and **WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors will start accepting sealed bids after the public notice is published. Such public notice is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, no sealed bid will be accepted after 3:00 pm on April 2, 2026. All sealed bids will be opened in the public meeting occurring on April 7, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors reviewed the public notice and the terms within the Sealed Bid Packet RE: Cherveny Wildlife Area; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the public notice for the sale of the Cherveny Wildlife Area and hereby approve the terms contained within the Sealed Bid Packet RE: Cherveny Wildlife Area.

Signed this 17th day of March, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Tippett moved/Seeman seconded: To adjourn meeting at 9:45 a.m. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel Benton County Auditor

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECORD “T-T”

March 24, 2026

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman and Tippet present, Volz called in. 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. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve the minutes of March 17, 2026. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve the following claims numbered 256823 through 256947, voided check number 256845, 3/26/2026 payroll checks numbered 144053 through 144058, ACH Deposits 64733 through 64888 and vendor checks 256948 through 256955. Tippet, Seeman and Volz all voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To acknowledge Mark Phippen's resignation on the civil service commission and the County Attorney appointed Lori Christy to fill the position with term ending July 15, 2029. Seeman, Tippet and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Andrea Morris and Matt Even, Environmental Health and Land Use department along with Ryan Smith with Schneider Geospatial presented an add on to our software called Geo-permitting. This would allow for contractors and land owners to apply for things such as septic systems, wells, land use and farm exemption applications all on line. All this would take place on the familiar Beacon website now for most all aspects of real estate. The applications and records will also be a back-up to the paper documents and would allow for scanning of older ones on file and attach to parcel records. Payments for these permits can also all be done through the application. This would also help improve the communication back and forth between contractors, home owners and the land use office. Morris mentioned she has applied for a grant to possibly fund this added expense and is waiting to hear back from it.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve and authorize signature on the Geo-Permits contract with the initial amount of \$18,612 through Schneider Geospatial. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

The time of 9:15 a.m. having arrived, and this being the time and date set for a land use hearing for Jeff Geiger in part of the NW ¼ SE ¼ of Section 28-86-10. Geiger was present. Andrea Morris presented the technical information with the Benton County Agricultural Land Use Preservation Ordinance. Geiger would like to sell federal firearms licenses. This will take place inside existing structures on the site. This site has a CSR below 70, which is not considered high-quality farmland. The current driveway was reviewed and approved by Secondary Roads Department. This request will not need a new septic system or well. Official notices were sent out and published in the newspaper. This request has been found to be consistent with the applicable policies of the Benton County Land Use Preservation and Use Plan. Hearing no other further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve the land use change for Jeff Geiger in a part of the NW ¼ SE ¼ of Section 28-86-10. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Derek Marsh, Assistant County Attorney presented the secondary roads union contract with PPME (Public Professional and Maintenance Employees) Local Union 2003. It calls for 2.6 % increase over the next three years. Marsh mentioned it was similar in all other aspects as the past contract other than adding in a “me too clause”. He felt this was best for the county and avoid going through arbitration.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve and authorize Chairmans's signature on the contract with Public Professional and Maintenance Employees Local Union 2003, representing secondary roads to be effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Allison Hicks, Historic Preservation commission member presented paperwork for a community outreach project for 2026. With the Nation's 250th birthday, this proposed contest celebrates creativity, reflection and the unique perspectives of the young people across our county. The Benton County Historic Preservation

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To have the Historic Preservation Commission proceed with the community outreach project celebrating the Nation's 250th birthday. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Engineer Myron Parizek presented his proposed 2026 Dust Control Prices. He bases this on material and labor costs as best as possible and took into consideration the increased of wages for his employees work. Last year it was \$1550 for the first 400 feet and he is asking for that to increase to \$1625.00. Parizek

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agreed to continue doing the seal coating within his department as long as the equipment works and he is the Engineer. In the future, things could change.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To set the cost for the 2026 MC-70 Dust Control to be \$1,625.00 for the first 400 feet, with an additional \$2.60 per foot or \$2.66 a foot plus an additional \$100/1000' area when greater than 1,000 feet. Sign up period is between March 30, 2026 through May 1, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman discussed sidewalks in Luzerne over the viaduct over the railroad tracks with the Engineer. Seeman met with Polyfix for an estimate and also provided pictures of the concerned area. There was also a part on the south side that they could also fix for an additional cost. They also talked about small barricade or flashing light for safety purposes until it gets fixed. The Engineer is going to look at the proposed fix options.

The increased cost of diesel and fuel prices was also discussed and how that is impacting budgets. Committee Reports were heard from Supervisor Volz, he had the Central Iowa Workforce Development Board. With them still not having a CEO, there was talk of combining with the North Iowa Region.

Supervisor Seeman had landfill meeting. They are keeping their prices the same for FY27. Supervisor Tippett shared that he forwarded an email to the attorney's office with a new proposed 28E with Central Iowa Juvenile Detention for possible upcoming Board action.

Tippett moved/Seeman seconded: To adjourn meeting at 10:24 a.m. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel Benton County Auditor

March 24, 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 6:00 p.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*

Tonight's meeting is for the purpose of the maximum proposed tax levies for the FY 27 Budget. This is the first public hearing in the budgeting process. Notices were mailed out to all tax payers notifying them of when the Cities, Schools and the County were holding their meetings so that concerned taxpayers could voice their opinions. No action will be taken and the subject in discussion is strictly on budget asking. There was a crowd of taxpayers along with a few department heads.

County Auditor, Hayley Rippel started out by explaining the mailer that went out and how it has nothing specific to the tax parcel other than distinguished by what tax district it resides in. Withing city limits, the County, School district and City information would show up, and those that are in the townships would only list county and school. Rippel also explained how consolidated tax rates are calculated, emphasizing that property taxes are distributed across multiple taxing entities and that not all the taxes go to the county. The county can only speak in regards to the counties amounts, if they had concerns with the schools or cities they would need to attend those scheduled meetings. County Assessor, Larry Andreesen was also present and explained how the assessment and taxable valuations are figured.

The supervisors addressed questions and concerns about spending increases and explained the factors behind those needs, including enhanced public safety measures. Unfunded mandates was a starting topic and how residents may not realize the burden put on the counties for various things. They also pointed out how they froze wages with the exception of the two unions, and how they are obligated to abide with the contracts in place. The board has actually lowered the overall levy in the county, but the tax base increased, therefore it shows an increase in the taxable dollars we will receive. The county too has increases in insurance, fuel and diesel and other provisions to keep departments up and going and upgrading equipment, software and hardware are essential.

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The board also received a phone call from a concerned citizen regarding county assets and possibly unnecessary payroll expenses. To look at the needs versus the wants.

This public hearing allowed for open dialogue, with officials reinforcing their commitment to balancing responsible budgeting while still delivering essential services residents receive.

After no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Tippett moved/Seeman seconded: To adjourn meeting at 6:51 p.m. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel Benton County Auditor

March 31, 2026

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman and Tippett present, Volz called in. 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*

Volz moved/Volz seconded: To approve the agenda. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve both sets of minutes for March 24, 2026. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve utility permit for East Central Iowa REC in Fremont Township along 72nd Street between 28th and 29th Ave. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

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Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-20, Proclamation that the month of April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-20 PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** sexual assault affects women, children and men of all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds; and
- WHEREAS,** in addition to the immediate physical and emotional costs, sexual assault may also have associated consequences of post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, depression, homelessness, eating disorders and suicide; and
- WHEREAS,** sexual assault can be devastating not only to the survivor, but also for the family, friends, and community of the survivor; and
- WHEREAS,** since no one person, organization, agency, or community can eliminate sexual assault on their own, we must work together to educate our entire population about what can be done to prevent sexual assault, support survivors and their significant others, and support those agencies providing services to survivors.

NOW THEREFORE, WE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN AND FOR BENTON COUNTY, ON BEHALF OF ALL STAFF AND CITIZENS OF BENTON COUNTY DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2026 AS

“SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH”

IN BENTON COUNTY, IOWA AND ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PREVENTING SEXUAL VIOLENCE.

Signed this 31st day of March, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the following EMS claims numbered 256956 through 256962 to the following:

North Benton Ambulance-\$3717.45

Garrison First Responders-\$245.51

Keystone First Responders-\$126.18

Belle Plaine Area Ambulance-\$2773.39

Blairstown Ambulance-\$159.99

Van Horne First Responders-\$8698.55

Lifemed Safety, Inc. for North Benton Ambulance-\$25,000

Tippett, Seeman and Volz all voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To set the FY 27 Budget Hearing for Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

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Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To set the FY 27 Budget Hearing for Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Seeman reported on a recent meeting he attended with the Vinton City Council regarding the Vinton Airport. They are in need of a new runway. Currently the yearly cost to operate is around 127,000 and they only bring in around 99,000 from grants and fees. The City was inquiring if the County would help cover some expenses and if we were interested in a 28E agreement. No action taken, Seeman just wanted to share this information with the other members.

Discussion was also had regarding Iowa Primary Care's request to utilize office space in the Service Center for a system navigator. This individual would go hand in hand with the other services offered in the building. Seeman thought it would only be a couple days a week.

The time of 9:15 a.m. having arrived, and this being the time and date set for a land use hearing for Melissa and Brendan Rule in part of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22-85-10. Rule's were present. Matt Even presented the technical information with the Benton County Agricultural Land Use Preservation Ordinance. Rule's would like to change 7.9 acres to build a single family dwelling with outbuilding. This site has a CSR below 70, which is not considered high-quality farmland. The current driveway was reviewed and approved by Secondary Roads Department. This request will need a new septic system and well that will be permitted by the department. Official notices were sent out and published in the newspaper, the department received a complaint concerning a neighbor possibly being unable to access a secondary driveway that was installed for use as an emergency egress in the event 59th Street Drive floods. This request has been found to be consistent with the applicable policies of the Benton County Land Use Preservation and Use Plan. Hearing no other further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the land use change for Melissa and Brendan Rule in part of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22-85-10. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

The time of 9:30 a.m. having arrived, and this being the time and date set for a land use hearing for Tim and Jaime Whitehead in part of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12-85-9. Whitehead's were present. Andrea Morris presented the technical information with the Benton County Agricultural Land Use Preservation Ordinance. Whitehead's would like to replace an existing pole building with a larger one that includes living quarter. This site has a CSR below 70, which is not considered high-quality farmland. There is a current driveway that can be extended 44 feet to the east and still meet sight distance and it was reviewed and approved by Secondary Roads Department. This request will need a new septic system but can utilize the existing private well. Official notices were sent out and published in the newspaper. There was a written letter from Jessica Burnell adjoining land owner who opposed this request read aloud by Morris. There is an existing fence, chicken coop and bridge that are encroaching on her property. Liability issues along with a pond being built on the Whiteheads property that caused water to back up on Burnell's property. Vic Jones who rents the ground from Burnell was also present and voiced his opposition of the change and asked the Board to go take a look at this property in person. The Board and Assistant County Attorney Derek Marsh agreed that the boundary or fence dispute needs addressed between the owners separately or having the township trustees get involved. Whiteheads shared that the land was surveyed and they were told that area in question is theirs. This request has been found to be consistent with the applicable policies of the Benton County Land Use Preservation and Use Plan. Hearing no other further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the land use change for Tim and Jaime Whitehead in part of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12-85-9. Tippett and Volz voting aye, Seeman nay. Motion carried.

Kelsey Herren presented a map and request to the board to allow him to plat a subdivision but waive the requirement for a paved road.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-21, Variance to the Subdivision Ordinance #61. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-21

VARIANCE TO THE BENTON COUNTY SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Benton County adopted the Benton County Subdivision Ordinance #61; as amended by Ordinance #72; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance regulates the subdivision of land; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance sets forth the minimum requirements and improvements for subdivisions created in the unincorporated area of Benton County; and

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WHEREAS, a request has been presented to the Board of Supervisors by Kelsey Herren to waive the required provisions in Article V, Section 5.06(a)1-2 of the ordinance to allow for a subdivision not serviced by an asphaltic or concrete road located within the NW ¼, NW ¼, Sec 27, T85N, R9W.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the requirements of Ordinance #61, as amended by Ordinance #72, are hereby waived as stated for the division of real property located in a parcel within the NW ¼, NW ¼, Sec 27, T85N, R9W.

Signed this 31st day of March, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Jane Scheer met with the Board regarding the Morgan Valley Energy Center being proposed by Alliant Energy. The location for the center is in Linn County along the Benton/Linn county line at the intersection of HWY 30. Scheer has a lot of concerns with pollution, light, sound and smell with a lot of unanswered questions. This will have a 10-mile radius impact and Scheer asked what Benton County was going to do about the threat. Other neighbors residing in both Linn and Benton County spoke up on the matter also. They asked why residents from Benton County weren't informed of the proposal. Supervisor Seeman attended a recent Alliant meeting where it was new knowledge to him as well. He felt they were not forthcoming and agreed too many questions before he would give them the green light. City of Atkins representative Scott Flory was also in attendance and spoke to the matter. He along with Benton County has invited Alliant to attend a council meeting to give more information. Other topics in relation to the proposed facility were also the impact to emergency services in Benton County would be. Andrea Morris also spoke in regards to Linn County's ordinance with the 2.25 mile set back, and why wouldn't they honor that same distance for us. Morris has already been researching the matter and also attended the recent meeting with Supervisor Seeman.

After over an hour of listening to the concerns and pleading for Benton County elected officials to help, everyone with questions or concerns are urged to contact the Iowa Utilities Commission and refer to docket #GCU-2026-0002.

Supervisor Volz reported on his recent Heartland Insurance Meeting. He shared a return to work policy draft. Volz also mentioned the harassment training could still be done by our own training officer in the counter.

Chairman Seeman attended a recent EMS meeting with Derek Marsh and other EMS entities. Seeman also attended ECICOG and the Eastern Iowa Housing Trust Fund Meetings. Seeman also reported that the remodeling in the old Human Resources office space has been finished and wanted to show the Board after the meeting.

Seeman moved/Tippet seconded: To adjourn meeting at 11:29 a.m. and enter a FY 27 Budget Work Session. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel Benton County Auditor

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April 7, 2026

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Volz and Tippet present, Tippet called in. 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*

Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To approve the agenda. Volz and Seeman voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To approve the minutes for March 31, 2026. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Volz asked about the medical claims in the jail, and First Deputy Karsten explained the new process of getting reimbursed where they can for both medical and prescriptions as part of them taking on some of the collections within their department.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve the following claims numbered 256963 through 257099, 4/09/2026 payroll checks numbered 144059 through 144066, ACH Deposits 64889 through 65043 and vendor checks 257100 through 257107. Tippet, Seeman and Volz all voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve hiring of Martha Fey, part-time seasonal employment in the land use and health department at an hourly rate of \$20.00 effective April 13, 2026 through September, 30, 2026. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve the Veterans Affairs Quarterly Report effective March 31, 2026. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve the General Assistance Quarterly Report effective March 31 2026. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve Resolution #26-22, Acknowledging the statutory maximum age for peace officers and the separation of Jeffrey Harnish from employment. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-22

ACKNOWLEDGING THE STATUTORY MAXIMUM AGE FOR PEACE OFFICERS AND THE SEPARATION OF JEFFREY HARNISH FROM EMPLOYMENT

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Harnish is a peace officer and currently employed full-time with the Benton County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Harnish is presently on paid administrative leave through April 11, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Harnish will attain the age of sixty-six (66) on April 11, 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code § 321.477(5), the maximum age for a person employed as a full-time peace officer pursuant to this section is sixty-five years of age; and

WHEREAS, upon reaching the statutory maximum age on April 11, 2026, Jeffrey Harnish will no longer be eligible for full-time employment as a peace officer under Iowa law; and

WHEREAS, Benton County will not be retaining Jeffrey Harnish in part-time employment following April 11, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that:

1. Jeffrey Harnish shall remain on paid administrative leave through April 10, 2026.
2. His employment as a full-time peace officer with Benton County shall conclude effective April 11, 2026, due to reaching the statutory maximum age pursuant to Iowa Code § 321.477(5).
3. Benton County shall not retain Jeffrey Harnish in part-time employment following that date.
4. The Board expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Jeffrey Harnish for his years of dedicated service to Benton County and its citizens.

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Signed this 7th day of April, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To acknowledge the resignation of Whitney Amos, part-time correctional officer in the jail effective April 1, 2026. Seeman and Volz all voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the Special Class “C” Retail Alcohol License or Watkins Community Athletic Association effective May 29, 2026 through May 29, 2027. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the Auditor’s Quarterly Report effective March 31, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Committee Report from Supervisor Volz was heard regarding the County’s Wellness Program and explaining the program and mentioned the payroll stuffer going out this week. Employees still have until October 31, 2026 to get their wellness assessments done and physicals to qualify. Volz also had a recent Iowa Workforce Development CEO Board meeting. Still discussing the CEO’s vacancy and what they will do moving forward with the reduction in budget funds.

Supervisor Tippett excused himself from the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

County Engineer Myron Parizek presented his Iowa Department of Transportation’s 5 years construction plan effective FY 27-FY31. Parizek explained all the different years and projects that are mapped out. When this is final and approved he will be back for more formal action.

Jane Scheer, Benton County resident was present to follow up to last week’s meeting in regards to the Morgan Valley Energy Center’s proposal. Scheer wanted to know what the Board has done as a follow up to that. Supervisor Volz explained who all he had emailed and one response so far was in opposition and agreed to their concerns. Assistant Attorney Marsh explained the different approaches he had been researching in regards, and played with the idea of a similar ordinance. Jane Scheer also read a letter aloud from Jeffry Howington with a list of suggested follow-up actions he would like to see Benton County residents have a voice on. Howington wanted them to submit a formal resolution expressing concerns, advocate for a joint public hearing that includes Benton County residents along with requesting studies and cooperating with review process in Linn County.

Terry Hertle, former supervisor and concerned tax payer wanted to follow up with the board of supervisors and present his comparison he has done on his own time. Hertle obtained budgets from Tama, Iowa and Buchanan County from their current FY26 budget to the FY 27 asking. Hertle wanted it pointed out that Benton County’s Auditor, Treasurer and Recorder were all in line, although the Sheriff and Attorney were all way higher than most. He also referred to an article from Iowans for Tax Relief from a few years back, and said how the Board of Supervisors Budget was spiraling out of control.

Chairman Seeman had to cut Herte’s public comments for our timed item.

The time of 10:00 a.m. having been the date and time set for public bids were received as follows for the county owned property referred to as the “Cherveny Wildlife Area”:

Benton Land Company, Kerry Less-\$2,500 (present)

Randy Patten-\$3,000 (present)

Darren Rinderknecht-\$2,650 (absent)

Those who were present were able to increase their bids. The bids quickly jumped to \$16,000 from Patten, then \$20,000 from Kerry Less, and then Patten with an increase to \$20,500 as the highest bid, Less passed on her increase, explaining they were just wanting the ground to clean it up since it adjoins Tara Hills Country Club.

Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To accept the highest bid of \$20,500 from Randy Patten for the county owned ground known as the Cherveny Wildlife Area in Section 16-83-11. Volz and Seeman voting aye. Motion carried.

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Terry Hertle proceeded with his comments in regards to the Sheriff and Attorney’s budget comparisons. Hertle asked assistant attorney Derek Marsh about the outside legal costs due to conflict of interest. Marsh explained the regulations in regards to ethics on the matter. Hertle stressed that there is nothing wrong with freezing budgets or splitting the allocations up over the fiscal year to help control spending better. Sheriff Upah and First Deputy Karsten were present to give some feedback and explain the expenses along with added revenue the department is bringing in. Auditor Rippel reminded everyone this was not an agenda item, and public comments should be limited in time. Conversations back and forth continued, along with a phone call received pointing out ways for the Sheriff to cut spending. Sheriff Upah offered to meet with Hertle in private and go through the budget. Hertle agreed to a meeting but wanted it noted of his budget concerns today, although stressing he was not protesting.

Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To acknowledge the Proposed IDOT Secondary Roads 5 year construction plan for FY 27-FY 31. Volz and Seeman voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To adjourn meeting at 10:37 a.m. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel Benton County Auditor

April 9, 2026

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in special session with Supervisors Seeman, Tippet and Volz were all present. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Benton County Farm Bureau Building. Other elected officials present were Auditor Hayley Rippel, Recorder Lexa Speidel and Treasurer, Melinda Schoettmer.

Every year the Farm Bureau members invite the County for budget discussions. Auditor Rippel shared some things electronically ahead of the meeting so they all had a copy of the proposed FY 27 County Budget along with the Iowa Department of Transportation’s five year plan that the Engineer recently presented to the Board. A primary topic seems to be the condition and funding of secondary roads. Questions such as why the wind rows get done before the snow falls, then it seems to be pushed back in the ditches and wasted. Rising fuel costs were a significant concern not only impacting secondary roads, agricultural operations but also essential county services, including EMS. Additional discussions included the Alliant Energy’s proposed pipeline project and its potential local impact. Farm Bureau was appreciative of our time and attendance at the meeting.

Volz moved/Tippet Seconded: To Adjourn at 7:08 p.m. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

April 14, 2026

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman, Volz and Tippet 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*

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Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the agenda. Tippett, Volz and Seeman voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To approve the minutes for April 7, 2026 and April 9, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve 32 hours of vacation carryover for Mark Erickson to be used by June 30, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To grant permission to move forward with hiring part-time replacement driver in the Transportation Department. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To set land use hearing date of Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 9:15 a.m. for Dylan Felton in part of the NE ¼ NW ¼ of section 21-86-9. Seeman and Volz all voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To acknowledge the filing of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) annual report ending March 31, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Recorder's Quarterly Report, ending March 31, 2026. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the Sheriff's Quarterly Report, ending March 31, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-23, Abatement of Taxes on Parcel #360-00540. Tippett, Volz and Seeman voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-23

WHEREAS, The County of Benton has reported that a structure on a Building on Leased Land parcel has been removed and owner(s) of contract cannot be found; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code 445.16(3) provides that the board of supervisors can compromise by written agreement or abate by resolution, the tax, interest, fees or costs;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the taxes assessed against parcels listed below has not been paid since 2006 and has been zero value since 2016 and should be inactive and hereby abated in the amounts listed pursuant to Iowa Code 445.16(3): the treasurer is directed to strike the amount listed due from the county system.

Parcel #	Taxes plus interest and costs Due:
360-00540	\$3,270.00

Dated 14th day of April 2026

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Melinda Schoettmer, provided an update for the new IDOT program to be live in January 2027, training will start in June. New DOT computer expenses will be covered by the state. Statistics show that 38% of the renewals done in Benton County are out of county residents. The new motor vehicle will be roughly in place sometime in August/September 2028.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-24, Approval to accept winning sealed bid from Randy Patten for the sale of the Cherveney Wildlife Area. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION #26-24**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT WINNING SEALED BID FOR THE REAL ESTATE SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY****RE: CHERVENY WILDLIFE AREA**

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2026, the Board of Supervisors opened sealed bids for the real estate sale of county property; and

WHEREAS, the county property at issue is commonly known as the Cherveny Wildlife Area located within Benton County, Iowa, with the following legal description,

All of Chicago Milwaukee Corporation's (the former Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company) 100 foot wide and extra width right of way located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW¼ NE¼) and the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE¼ NE¼) lying westerly of the West line of County Road Highway V56 of Section Sixteen (16), Township Eighty-three (83) North, Range Eleven (11) West, containing 7.15 acres, more or less,

and **WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors has previously approved the sale of the Cherveny Wildlife Area by accepting sealed bids; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors have previously approved the deed for the Cherveny Wildlife Area to be transferred via quitclaim deed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors have considered all acceptable sealed bids; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors have decided to accept the highest bid at the conclusion of the opening of all sealed bids, and, if necessary, the auction portion of the sale; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors will transfer the deed for the Cherveny Wildlife Area to Randy Patten so long as all remaining terms and conditions are met and all proceeds from the sale shall be transferred to Benton County Conservation for capital projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors, after considering all acceptable sealed bids, hereby approve and accept the winning sealed bid by Randy Patten for \$20,500 for the foregoing described property, known as the Cherveny Wildlife Area shall be transferred by deed to Randy Patten so long as all remaining terms and conditions, and where all proceeds shall be transferred to Benton County Conservation for capital projects.

Signed this 14th day of April, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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The public hearing was opened for the FY 26 Amendment #3. Auditor Rippel explained the needs of the amendment. Conservation is obtaining a grant for \$88,300, so it reflects both the revenue and expenditures for that. The outstanding invoices for juvenile detention and to pay towards our Heartland Insurance Risk Pools surplus needs. Supervisor Volz explained the pool with 10 other counties and how Benton County's reserves are low and the goal is to have every county have \$250,000 in the pool, that way if one is short, they can borrow from others. There were a few members of the public present. After hearing no other comments, **Seeman moved/Tippett seconded** to close the public hearing. All members voting aye.

Tippett moved/Volz Seconded: To approve Resolution #26-25, Adopting FY 26 Budget Amendment #3. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-25

BE IT REMEMBERED on this, the 25th day of November, 2025, 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 29, 2025. There was a quorum present as required by law. Thereupon, 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:

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Amendment</u>
Public Safety	\$ 0
Physical Health & Social Services	\$ 144,000
Mental Health	\$ 0
County Environment & Education	\$ 88,300
Roads & Transportation	\$ 0
Government Services to Residents	\$ 0
Administration	\$ 65,000
Non-Program	\$ 0
Debt Service	\$ 0
Capital Projects	\$ 0
Operating Transfers Out	\$ 0

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Intergovernmental	\$ 88,300
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 14th day of April, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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Bruce Volz had a recent historic preservation meeting, and they were going to be reserving hotel rooms, without a county credit card. Auditor Rippel advised that since they are not county employees, they wouldn't have access to county credit cards, they could get pre-approval from hotel to direct invoice the county. Volz also mentioned the safety inspection is to happen this week also.

Supervisor Seeman had conservation meeting and mentioned that numerous volunteers are helping with the flower planting and the 350 trees in Atkins by the roundhouse.

The Board will be having another meeting on Thursday morning, time to be determined.

Seeman moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 9:42 a.m. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel Benton County Auditor

April 16, 2026

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman, Volz and Tippet present. Chairman Seeman called the meeting to order at 10:30 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*

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve the agenda. Tippet, Volz and Seeman voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve the minutes for April 14, 2026. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-26, Amending Resolution #22-25, Changing wording in the donated leave section 4.4 of the Benton County Handbook and go into effect April 18, 2026. Tippet, Volz and Seeman voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-26

AMENDING RESOLUTION #22-25

WHEREAS, the County adopted a policy on March 29, 2022 for donating leave to employees in need; and located in section 4.4 of the Benton County Handbook:

WHEREAS, the proposed Policies and Procedures Regarding Donated Leave are attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “Donated Leave 4.4”);

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of the Benton County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. The Disclosure Policies and Procedures attached hereto as Exhibit A are hereby adopted and shall be dated as of the date hereof.

Section 2. All resolutions or parts of handbook referring to the old language in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Passed and approved April 16, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

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Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

****SEE REVISIONS IN SECTION 4.4 OF THE BENTON COUNTY HANDBOOK****

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-27, Adopting a Return to Work Policy effective April 18, 2026 and also adding the verbiage to explain employee health insurance responsibility where applicable. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-27

ADOPTING BENTON COUNTY RETURN TO WORK POLICY

WHEREAS, Benton county currently does not have a return to work policy specifically prescribing the process for returning to work when an employee is injured;

WHEREAS, A return to work policy will include specific steps for employees to return to work and provide the possibility of transitional work thus allowing them to return sooner;

Whereas, the implementation of this policy will provide guidance to department heads to ensure the fastest and safest return to work for its employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the Benton County Return To Work Policy.

Signed this 14th day of April, 2026

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

**** SEE BENTON COUNTY RETURN TO WORK POLICY****

Benton County Attorney Ray Lough, along with assistant attorney Derek Marsh wanted to address the Board regarding previous discussion regarding the Alliant Energy's proposed gas power plant project located just outside of the county's jurisdiction in Linn County. Lough provided an overview of that regulatory process, explaining that the authority lies with the Iowa Utilities Commission, not the county. The County has limited legal avenues to pursue. The law in regards to projects as such have to show the convenience and necessity of public standards. As a result, it was emphasized that meaningful influence or

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any formal challenges or opposition must be directed through that platform and those individuals can raise concerns or disputes through the Utilities Commission proceedings.

Board members and attendees also expressed concerns regarding the shared roads and infrastructure, particularly the potential impact due to increased construction traffic. Currently there is a 28E agreement in place regarding the Benton/Linn Road and how it reads now the county is responsible for the area lying south of HWY 30 and Linn County handles the north side. Other concerns in addition to the road maintenance included EMS responsibility, watershed, safety and the financial burden these responsibilities can cause. Everyone can agree they don't want it, but limited what they can do to intervene. As far as what is next? At this point, no applications or permits have been applied for, therefore we have to wait. In the meantime, Alliant doesn't have to give out any information or study results until that application process happens, and if so there is a 20-day window to try and intervene. It was pointed out that private landowners and City of Atkins have stronger reasons to challenge the application and are encouraged to do so.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 11:46 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel Benton County Auditor

April 21, 2026

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman, Volz present Tippett was absent. 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/Seeman seconded: To approve the agenda. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To approve the following claims numbered 257108 through 257224, 4/23/2026 payroll checks numbered 144067 through 144071, ACH Deposits 65044 through 65209 and vendor checks 257225 through 257232. Seeman and Volz both voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz Moved/Seeman seconded: To approve the Vinton Parks and Recreation application to use of the courthouse grounds for July 16-17, 2026 and October 31, 2026. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

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Seeman moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-28, Approving variance to the sub division Ordinance #72 for Ellis and Lisa Tomlin. Volz and Seeman voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-28**VARIANCE TO THE BENTON COUNTY SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, Benton County adopted the Benton County Subdivision Ordinance #61, as amended by Ordinance #72; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance regulates the subdivision of land; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance sets forth the minimum requirements and improvements for subdivisions created in the unincorporated area of Benton County; and

WHEREAS, a request has been presented to the Board of Supervisors by Ellis & Lisa Tomlin to waive the required provisions in 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(f); and Article VII, Section 7.01 of the ordinance to allow for a property line adjustment between Lots 10 & 11 of Lodge Log Estates to Benton County, Iowa.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the requirements of Ordinance #61, as amended by Ordinance #72, are hereby waived as stated for the division of real property located within Lots 10 & 11 of Lodge Log Estates to Benton County, Iowa.

Signed this 21st day of April 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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Seeman moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-29, Approving variance to the sub division Ordinance #72 for David Crees. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-29**VARIANCE TO THE BENTON COUNTY SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, Benton County adopted the Benton County Subdivision Ordinance #61, as amended by Ordinance #72; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance regulates the subdivision of land; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance sets forth the minimum requirements and improvements for subdivisions created in the unincorporated area of Benton County; and

WHEREAS, a request has been presented to the Board of Supervisors by Kyle Helland on behalf of David Crees to waive the required provisions in 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(f); and Article VII, Section 7.01 of the ordinance to allow for a property line adjustment between two parcels within the NW FRL ¼, Sec 06, T85N, R12W.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the requirements of Ordinance #61, as amended by Ordinance #72, are hereby waived as stated for the division of real property located within the NW FRL ¼, Sec 06, T85N, R12W.

Signed this 21st day of April 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To set land use hearing date of Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 9:15 a.m. for Nathaniel and Grace Holub within the N ½ of the SW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 2-84-12. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To set land use hearing date of Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. for Nick and Kaylee McQuilkin within the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 3-86-12. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To approve and sign the letter in opposition to Alliant Energy's proposed Morgan Valley Energy Plant and also file copies with the Iowa Utility Board, Alliant Energy, City of Atkins, Benton County. Both members voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Volz seconded: To approve the minutes for April 16, 2026. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

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Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To approve Resolution #26-30, Hiring of Benton County Sheriff Deputies. Seeman and Volz. Voting aye. Motion carried.

**Resolution #26-30
Hiring of Benton County Deputy Sheriff(s)**

WHEREAS: The Benton County Sheriff's Office has vacancies to fill for Deputy Sheriff positions; and

WHEREAS: Applications were accepted, background investigations were completed, and the Civil Service Commission conducted interviews of qualified candidates and certified a list of eligible applicants; and

WHEREAS: The list of candidates has been further reviewed and evaluated by the Sheriff; and

WHEREAS: The Sheriff has recommended the following individuals for hire;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the following individuals be hired to fill the positions of Deputy Sheriff:

Timothy Locke, entry at the 7-year mark based on verified prior experience, in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement for pay and vacation calculation, at a starting hourly rate of \$37.59, with an effective start date of April 29, 2026.

Richard Dvorsky, entry at the 7-year mark based on verified prior experience, in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement for pay and vacation calculation, at a starting hourly rate of \$37.59, with an effective start date of May 13, 2026.

Signed this 21st day of April, 2026

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Josh Karsten, Deputy Sheriff also mentioned the federal inmate contract has been approved with the increased daily rate and is on the agenda next week.

FY 27 Budget Hearing was set for 9:30 a.m. and the time arrived and was declared open by Chairman Seeman. The public was able to provide input. Jill Marlow addressed the board about the budget, the reserves and unspent balances also referring to the Iowa for Tax Relief's report. She mentioned freezing hiring with a moratorium and asked the board if they had officially set the number of employees per office. Marlow went on to say that employees are the county's best asset and didn't want them to balance the budget on the backs of their employees. Marlow addressed the sheriff's department's budget and IT, asking why expenses weren't going down if the equipment had been bought. Sheriff Deputy Josh Karsten explained some of changes made and stressed how they have worked hard to generate more revenue and how they have implemented other procedures to help lower their expenses including jail medical costs. Marlow ended by advising the Supervisors that they need to drive the change with cutting expenses and not push their expenses onto other tax entities.

After no further public comments, Seeman called the public hearing closed at 9:53 a.m.

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Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To approve Resolution #26-31, Adopting FY 27 Budget. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #26-31
ADOPTION OF THE FY27 COUNTY BUDGET**

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 21st day of April 2026, the Board of Supervisors of Benton County, Iowa, met in session for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2026-27 as filed with the Board. There was present a quorum as required by law. The notice and place of hearing had, according to law and as directed by the Board, been published in the Gazette, Cedar Valley Times, and Vinton Eagle, the official newspapers published in Benton County.

The budget was then taken up and considered. The public was provided an opportunity to speak.

The County Compensation Board recommendation for FY27 salaries for elected officials and as set forth and adopted in Resolution #26-18 is included in the FY27 budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a committed fund balance designation of the ending fiscal year fund balance be established for the following purposes:

General Fund-\$647,000 equipment/vehicle replacement, Emergency response, infrastructure

Rural Services Fund - \$47,000 land use administrator vehicle replacement

EMS Revolving Loan Fund – \$125,610 for emergency services loans

LOSST Fund - \$115,000

FURTHER the commitment of fund balances indicates that Benton County prefers to use available financial resources for the specific purposes set forth above, and although committed, the funds are to remain an integral part of the spendable or appropriable resources of Benton County.

The budget as adopted will approve the following property taxes for fiscal year 2026-27 (without gas and electric):

General Basic	\$6,649,665
General Supplemental	\$4,189,080
Rural Services Basic	\$4,224,768
Debt Service	\$ 798,116
Voted Emergency Medical Services	\$1,291,935

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the FY27 budget is hereby adopted.

Dated this 21st day of April, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To approve Resolution #26-32, Establishing Benton County Precinct Election Officials and Support Staff Compensation Policy. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-32

ESTABLISHING BENTON COUNTY PRECINCT ELECTION OFFICIAL & SUPPORT STAFF COMPENSATION POLICY

WHEREAS, the Benton County Board of Supervisors does acknowledge the importance of Precinct Election Officials and Support Staff in the Election Process.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Board of Supervisors approve the following hourly rates for Precinct Election Officials & Support Staff effective April 21st, 2026.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Recommended Salary</u>
Precinct Election Official	\$275/day
Precinct Election Chairman	\$350/day
Absentee Election Official	\$15.00/Hour
Health Care Facility Election Official	\$15.00/Hour
Election Delivery Team	\$20.60/Hour

WHEREAS, the Benton County Board of Supervisors approves a mileage rate for all election workers that travel more than 5 miles one-way for service in an election following the standard Federal mileage reimbursement rate.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Benton County Board of Supervisors adopts the wage recommendations for the previously listed workers, which will remain in effect until a new compensation policy is passed.

Approved on the 21st of April, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To approve Resolution #26-33, Bridge embargo removal. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-33

WHEREAS, the structure at this location has been replaced by a new structure and

WHEREAS, the new structure will no longer need a weight restriction,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the weight restriction previously imposed on this structure be removed. The structure is located as follows:

FR-1510 0.5 mile east of the NW corner of section 8-83N-9W (Big Grove Township) on 69th Street

Signed this 21st day of April 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To approve utility permit for City of Blainstown in Leroy Township. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To approve utility permit for Century Link in Taylor Township. Both members voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To approve utility permit for USA Communications in Taylor Township and Benton Townships. Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To approve out of state training for Allison Hicks, Jimmy Wheeler and Phil Borleski, all members of the Benton County Historic Preservation to attend the National Historic Preservation Conference in Minneapolis, MN July 22-26, 2025. Volz and Seeman voting aye. Motion carried.

Terry Reicks addressed the Board of Supervisors regarding the condition and maintenance of secondary roads specifically near the Urbana territory. Reicks asked about training the maintainer operators receive. He encouraged reactive and proactive maintenance. Reicks asked if it takes getting on the agenda before they receive effective results. The Board urged him to communicate with the Engineer or to contact Chairman Seeman.

Committee Reports: Supervisor Seeman reported on the most recent conference Board and the Assessor's budget hearing. Supervisor Seeman reported on a recent call for a request to house a systems navigator at the Service Center a couple days a week, that they want to come tour our facility and see if it will work out for their needs.

Jane Scheer, Benton County resident along with a Linn County resident voiced their gratefulness for the Board of Supervisors drafting their letter of opposition for the Morgan Valley Energy Plant.

Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To adjourn meeting at 10:49 a.m. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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April 28, 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/Tippett seconded: To approve the agenda. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the minutes of Tuesday, April 21, 2026. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the following EMS Trust Fund claims numbered 257235 through 257238 in the total amount of \$56,061.51 to the following:

Urbana 1st Responders- \$1,312.02

Walford 1st Responders-\$7,488.63

Belle Plaine Ambulance-\$42,415.28

Garrison 1st Responders- \$4,845.58

Seeman and Volz both voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett Moved/Volz seconded: To set public hearing date of Tuesday, May 19, 2026 for Theodore and Lori Burr within the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ and the SW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 28-82-12. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve suspended tax list on parcel #s 170-13200, 170-13240, 120-02700, 870-39800, 240-22500, 240-30852, 030-44025 and authorize Chairman to sign letter to Department of Health and Human Services. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved//Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-34, Abatement of Taxes. Tippet, Volz and Seeman voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-34

WHEREAS, The County of Benton has reported that a structure on a Building on Leased Land parcel has been removed and owner(s) are deceased; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code 445.16(3) provides that the board of supervisors can compromise by written agreement or abate by resolution, the tax, interest, fees or costs;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the taxes assessed against parcels listed below has not been paid in many years, have zero value and are inactive and hereby abated in the amounts listed pursuant to Iowa Code 445.16(3): the treasurer is directed to strike the amount listed due from the county system.

Parcel #	Taxes plus interest and costs Due:
27010040	\$2,721.00
27007701	\$ 416.00

Dated 28th day of April 2026

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-35, 2026 Noxious Weeds. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

**Resolution #26-35
DESTRUCTION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS**

WHEREAS, The Benton County Weed Commissioner announces that the deadline for destruction of Noxious weeds is **June 1st, 2026**, so as to prevent the production of seed by all varieties of listed Noxious weeds. This includes weeds on farmlands, Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) lands, properties within city limits, and all lands within the limits of the County. Those persons not controlling their weeds in compliance with Iowa’s Weed Law, Code of Iowa Chapter 317 Noxious Weeds, and Iowa Dept. of Agriculture & Land Stewardship Administrative Rules Chapter 58 Noxious Weeds will be notified to use appropriate methods to eradicate or control the weed problem. Failure to do so can incur penalties including, but not limited to, daily fines for non-compliance, and the Weed Commissioner or Deputies entering upon the land to control the weed problem, with all costs, including fines and administrative costs, levied against the landowner. Iowa law provides these assessments can be attached to the real estate tax of the land for collection. Weed eradication/control will still be required to be implemented in all cases where penalties are assessed

WHEREAS, The following weeds have been declared Noxious:

Class A Noxious Weeds for Eradication: Palmer Amaranth (*Amaranthus palmeri*)

Class B Noxious Weeds for Control:

- a) Canada Thistle (*Cirsium arvense*)
- b) Teasel (*Dipsacus spp.*) biennial
- c) Leafy Spurge (*Euphorbia esula*)
- d) Bull Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*)
- e) Multiflora Rose (*Rosa multiflora*)
- f) European Morning Glory or Field Bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*)
- g) All other species of thistles belonging in the Genus of *Carduus*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, At all times: Palmer Amaranth must be eradicated. Each owner and each person in possession or control of any lands in Benton County shall seek cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture, which may include the department’s farm service agency office for that county, the farm service agency’s state office, or any other office or official designated by the department, if Palmer Amaranth (*Amaranthus palmeri*) is found on lands enrolled in the conservation reserve program as described in 7 C.F.R. pt. 1410

Dated the 28th Day of April, 2026.

Tracy, Chairman

Ronald Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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Eric Schares, Benton County Weed Commissioner provided an update on his department and also explained the noxious weeds public notice he will be posting soon.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To acknowledge the Federal Inmate contract between Benton County Jail and United States Marshals Service for housing federal prisoners with a per diem rate of \$85.62. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) FY27 Secondary Roads Budget. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the IDOT Five Year FY27-FY31 Secondary Roads Construction Program. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the IDOT Pre Construction Agreement 2026-C0199 for intersection improvements at US HWY 30 to place rumble strips along 26th Ave, 27th Ave, 30th Ave, 32nd Ave and 33rd Ave. in an estimated amount of \$10,690.76. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried. Engineer reminded the Board that the dust control deadline to sign up is Friday, May 1, 2026.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 10:03 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECORD “T-T”

May 5, 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*

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve the agenda. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve the minutes of Tuesday, April 28, 2026. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve the Class C liquor license for Blairstown Lions Club for Sauerkraut Days to be held on

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve the FY25 Central Service Allocation Plan. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-36, Proclamation Commemorating America's 250th Anniversary. Tippet, Volz and Seeman voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-36**PROCLAMATION****HONORING THE RULE OF LAW AT
AMERICA'S 250th ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, As the United States prepares to commemorate its 250th anniversary in 2026, The Iowa State Bar Association and The Iowa State Bar Foundation proudly recognize the enduring role of lawyers in shaping, preserving, and defending our constitutional democracy.

WHEREAS, From the earliest days of our nation, lawyers played a central role in the creation of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Many of the Framers-including James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and John Adams-were trained in the law and committed to the principles of due process, individual liberty, and the separation of powers. Their legal insight helped establish a system of government grounded not in the authority of a monarch, but in the enduring strength of the rule of law.

WHEREAS, Today, lawyers continue to safeguard these founding ideals. In courthouse across Iowa and throughout the nation, attorneys work to uphold constitutional rights, pursue justice, and ensure that the laws of a free society are applied fairly and faithfully. Their service helps strengthen public trust in our legal system and affirms that the Constitution belongs to all people.

WHEREAS, In recognition of America's 250th anniversary, The Iowa State Bar Association and The Iowa State Bar Foundation are honored to present a Commemorative 250th Anniversary Flag to the courthouse of each of Iowa's ninety-nine counties. Displayed alongside this message, the flag stands as a symbol of our shared history and an enduring reminder of the constitutional principles that unite and sustain our nation.

THEREFORE, As we mark this historic milestone, we reaffirm our commitment to the Constitution, the rule of law, and the lawyers who serve as its stewards-yesterday, today, and for generations to come. Attorneys were present at our nation's founding, and they remain committed to serving the cause of justice today.

NOW THEREFORE, WE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN AND FOR BENTON COUNTY, ON BEHALF OF ALL STAFF AND CITIZENS OF BENTON COUNTY DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE RULE OF LAW AND WILL DISPLAY THE FLAG PRESENTED AS SUCH TO HONOR AMERICA'S 250th ANNIVERSARY.

Signed this 5th day of May, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-37, Enter into 28E Agreement for 3 years with Tama County and Benton County for Collections. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-37**RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO 28E AGREEMENT WITH TAMA COUNTY REGARDING DELINQUENT COURT DEBT COLLECTIONS**

WHEREAS, Benton County and Tama County have elected to participate in the collection of delinquent court obligations on the county level; and

WHEREAS, by combining their efforts under a 28E Agreement, Benton County and Tama County will return unpaid debt to the State, Benton and Tama Counties, and will return unpaid victim restitution to the victims of crime in both counties; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Attorney and Tama County Attorney have discussed entering into a 28E Agreement with each other regarding delinquent court debt collections and have determined that it would be in the best interest of both counties to do so.

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

The proposal to enter into a 28E Agreement with Tama County for the collection of delinquent court debt was hereby approved by a motion in the minutes on April 8, 2025 and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for Benton County is hereby authorized to execute said 28E Agreement on behalf of Benton County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF May, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chair

Ronald J. Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-38, Abatement of taxes. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-38

WHEREAS, Iowa Department of Transportation has acquired property for public purposes and were given the appropriate notice of the taxes due; and

WHEREAS, said entity 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 2023 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:
540-00810	\$313.00

Dated 5th day of May 2026

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Matt Even reported that the public hearing for 9:15 a.m. for the land use change for Dylan Felton was withdrawn.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To set public hearing date of Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 9:15 a.m. for Mark and Kimberly Noe within the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 07-86-10. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To set public hearing date of Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. for Jordon and Jana Haerther within the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 22-83-9. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To set public hearing date of Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 9:45 a.m. for Ben Grant within the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 04-84-9. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

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Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve RESOLUTION #26-39, Amending Resolution #26-26, Revising wording in policies and procedures regarding donated leave in Section 4.4 of Benton County’s Handbook. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

AMENDING RESOLUTION #26-26

WHEREAS, the County adopted a policy on March 29, 2022 for donating leave to employees in need; and located in section 4.4 of the Benton County Handbook:

WHEREAS, The Policy was revised on April 16, 2026, but since then we found some verbiage that needs amended;

WHEREAS, the proposed Policies and Procedures Regarding Donated Leave are attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “Donated Leave 4.4”);

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of the Benton County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. The Disclosure Policies and Procedures attached hereto as Exhibit A are hereby adopted and shall be dated as of the date hereof.

Section 2. All resolutions or parts of handbook referring to the old language in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Passed and approved May 5, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

**** See Section 4.4 of Benton County Handbook**

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Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-40, Amending Resolution #25-97, Benton County Safety Footwear Policy word changing in regards for reimbursement. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-40

AMENDING RESOLUTION #25-97

WHEREAS, the County adopted a policy by Resolution #26-40 on November 25, 2025 for the need for a safety footwear policy due to Occupation Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Standards;

WHEREAS, the proposed wording changes to the Policies and Procedures regarding Safety Footwear are attached hereto as Exhibit A (Benton County Safety Footwear Policy);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. The Disclosure Policies and Procedures attached hereto as Exhibit A are hereby adopted and shall be dated as of the date hereof.

Section 2. All resolutions or parts of handbook referring to the old language in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Signed this 5th day of May, 2026

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

**** SEE BENTON COUNTY SAFETY FOOTWEAR POLICY**

Committee Reports:

Supervisor Volz had a recent East Central Iowa Workforce Development meeting where they approved bills. Volz also has a Heartland Insurance meeting this week.

Supervisor Tippett reported on Central Iowa Juvenile Detention was working on the new bylaws in a 28E agreement. Once they approve it on their end, then the member counties can approve or ask to join.

Supervisor Seeman had a few different ECICOG meetings, along with Benton County's Safety committee meeting last week.

Under Public Comments the topic was the proposed Morgan Valley Energy Plant and those voicing opposition. John Lee, Linn County resident started out by thanking the board for the letter of opposition sent and shared. Lee stressed that everyone needs to apply pressure wherever they can. Their group has been sharing concerns with Linn County and also been attending their board meetings and encouraged our Supervisors to do the same and attend one of their meetings in person. Jay Hopkins, Benton County resident wanted us all to be aware that Alliant officially filed for their permit with the Iowa Utilities Commission and stated that there was a lot of misinformation out there. Kelly Goodwin-Ackerman followed up on numerous emails she has sent to our Board. She also asked about putting a temporary moratorium out there until Benton County has opportunity to make ordinances. Ackerman also shared a supreme court case with the Attorney's office so that they could go read up on it in regards to a case in Worth County. The Board continues to be opposed, and Chairman Seeman plans to attend that Utility Board hearing in person and hopes that they use common sense.

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Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 10:05 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

May 12, 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*

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, May 5, 2026 adding date for the Liquor License. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the following claims handwritten 257233 and 257234, EMS numbered 257235 through 257238, 5/7/2026 payroll checks numbered 144072 through 144078, ACH Deposits 65210 through 65375 and vendor checks 257239 through 257244 and claims numbered 257245 through 257416. Seeman and Volz both voting aye. Motion carried.

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Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-41, Gifting LOSST funds to the Van Horne Fire Department. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-41

WHEREAS, the Benton County Board of Supervisors has established a program for gifting funds to emergency service providers who provide services within the unincorporated area of Benton County; and

WHEREAS, the Van Horne Fire Department has requested a gift of funds; and

WHEREAS, the Van Horne Fire Department provides emergency services to areas in Union, Big Grove, Eldorado and Eden Townships and mutual aid to other surrounding townships;

WHEREAS, the Van Horne Fire Department has provided invoices totaling \$521,797.67 for purchasing a new fire truck;

WHEREAS, the Van Horne Fire Department agrees that the firetruck with the proceeds of this gift shall be used when necessary for rural fire protection and/or life support operations, consistent with the intended use of the money from the Local Option Sales and Services Fund,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Benton County Board of Supervisors approves an Emergency Services Gift to Van Horne Fire Department and in the amount not to exceed \$52,179.76 which represents ten percent of the total purchase price for the new gear/equipment.

Adopted this 12th day of May, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve contract renewal with Cost Advisory Services, Inc. for FY2026-2028 for the cost allocation plans for obtaining reimbursements for indirect costs expended on behalf of the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve farm exemption application for Bradley Rick in part of the NE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 1-85-9. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Volz spoke about his recent Heartland Insurance meeting. His big take away on that was that the county's policy for using county grounds and facilities may need verbiage to have them provide liability insurance coverage. Judi Hamaker would be at next week's meeting to go over the renewals which increased about 4.2%. Volz also attended Linn County's Supervisors meeting on Monday and publicly spoke on the disappointment Benton County has with their lack of communication in regards to the proposed project for the energy center. Volz stressed about their ordinance having the 2.5 mile buffer and thought they would honor the same for Benton County residents also.

The time of 9:15 a.m. having arrived, and this being the time and date set for a land use hearing for Nathaniel and Grace Holub in part of the N ½ of the SW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 2-84-12. Andrea Morris presented the technical information with the Benton County Agricultural Land Use Preservation Ordinance. Holub's would like to change 2.5 acres for a single family dwelling and renovation of an existing barn. This site has a CSR of 42. The current driveway was reviewed and approved by Secondary Roads Department. This request will need a new septic system that will be permitted by the department and will utilize the existing private well. Official notices were sent out and published in the newspaper, the department

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received nothing in advance and nobody else was present at the hearing to speak on the matter. This request has been found to be consistent with the applicable policies of the Benton County Land Use Preservation and Use Plan. Hearing no other further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the land use change for Nathaniel and Grace Holub in part of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2-84-12. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried. Supervisor Seeman reported on his Conservation Board meeting and also that he did give the tour to Jim Stephenson, who we mentioned before having a systems navigator at the Service Center a couple days a week and that they would be willing to pay \$150 a month toward utilities. They were to get an MOU drafted up and then we can share with the county attorney before proceeding any further.

The time of 9:30 a.m. having arrived, and this being the time and date set for a land use hearing for Nick and Kaylee McQuilkin within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3-86-12. Andrea Morris presented the technical information with the Benton County Agricultural Land Use Preservation Ordinance. McQuilkin's would like to do commercial breeding and dog boarding and would like to change .018 acres of use for a 20X40 building. This site has a CSR of 70 however it has not been used for agricultural production since 1963. The existing driveway was reviewed and approved by Secondary Roads Department. This request will require the installation of a holding tank which will be under the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Official notices were sent out and published in the newspaper. The existing private well will be utilized. This request should not alter the stability of the overall land use pattern in the area.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the land use change for Nick and Kaylee McQuilkin within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3-86-12. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Under public comments: Kelly Goodwin-Ackerman wanted to thank Supervisor Volz for attending the Linn County meeting.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To enter closed session 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 prejudiced or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried at 10:00a.m.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To exit closed session at 11:00 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

No action needed to be taken.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn the meeting at 11:01 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

May 12, 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 12:00 p.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*

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the agenda. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

The Board looked over the entries for the Historic Preservation's coloring contest while waiting for Attorney Ray Lough, whom was running late due to court.

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Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-42, Temporary Promotion for Kelsey Robins as full-time collection manager. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 26-42

WHEREAS, the Benton County Attorney has a need for a full-time collection manager; and

WHEREAS, Kelsey Robins has been performing the duties of collections paralegal for a period of over 2 years and has demonstrated a superior understanding and application of the practices and procedures to collect unpaid criminal court debt; and;

WHEREAS, the county Attorney is recommending that Kelsey Robins become the temporary collections manager at a salary of \$60,000, sixty thousand,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that Kelsey Robins be temporarily promoted to the position of collections manager with a salary of \$60,000 effective immediately.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Bruce Volz

Ron Tippett

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To adjourn meeting at 12:12 p.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

May 19, 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.bentoncountytia.gov*

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

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Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve both sets of minutes from Tuesday, May 12, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve tax suspension on parcel #270-21700, and amend the HHS tax suspension list that was previously approved on April 28, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve hiring Ryan Aarhus as part-time utility deputy at the Sheriff's office with an hourly rate of \$29.17 effective May 26, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-43, Enter into a 28E agreement with Dubuque County and Benton County Collections effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-43

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO 28E AGREEMENT WITH DUBUQUE COUNTY REGARDING DELINQUENT COURT DEBT COLLECTIONS

WHEREAS, Benton County and Dubuque County have elected to participate in the collection of delinquent court obligations on the county level; and

WHEREAS, by combining their efforts under a 28E Agreement, Benton County and Dubuque County will return unpaid debt to the State, Benton and Dubuque Counties, and will return unpaid victim restitution to the victims of crime in both counties; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Attorney and Dubuque County Attorney have discussed entering into a 28E Agreement with each other regarding delinquent court debt collections and have determined that it would be in the best interest of both counties to do so.

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

To enter into a 28E Agreement with Dubuque County for the collection of delinquent court debt was hereby approved and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for Benton County is hereby authorized to execute said 28E Agreement on behalf of Benton County. This agreement will be effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF May, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chair

Ronald J. Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

The time of 9:15 a.m. having arrived, and this being the time and date set for a land use hearing for Theodore and Lori Burr in Parcel A in the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ and the SW ¼ NE ¼ of Section 28-82-12. Theodore Burr was present. Matt Even presented the technical information with the Benton County Agricultural Land Use Preservation Ordinance. Burr's would like to add living quarters to an existing barn. This site has a CSR of 85, which is considered high-quality farmland, however it has not been in production since the 1930s. The current driveway was reviewed and approved by Secondary Roads Department. This

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request will need a new septic system and well that will be permitted by the department. They will continue to utilizing the rural water. Official notices were sent out and published in the newspaper, nothing was heard before or during the meeting today. This request has been found to be consistent with the applicable policies of the Benton County Land Use Preservation and Use Plan. Hearing no other further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the land use change for Theodore and Lori Burr in Parcel A in the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ and the SW ¼ NE ¼ of Section 28-82-12. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Seeman reported on his most recent EMA meeting. There was talk about the Duane Arnold Energy Center wanting Benton County to house some equipment for them. They felt it would be best to have it all in one location. This discussion led to where that could possibly be since it would need to be temperature controlled.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To recess at 9:35 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To come out of recess at 10:34 a.m. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Judi Hamaker, Quality Insurance on behalf of Heartland Insurance and Mary Griffin, Holmes Murphy, presented the FY 27 Insurance Renewal Schedules. They explained the rate study done by actuarial associates prior to 2023 that implemented increases July 1, 2024. They will again be getting a new rate study again and later discussed at the October Heartland meeting. The county's mod factor has increased over the last year. Judi Hamaker explained the new system medcore they want to have counties have the choice to opt in with. This will allow tri-age over the phone before an ER visit is made. They will provide posters and phone numbers for this along with a brief overview in June. Benton County continues to get their discount for have 4 safety committee meetings a year. There may be a mock OSHA visit as well this year. September 10, 2026 will be the annual employment seminar and November 13, 2026 will be the elected officials training for open meetings. Chairman Seeman will receive the docu sign for the bonding of coverage document that will take effect July 1, 2026.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To authorize Chairman Seeman to approve and sign the insurance bonding document for the FY 27 renewals electronically. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 11:09 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

May 26, 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*

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, May 19, 2026. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the 5/21/2026 payroll checks numbered 144079 through 144085, ACH Deposits 65376 through 65546 and vendor checks 257417 through 257423 and claims numbered 257244 through 257549. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

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Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the FY27 Service Contract between Benton County and East Central Iowa Council of Government (ECICOG) and authorize chairman's signature. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To accept resignation from Randy Peterson, part-time transportation driver and thanked him for his years of service. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve hiring Jim Frentress as a part-time transportation driver pending background check, effective June 1, 2026 at a starting rate of \$18.32 an hour and after six months to increase to \$19.32. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve and sign letters to send EMS Entities that are outside of Benton County and provide them a drafted 28E agreement for their approval if they want to be able to submit claims for reimbursement under the EMS Trust Fund Policy with authorizing Auditor Rippel to add verbiage regarding the FY 26 deadline. All members voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the firework permit for Prairie Creek Christian Church for an event to be held on Friday, July 3, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the lease agreement between Benton County and Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC) for them to have office space at the Benton County Service Center paying \$850 a month and \$1,5000 for the renovation costs incurred effective June 1, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-44, Service Area Budget Amendments for Area 1 in the amount of \$200 and Area 9 in the amount of \$1,200. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-44

SERVICE AREA BUDGET AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the Benton County Board of Supervisors adopted the FY2026 budget on April 29, 2025;

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to amend said budget within service area(s) to reallocate funds;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the FY2026 county budget is hereby amended within the following service areas:

Service Area 1)

0001-99-1230-000-440000-000	-\$200.00
0011-09-1220-000-214728-000	+\$200.00

Service Area 9)

0002-50-9000-000-111000-000	-\$1,200.00
0002-02-9010-000-113000-000	+\$1,200.00

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that said funds are hereby appropriated. The auditor is directed to make the necessary changes.

Signed this 26th day of May, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippett

Bruce Volz

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ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Supervisor Tippet reported on his recent Central Iowa Juvenile Detention meeting, and the drafted revised 28E agreement he sent out for the Attorney to look over. He also had a HACAP meeting last week. Supervisor Volz didn't have any meetings to report on last week but has 3 this week.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 9:19 a.m. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

June 2, 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 8:45 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*

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve the agenda. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve the minutes of Tuesday, May 26, 2026. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Attorney Ray Lough discussed the temporary promotion of Kelsey Robbins, and she has been doing the duties well and he would like to make that permanent. They interviewed numerous applicants and is hiring Carly Schlarbaum for the vacancy position. There will be some salary adjustments to keep it consistent within the collections department. Ray presented a resolution combining all the mentioned action items.

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECORD "T-T"

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-45, Appointment of Collections office and salaries. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 26-45

Appointment of Collections Manager and Collections Officer and establishing salaries

WHEREAS: Benton County Attorney's Office has openings to fill for a Collections Manager and a Collections Officer; and

WHEREAS: Applications were accepted for these positions and

WHEREAS: These applications have been reviewed and evaluated and

WHEREAS: The salaries of these positions and those of the paralegals within the office need to be established.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY The Benton County Board of Supervisors that the following items be effective immediately:

1. Kelsey Robbins be hired to fill the position of Collections Manager at a salary of \$60,000 starting June 2, 2026.
2. That Carly Schlarbaum be hired to fill the position of Collections Officer with a starting salary of \$45,900. Her official start date will be June 22, 2026.
3. That based on reorganization within the department, paralegals Allaina Bennet Casali and Angela Becker will be paid at the rate of \$46,900 effective July 1, 2026.
4. That upon achieving the title of paralegal Carly Schlarbaum's salary will be increased to match those of the other paralegals in the office.

Signed this 2nd day of June, 2026

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ron Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the following EMS claims numbered 257550 through 257555 totaling \$ 45,444.85 out of the EMS Trust Fund for the following entities:

North Benton Ambulance-\$20,000 towards payroll, \$4,000 - DRSE LLC, \$4,310.14-Master Medical Equipment, \$3,280 -Timeclock Plus

Garrison First Responders-\$72.17

Belle Plaine Area Ambulance-\$13,782.44 for reimbursement for various expenses.

Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Volz had a historical preservation meeting. They would like to obtain a website domain and be able to share posts, pictures and other information regarding to them.

Seeman had an Eastern Iowa Housing Trust Fund meeting, they have started receiving applications. He also had a landfill meeting. Seeman also mentioned that ASAC would like to get their own network hooked up for their office space.

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECORD “T-T”

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-46. Acknowledging Statutory Maximum Age for Peace Officers and approving change in employment status for Richard Stallman. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-46**A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE STATUTORY MAXIMUM AGE FOR PEACE OFFICERS AND APPROVING A CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS FOR RICHARD STALLMAN**

WHEREAS, Richard Stallman is a peace officer currently employed full-time with the Benton County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Richard Stallman is classified as a Utility Deputy; and

WHEREAS, Richard Stallman will attain the age of sixty-six (66) on June 12, 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code § 321.477(5), the maximum age for a person employed as a full-time peace officer under this section is sixty-five (65) years of age; and

WHEREAS, upon reaching the statutory maximum age, Richard Stallman will no longer be eligible for full-time employment as a peace officer under Iowa law; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff desires to retain Richard Stallman in a part-time capacity as a Utility Deputy effective June 12, 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 25-15, any full-time employee transitioning to part-time status shall be compensated at the hourly wage established for part-time employees in the same job classification at the time of the transition; and

WHEREAS, the current hourly rate of pay for a part-time Utility Deputy is \$29.17 per hour.

1. The employment of Richard Stallman as a full-time peace officer with Benton County shall conclude effective June 12, 2026, upon reaching the statutory maximum age pursuant to Iowa Code §321.477(5).
2. Effective June 12, 2026, Richard Stallman shall be employed as a part-time Utility Deputy at an hourly rate of \$29.17.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that:

Signed this 5th day of May, 2026

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECORD “T-T”

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-47, Promotion of Deputy to Detective in the Sheriff's Office. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-47**APPROVING THE PROMOTION OF A DEPUTY TO DETECTIVE IN THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office conducted an internal promotional process for the position of Detective within the Patrol Division; and

WHEREAS, applications for the position were received and reviewed by the Civil Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission recommends Deputy Richard Dvorsky for promotion to the position of Detective;

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff has selected Richard Dvorsky to be promoted to the position of Detective;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that Deputy Richard Dvorsky is hereby approved for promotion to the rank of Detective in the Patrol Division of the Benton County Sheriff's Office, effective June 3rd, 2026.

SIGNED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of June, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To acknowledge employment separation with Jasira Prasasouk in the Sheriff's office effective May 31, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz both voting aye. Motion carried.

The time of 9:15 a.m. having arrived, and this being the time and date set for a land use hearing for Mark and Kimberly Noe within the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 7-86-10. Matt Even presented the technical information with the Benton County Agricultural Land Use Preservation Ordinance. Noe's would like to change 5.47 acres for non-agricultural use. They would like to clean up the property and remove multiple dilapidated old buildings. They want to build a shed and install a concrete pad for an RV and potentially build a barn dominium down the road. This site has a CSR of 73, however this parcel has not been in ag production since 1930s. The existing driveway was reviewed and approved by Secondary Roads Department. This request will need a new septic system and well that will be permitted by the department. An existing private water well will be utilized. Official notices were sent out and published in the newspaper, the department didn't hear anything before today. This request has been found to be consistent with the applicable policies of Benton County Land Preservation and Use Plan. Hearing no other further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the land use change for Mark and Kimberly Noe within the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 7-86-10. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

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The time of 9:30 a.m. having arrived, and this being the time and date set for a land use hearing for Jordan and Jana Haerther within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22-83-9. William Haerther along with Jordan and Jana were present. Matt Even presented the technical information with the Benton County Agricultural Land Use Preservation Ordinance. Haerther's would like change an acre to be able to put up a dog grooming shop. The entire area of this request has a CSR of 90, which is considered high-quality farmland. Historically only approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of the area was ever utilized for crops. This site will need a new driveway that was reviewed and approved by Secondary Roads Department. This new dwelling will require installation of a new private well which will be permitted by the department. The waste generated from the dog grooming activities is not considered domestic waste and wastewater permitting, if applicable that will be under the jurisdiction of the Iowa DNR. Official notices were sent out and published in the newspaper. Surrounding area is primarily agricultural with scattered farmsteads and single-family dwellings. This request show not materially alter the stability of the overall land use pattern in the area. No comments were heard for or against.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the land use change for Jordan and Jana Haerther within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22-83-9. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Auditor Rippel brought up a few items that needed to be followed up with. Supervisor Tippett was handling the letter of recommendation per email received. Chairman Seeman will attend Thursday night's meeting regarding the Morgan Valley Energy Center. There is also an invite to a District REAP meeting to be held on July 8th, if two or more attend, there needs to be an agenda posted.

The time of 9:45 a.m. having arrived, and this being the time and date set for a land use hearing for Ben Grant within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4-84-9. Grant was present. Matt Even presented the technical information with the Benton County Agricultural Land Use Preservation Ordinance. Grant would like to change the use of 2.5 acres for a single family dwelling. This site has a CSR of 62. There will be a new driveway installed which has been reviewed and approved by Secondary Roads Department. This request will need a new septic system and private water well, both will be permitted by the Department. Official notices were sent out and published in the newspaper. This request has been found to be consistent with the applicable policies of Benton County.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the land use change for Ben Grant within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4-84-9. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 9:47 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECORD “T-T”

June 9, 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 8:45 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*

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

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the minutes of Tuesday, June 2, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Volz seconded: To approve the 6/04/2026 payroll checks numbered 144086 through 144090, ACH Deposits 65547 through 65716 and vendor checks 257556 through 257562 and claims numbered 257563 through 257706. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve 16 ½ hours of vacation carryover for Grace Schmidt, to be used withing 6 months. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-48, Wage and Classification change for Charles Betterton. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-48

WHEREAS: Benton County has an employee that has been employed by Benton County for six months, and

WHEREAS: Upon the completion of the probationary period the base wage is to be increased from the starting wage

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the hourly base wage of Charles Betterton be set at \$29.30 effective June 15, 2026. This position carries a Labor Grade IVB classification.

Signed this 9th day of June, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-49, Temporary Road Closure for RCB Culvert Construction on 59th St. Dr. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-49

BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the following described Secondary Road be closed for CONSTRUCTION effective from June 10, 2026, through the completion of the project.

From US Hwy 218 thence westerly approximately 1.0 mile to 22nd Avenue Drive along 59th Street Drive in Taylor Township.

Signed this 9th day of June, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Engineer Myron Parizek wanted to discuss SF 378 regarding the modification to speed limits on paved oadways effective July 1, 2026, the speed limit will increase from 55 mph to 60 mph. Benton County does not put signs in all areas as there are no requirements to post the statutory speed limits. Parizek asked if we want to keep 55 mph limits in certain areas? If so we need to do an ordinance to do so. The cost per sign, post and anchor is around \$100. Stickers can be used as a temporary measure until signs can be replaced.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To replace the signs to reflect the new 60 mph speed limit. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To acknowledge the successful post-election audit of the Big Grove-Union-Van Horne precinct from the June 2, 2026 Primary Election, that all 204 ballots that were hand counted matched the machine count report. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Gina Edler, Elections Deputy read aloud the 2026 Primary Election Canvass by precinct.

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Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-50, 2026 Primary Election Canvass. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-50

WHEREAS, the PRIMARY ELECTION was held as prescribed by law on June 2, 2026, and:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors and *ex officio* Board of Canvassers have canvassed the vote of said election in accordance with §43.49 and §50.24 of the *Code of Iowa*, now therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the undersigned members of the Board of Supervisors and *ex officio* Board of Canvassers of Benton County, Iowa, do hereby certify the following TURNOUT REPORT and RESULTS in the PRIMARY ELECTION, held on June 2nd, 2026, and that no obvious clerical errors were identified during the canvass.

3528 people voted at the polls on election day.

420 absentee ballots were accepted for counting.

One (1) provisional ballots was not accepted for counting (included in absentee total).

A total of 3,948 people voted.

CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR COUNTY OFFICES:

Board of Supervisors (District 2) :

-Bethany Hantz, Republican Party

County Treasurer:

-Melinda Schoettmer, Republican Party

County Recorder:

-Lexa S. Speidel, Republican Party

County Attorney:

-Ray Lough, Republican Party

COUNTY OFFICES WITHOUT A PARTY NOMINEE:

Democratic Party: Board of Supervisors (District 2), County Attorney, County Treasurer

Republican Party: None

APPROVED this 9th day of June 2026, with the vote thereon being as follows:

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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Henry Bratten, Cedar Valley Ranch Director wanted to discuss renewing the lease agreement. Benton County and Cedar Valley Ranch currently have a 3 year term which ends June 30, 2026. As it reads now, the daily average tenant is multiplied by \$75 to reach the amount of rent due at the beginning of the next month. With all the changes to HHS and re-districting, Bratten asked that they honor the same conditions for another three years. The tenant will still have the financial responsibility for care and maintenance of premises, and provide inventory of all furniture, equipment, vehicles and consumable goods at the start of each new year.

Seeman moved/Tippett seconded: To approve renewing the lease agreement under same conditions \$75 per resident/month between Benton County and Cedar Valley Ranch, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Tippett reported on his Board of Health meeting Friday. Supervisor Volz attended the County Wellness committee meeting. They are still trying to encourage participation and hopes that each department head can talk of the importance to their staff. Chairman Seeman had a Conservation Board meeting and also reported on the Save Morgan Valley meeting he attended last week. The next one will be held on June 30, 2026.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 9:47 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

June 16, 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 8:45 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*

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

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the minutes of Tuesday, June 9, 2026 with one change on the speed limit, it should read 60mph not 65 mph. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Volz seconded: To approve the flood insurance renewal for Sheriffs garage. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To set land use hearing date of Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 9:15 a.m. for Randy Patten for the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ and the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of 16-83-11. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve farm exemption application for Pat Peters in a part of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of 8-84-9. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (BH-ASO) agreement between Benton County and BH-ASO to have a project coordinator in the Service Center 2 days a week for \$150/month, pending BH-ASO provides us with Liability Coverage and lists Benton County as an entity. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve use of the courthouse lawn for the Vinton Cruise Committee for Saturday, September 19, 2026 from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Tippett seconded: To approve EMS Trust fund dollars to pay for Blairstown First Responders to attend an EMT class. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-51, Transfer of Funds for FY 27. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION #26-51

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the following interfund funds are ordered:

Local Option Sales & Services (LOSST) to Secondary Roads in the amount of \$405,000.00

The auditor is authorized to make the necessary adjustments to the FY27 budget.

The Board of Supervisors of Benton County, Iowa, adopted the above and foregoing resolution on June 16, 2025.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

ATTEST:

Bruce Volz

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve Resolution #26-52, Interfund Operating Transfers for FY27. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-52

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the auditor to periodically transfer sums from the general basic fund to the secondary road fund, general supplemental fund, and conservation land acquisition fund; and rural services fund to secondary road and sanitary disposal funds during the 2026-2027 budget year, and

WHEREAS, said transfers must be in accordance with section 331.432, Code of Iowa,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BENTON COUNTY, IOWA as follows:

Section 1. The total maximum transfers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, shall not exceed the amounts listed in the respective funds as follows:

<u>FROM (Fund)</u>	<u>TO (Fund)</u>	<u>AMOUNT (max.)</u>
General Basic	Secondary Road	\$ 260,216.00
Rural Services Basic	Secondary Road	\$ 3,005,000.00

Section 2. The auditor shall order a transfer each quarter of fiscal year 2026-2027. Said quarterly transfers shall be one quarter of the total transfer to each fund as set forth in Section 1.

Section 3. The amount of the transfers required in section 1 to the Secondary Road fund shall be in accordance with Iowa Code 331.429(1)(a) and (b).

Section 4. The amount of any transfer shall not exceed available fund balances in the transferring fund.

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Section 5. The auditor is directed to transfer said funds in accordance with this resolution and to notify the treasurer and county engineer of the amounts of said transfers.

The Board of Supervisors of Benton County, Iowa, adopted the above and foregoing resolution on June 16th, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve Resolution #26-53, FY27 Appropriations. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION # 26-53
FY27 APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, it is desired to make appropriations for each of the different officers and departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, in accordance with Section 331.434, Subsection 6, Code of Iowa,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BENTON COUNTY, IOWA, as follows:

Section 1. The amounts as shown, published, and approved in the County Budget for fiscal 2026/2027 on April 21, 2026, be and are itemized by service area to each department on the budgets filed in the office of the county auditor on July 1, 2026 are hereby appropriated. Federal and State grants and/or reimbursements expendable during the fiscal year are hereby appropriated to the designated departments or offices. For purposes of this resolution all departments relating to elections are considered one department. Further, the auditor is authorized to expend funds from the following budgets: Auditor, Elections, District Court, General Services, Non-departmental, GIS, Medical Examiner, Human Resources, and other budgets not under the specific authority of an elected official or full-time county official to ensure the day-to-day operations of the county.

Section 2. Subject to the provisions of other county procedures and regulations and applicable state law, the appropriations authorized under Section 1 shall constitute authorization for the department or officer listed to make expenditures or incur obligations, effective July 1, 2026.

Section 3. In accordance with Section 331.437, Code of Iowa, no department or officer shall expend or contract to expend any money or incur any liability, or enter into any contract, which by its terms involves the expenditure of money for any purpose in excess of the amounts appropriated pursuant to this resolution.

Section 4. If at any time during the 2026-2027 budget year the auditor shall ascertain that the available resources of a fund for that year will be less than said fund's total appropriations, she shall immediately so inform the Board of Supervisors and recommend appropriate corrective action.

Section 5. The auditor shall establish separate accounts for the appropriations authorized in Section 1, each of which account shall indicate the amount of the appropriation, the amounts charged

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thereto, and the unencumbered balance. The auditor shall report the status of such accounts to the applicable departments and officers at least quarterly during the 2026-2027 budget year.

Section 6. Tax Increment payments, which are subject to annual appropriation are authorized.

Section 7. All appropriations authorized pursuant to this resolution lapse at the end of the business day on June 23, 2026, for payment of goods and services received and/or performed as of that date. The board reserves the right to waive this date at its sole discretion for specific payments for the provision of goods and services that it deems should be paid within said fiscal year.

Section 8. Departmental appropriations remain in full force and effect through June 30, 2027, for payroll expenses occurring after the date stated in Section 7, for the final processing of expenses submitted on or before June 16, 2027, and for any expenses approved by the Board of Supervisors subsequent to June 22, 2027. All appropriations will lapse at the close of business June 30, 2027.

The Board of Supervisors of Benton County, Iowa, adopted the above and foregoing resolution on June 16, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

	<u>Department</u>	<u>FY 27 Adopted Budget</u>	<u>FY 27 Appropriations</u>
1	Board of Supervisors	\$301,205.83	\$301,205.83
2	Auditor	\$353,960.46	\$353,960.46
3	Treasurer	\$831,212.62	\$831,212.62
4	Attorney	\$1,112,051.04	\$1,112,051.04
5	Sheriff	\$6,849,859.71	\$6,849,859.71
7	Recorder	\$359,057.00	\$359,057.00
9	Rural Addressing	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
10	Sanitarian	\$402,941.64	\$402,941.64
13	Transportation	\$732,981.61	\$732,981.61
14	GIS	\$142,500.00	\$142,500.00
15	Pioneer Cemetery	\$6,800.00	\$6,800.00

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16	HUB	0.00	0.00
19	Relief	\$45,296.67	\$45,296.67
20	Secondary Roads	\$16,664,875.00	\$16,664,875.00
21	Veteran Affairs	\$116,942.77	\$116,942.77
22	Conservation	\$2,005,756.06	\$2,005,756.06
23	Public Health	\$303,479.21	\$303,479.21
24	Weed Commissioner	\$668,507.71	\$668,507.71
25	DHS	\$48,090.00	\$48,090.00
28	Medical Examiner	\$96,700.00	\$96,700.00
31	District Court	\$47,500.00	\$47,500.00
33	County Library	\$88,890.00	\$88,890.00
35	Historic Preservation	\$19,367.00	\$19,367.00
42	Federal Forfeiture	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
43	State Forfeiture	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
49	Elections	\$267,446.00	\$267,446.00
50	Personnel	\$21,200.00	\$21,200.00
51	General Services- Maintenance	\$510,343.88	\$510,343.88
52	Information Technology	\$866,476.53	\$866,476.53
54	Sanitary Disposal	\$307,500.00	\$307,500.00
55	Debt Service	\$809,350.00	\$809,350.00
60	Mental Health	\$18,950.00	\$18,950.00
61	Juvenile Probation	\$142,100.00	\$142,100.00
71	Fairgrounds	\$23,750.00	\$23,750.00
73	Primary Elections	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
76	Special County Elections	\$36,300.00	\$36,300.00
77	Special City Elections	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
78	Special City Elections	\$11,600.00	\$11,600.00
79	General Elections	\$74,350.00	\$74,350.00
81	Operating Transfers	\$3,670,216.00	\$3,670,216.00
99	Non-Departmental	\$4,769,068.00	\$4,769,068.00
		\$42,766,124.74	\$42,766,124.74

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Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-54, Bank Depositories for FY 27. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Resolution #26-54**Bank Depositories**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that we do hereby designate the following named banks to be depositories for the County funds in amounts not to exceed the amount named opposite said designated depository, and the County Treasurer is here by authorized to deposit said county funds in amounts not to exceed the maximum approved for each respective bank as follows for fiscal year 2027.

Farmers Savings Bank & Trust

Vinton/Traer	\$ 20,000,000
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Chelsea Savings Bank

Belle Plaine	\$ 5,000,000
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Chelsea Savings Bank

Van Horne	\$ 5,000,000
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Benton County State Bank

Blairstown	\$ 4,000,000
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Bank Iowa

Norway	\$ 2,000,000
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Watkins Savings Bank

Watkins	\$ 1,000,000
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Cedar Valley Bank & Trust

La Porte City/Vinton	\$ 13,000,000
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Central State Bank

Walford	\$ 2,000,000
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Atkins Savings Bank & Trust

Atkins	\$ 1,000,000
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Keystone Savings Bank

Keystone	\$ 3,000,000
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First Federal Credit Union

Urbana	\$ 2,000,000
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Signed this 16th day of June, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECORD “T-T”

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve Resolution #26-55, County Official Bank Depository Limits for FY 27. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-55**COUNTY OFFICIAL BANK DEPOSITORY LIMITS**

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that we do hereby designate the following named banks to be depositories for County funds in amounts not to exceed the amount named opposite said depository and the following named county officers are hereby authorized to deposit said County funds in amounts not to exceed the maximum amount named after said bank as follows for fiscal year 2027:

Lexa Speidel, Recorder

Cedar Valley Bank and Trust	\$150,000
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David Upah, Sheriff

Farmers Savings Bank & Trust – Vinton	\$ 500,000
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David Upah, Sheriff

US Bank	\$ 1,000
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Mark Erickson, Transportation Dept.

Midwest One Bank	\$ 2,500
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Signed this 16th day of June, 2026

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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Committee Reports: Tippet missed out on the Public Health Meeting last Friday. Volz has a Heartland Insurance meeting Thursday. Seeman didn't have anything to report on.

Auditor Hayley Rippel mentioned that she was leaning on Monday August 31st for the all employee meeting. Once she coordinates with all those involved and gets it finalized she will put it on an agenda so that we can post notice to the public of the half day closing of the courthouse. Rippel also brought up House File 2490, in regards to public notice on public meetings. They will need to have it be available 24 hours a day, so inside the courthouse on the bulletin board does not qualify anymore. This is on next week's agenda and she wanted them to be aware and possibly look into an outdoor display. This will need to go into effect July 1.

Jon Lee, representing the group “Save Morgan Valley” discussed why it is important that Benton County has a seat at the table with the Iowa Utilities Commission. Under Iowa Code 476A, the Iowa Utilities Commission, not the county (Linn or Benton) makes the final decision on a power plant this size. A facility's failure to meet county zoning does not stop the Commission from issuing certificates. Lee stressed that a standalone opposition letter does not change this. Only formal party status can put Benton County on the record. He is asking that we direct the county attorney to file for party (intervenor status I IUC Docket GCU-2026-0002. We should want the County Attorney engages as an active party to preserve the record and the county's right to appeal. If Benton County receives intervenor status, the commission must weigh reasonable land use of air, land, and water. The Board all three agreed that they are opposed and would discuss with the attorney's office how they could pursue more whether as a joint board or individually. Iowa Code 335.5 states it is the county's duty to protect public health and the general welfare. Lee and others at present urged Benton County to draft an ordinance modeling Linn County's. Derek Marsh, Assistant Attorney was also present to hear the residents concerns and plea's.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 9:57 a.m. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

June 23, 2026

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman, Tippet were present, Volz joined via telephone. Chairman Seeman called the meeting to order at 8:45 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. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve the minutes of Tuesday, June 16, 2026. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve the 6/18/2026 payroll checks numbered 144091 through 144157, ACH Deposits 65717 through 65890 and vendor checks 257707 through 257714 and claims numbered 257715 through 257920. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To set public hearing date of Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 9:15 a.m. for a non-agricultural use for Farmtastic 3, LLC within the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ and the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 12-86-11. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried

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Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-56, FY27 Certifications of deputies in the Auditor's, Recorder's, Treasurer's, Sheriff's and Assistants in the County Attorney's office. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-56**CERTIFICATION OF DEPUTY SALARIES FOR FY27**

WHEREAS, Iowa Code 331.904(1) states that auditor, treasurer, and recorder shall certify the annual base salary of the deputies in the auditor's, recorder's, and treasurer's office pursuant to said code section; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code 331.904(2) states that the sheriff shall certify the salaries of the first and second deputies within his department pursuant to said code section; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code 331.904(3) states that the county attorney shall set the salaries of the assistant county attorneys pursuant to said code section; and

WHEREAS, the salaries of the deputies and assistants of the auditor, treasurer, recorder and sheriff, have been certified by the principal officers to the board of supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the base salaries will not exceed the limitations specified in Iowa Code for the deputies in the auditor's, treasurers, recorder's and sheriff's departments; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code 331.904 states that the Board shall certify the salaries to the county auditor if the salaries are within the budgets set for the auditor, treasurer, recorder and sheriff,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the following salaries for deputies and assistants in the respective offices be certified to the county auditor:

Auditor's Office:

Gina Edler – 85% of the principal officer
Alisha Burmeister-77% of the principal officer
Jonathon Martin-67 % of the principal officer

Recorder's Office:

Marla Sutton-85% of the principal officer
Katelyn Welper-55% of the principal officer

Treasurer's Office:

Rose Sackett– 85% of the principal officer
Joy Wieditz– 82% of the principal officer
Jodi Bonar– 72% of the principal officer
Beth Geater-62% of the principal officer
Ariane Geiger-59.5% of the principal officer
Jacob Winsor-53% of the principal officer

Sheriff's Department:

Chief Deputy– Josh Karsten-85% of the principal officer
Second Deputy-Kyle Lynch-80% of the principal officer
Jail Administrator-Russell Denison-55% of the principal officer
Dawn Markland-Communications Supervisor-\$75,498.18
Shelby Chekal-Law Enforcement Liaison-\$74,160
Sarah Ries-Office Administrator-\$70,000

FURTHER BE IT KNOWN that the county attorney has set the salaries for the assistants in his office as follows:

Alisha Stach-Lorang- \$136,869.20
Derek Marsh-75% of the principal officer

Dated this 23rd day of June 2026.

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Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To authorize Derek Marsh, to file a petition on behalf of the Benton County Board of Supervisors to intervene with the Iowa Utilities Commission regarding docket #GCU-2026-0002 in regards to the Alliant Energy’s proposed project.

Globe Life Liberty National Insurance representatives presented what they have to offer for supplemental employee benefits pre-taxable. They provided a folder and briefly explained the programs offered.

Seeman moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-57, Variance to the Sub-Division Ordinance. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-57

VARIANCE TO THE BENTON COUNTY SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Benton County adopted the Benton County Subdivision Ordinance #61, as amended by Ordinance #72; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance regulates the subdivision of land; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance sets forth the minimum requirements and improvements for subdivisions created in the unincorporated area of Benton County; and

WHEREAS, a request has been presented to the Board of Supervisors by Thomas & Jonna Darland to waive the required provisions in 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(f); and Article VII, Section 7.01 of the ordinance to allow for a property line adjustment within the North ½ of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ and the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ except the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ all within Section 15, Township 86N, Range 10W.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the requirements of Ordinance #61, as amended by Ordinance #72, are hereby waived as stated for the division of real property located within Lots 10 & 11 of Lodge Log Estates to Benton County, Iowa.

Signed this 23rd day of June 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve fireworks permit for Chris Herr for July 11, 2026 for the Watkins Community Athletic Association. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve fireworks permit for Jerry Kelchen for July 10, 2026 pending fire chiefs approval. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Discussion followed up from last week regarding House File 2490, regarding public posting for public notices. Auditor Rippel brought this up last week and needed formal action since it goes into effect July 1, 2026. Rippel provided some examples and costs for outdoor display cases.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-58, Designating the official physical location for posting public meeting notices temporarily be located on the south doors until a permanent structure can be installed. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-58

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL PHYSICAL LOCATION FOR POSTING PUBLIC MEETING NOTICES

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Chapter 21 requires governmental bodies to provide notice of the time, date, and place of each meeting and the tentative agenda thereof; and

WHEREAS, House File 2490, effective July 1, 2026, requires governmental bodies to designate a location for posting notices that is visible and accessible to the public at all times; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Board of Supervisors finds it necessary to designate an official physical location for the posting of meeting notices and agendas in compliance with Iowa law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that:

1. The official physical location for the posting of notices and agendas for meetings of the Benton County Board of Supervisors shall temporarily be the exterior south door until a weather proof bulletin board can be purchased and located at the west entrance of the Benton County Courthouse, 111 E 4th Street, Vinton, IA 52340, which is accessible and visible to the public twenty-four (24) hours per day;
2. Meeting notices and agendas shall also be posted on the County's official website, when applicable, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 21.
3. Any amended agenda shall be clearly identified as "AMENDED", and the specific item or items that have been added, removed, or modified shall be identified in accordance with Iowa law.
4. This resolution shall remain in full force and effect until amended or repealed by subsequent resolution of the Board.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of June, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippett

Bruce Volz

Attest:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 10:11 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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June 30, 2026

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman, Tippet and Volz were 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/Tippett seconded: To approve the agenda. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the minutes of Tuesday, June 23, 2026. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the following EMS claims numbered 257921 through 257928 as follows:

North Benton Ambulance - \$75,842.74

Blairstown First Responders-Training - \$2,199.00

Belle Plaine Ambulance - \$7,693.13

Atkins First Responders - \$2,828.64

Hiawatha Transport - \$16,650.00

Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-59, 28E Agreement with Hiawatha regarding EMS Funds. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-59**RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO 28E AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF HIAWATHA FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Benton County, Iowa and City of Hiawatha have elected to participate providing emergency medical services;

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 Hiawatha 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 THIS 30th DAY OF June, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chair

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Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

John Martin, Benton County Auditor Deputy

**AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE
CHAPTER 28E**

This **AGREEMENT** is made pursuant under Chapter 28E of the Iowa Code by and between any and all of the following: **Benton County, Iowa** ("County"); and **City of Hiawatha, Iowa** ("Hiawatha"). The County, and Hiawatha are hereby collectively referred to as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, Iowa Code §422D.6(2) authorizes a county to "enter into chapter 28E agreements... to ensure adequate coverage of the county's service area;" and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code §422D.1, on or about November 7, 2023, a public measure was passed by the voters of Benton County allowing tax dollars to be deposited at a rate of \$0.68 per \$1,000 of taxable property into an EMS Trust Fund as established under Iowa Code §422D.6(1); and

WHEREAS, the County approved the Benton County EMS Trust Fund Policy ("Policy") on July 15, 2025, establishing the policy and procedures that allow EMS Agencies that provide emergency medical services within Benton County to receive reimbursements for expenses spent in providing emergency medical services from the Benton County EMS Trust Fund ("EMS Trust Fund"). The Policy is attached to this Agreement and marked as "Attachment I"; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to contract with non-Benton County EMS Agencies to provide transporting emergency medical services within the borders of Benton County in exchange for receiving a reimbursement from the EMS Trust Fund in accordance with the Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 28E, by and through each individual entity's duly authorized agent, the Parties to this Agreement do hereby mutually agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. Pursuant to Iowa Code §§28E.1, 28E.5(3), and 28E.32, the purpose of this Agreement is to provide a specified reimbursement amount from the EMS Trust Fund on a per service basis for all transporting emergency medical services provided to citizens within the borders of Benton County.
2. Unless provided otherwise in this Agreement, the Parties agree that the terms and procedures stated within the Policy are incorporated into this Agreement and are binding upon the Parties.

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3. County shall provide reimbursements of \$150 per service call for all transporting emergency medical services.
4. The 28E Agreement Fund, as stated under Section 6(B) of the Policy, has a \$40,000 set aside for eligible non-Benton County EMS Agencies to receive reimbursements from. Said 28E Agreement Fund will continue to provide reimbursements until the 28E Agreement Fund no longer has money within the specified fund for the rest of the fiscal year.
5. Parties are allowed to receive reimbursements for any past calls for service after July 1, 2025, and all such reimbursement requests must be made prior to the end of the 25-26 fiscal year (June 30, 2026). After such date, any retroactive reimbursement request will be denied.
6. The County has the exclusive power to add other non-Benton County EMS Agencies to this Agreement to ensure adequate coverage of Benton County's service area. See I.C.A. §422D.6(2).
7. This Agreement does not create a separate legal entity. The County and the Benton County Board of Supervisors shall be the Administrator of this Agreement.
8. Employees of any member department acting pursuant to this Agreement shall be considered as acting under the lawful orders and instructions pertaining to their employment with their member departments. Under no circumstances are any employees to be considered employees of any other jurisdiction but rather shall be considered to be employees of their member department only.
9. Parties hereto shall bear the liability and/or cost of damage to its member department's equipment and death of or injury to its member department's personnel. Parties shall provide appropriate and reasonable insurance for its member department's personnel who may suffer injury, disability, or death and/or involved in loss or damage to private property, and/or death of or injury to private individuals in the performance of official duties. All parties that are EMS Agencies shall provide proof of insurance to the County.
10. This Agreement shall have a term of three (3) years from the date of execution and thereafter shall continue in effect from year to year.
11. Any party to this Agreement may withdraw from the Agreement by giving at least sixty (60) days written notice to all other parties hereto by certified mail and the withdrawing party from this Agreement shall be released from the terms of this Agreement. Written notices should be sent to the following respective addresses:

City of Hiawatha
101 Emmons Street
Hiawatha, Iowa 52233

Benton County 111
E. 4th Street
PO Box 549
Vinton, IA

12. Parties hereto shall be responsible for defending against claims made against it or its

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member department or personnel and arising from its participation in this Agreement.

13. If any provision of this Agreement is for any reason held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision entered into, each of which shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid portion are not contained herein. Nor shall such illegality or invalidity of any application affect any legal and valid application, and each such provision shall be deemed to be effective in the manner and to the full extent permitted by law.
14. This Agreement shall be governed exclusively by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Iowa.
15. Upon execution of this Agreement, this Agreement shall be properly filed as required under Chapter 28E of the Iowa Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County, and Hiawatha have caused this Agreement to be approved by their appropriate representatives and have caused this Agreement to be duly executed on their behalf by their duly authorized officers, and the same attested to and the corporate seals, if necessary, affixed hereto.

Benton County

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Benton County Board of Supervisors

Attachment 1

Benton County EMS Trust Fund Policy

1. **Purpose.** Pursuant Iowa Code §422D.1, on or about November 7, 2023, a Public Measure was passed by the voters of Benton County allowing tax dollars to be deposited at a rate of \$0.68 per \$1,000 of taxable property into an EMS Trust Fund to support emergency medical services within Benton County. This instrument is to establish the policy and procedures to allow EMS Agencies that provide emergency medical services within Benton County to receive reimbursements for expenses spent from the Benton County EMS Trust Fund ("EMS Trust Fund"). All funds shall apply to the expenses set forth within this Policy.
2. **Scope of Eligibility.** To receive reimbursements from the EMS Trust Fund, an EMS Agency is eligible when the Agency
 - A. provides emergency medical services
 - B. within the boundaries of Benton County
 - C. where the Agency is either
 - i. physically located within the boundaries of Benton County and submits a reimbursement authority budget; OR
 - ii. is physically located outside of the boundaries of Benton County and has a valid 28E agreement with Benton County.

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- 3. Definitions.** Terms that are used in this instrument unless stated otherwise are defined as follows,
- A. "Administration" defines the costs of salaries or stipends paid to individuals who are emergency medical care providers providing emergency medical services;
 - B. "Benton County emergency medical services system advisory council" or "EMSAC" refers to the advisory council created through resolution by the Benton County Board of Supervisors.
 - C. "Building Materials" defines materials used in the construction and structure of buildings.
 - D. "Continuing Education" defines the education gained that assists in the development or enhancement of the knowledge and skills directly related to the individual's professional occupation;
 - E. "Earmarked" means the amount of money that is designated for a particular purpose.
 - F. "Emergency medical care provider" means an individual trained to provide emergency and non-emergency medical care at the emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician, paramedic, or other certification levels adopted by rule by the Department of Health and Human Services, who has been issued a certificate by the Department of Health and Human Services, or a person practicing pursuant to Chapter 1470 of the Iowa Code;
 - G. "Emergency medical services" or "EMS" means an integrated medical care delivery system to provide emergency and non-emergency medical care at the scene or during out-of-hospital patient transportation in an ambulance;-
 - H. "Reimbursement authority" refers to the right granted to an EMS Agency to receive payment for expenses incurred;
 - I. "First-Responder vehicle" defines a vehicle used for the provision of initial emergency care and not used for transporting patients to and from a medical facility;
 - J. "IT" is an acronym referring to information technology and is defined as the use of computers and telecommunications for storing, retrieving, and sending information;
 - K. "IT hardware" refers to physical components of a computer or other digital device including computers, printers, projectors, radios, antennas, and wi-fi routers;
 - L. "IT software" defines the set of instructions, data, or programs used to operate computers and other IT hardware to perform specific tasks;
 - M. "Medical equipment" refers to the tools, devices, machines, or instruments used in performing emergency medical services to prevent, diagnose, monitor, or treat diseases and medical conditions;
 - N. "Medical supplies" defines the consumable, disposable, or short-term items used for patient care while performing emergency medical services; and
 - O. "Transporting vehicle" or "Ambulance" defines a vehicle used for either emergency or non-emergency services for purposes of transporting patients to and from medical facilities.
- 4. Expenses Eligible for Reimbursement.** The following costs are eligible for reimbursement from the EMS Trust Fund:
- A. Administration costs up to 40% of total salaries or stipends paid to emergency medical care

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providers hired to perform emergency medical services.

- B. Purchasing building materials to repair or upgrade a facility that houses an eligible EMS Agency.
 - C. IT software which includes the purchase of brand-new software or to pay yearly renewal fees for software licenses. Including, but not limited to, software that supports patient care reporting, human resources, payroll, and scheduling.
 - D. Purchasing and cost of maintenance for any new or current IT hardware to support EMS functions.
 - A. Cost of training individuals to earn certifications in Emergency Medical Responder ("EMR"), Emergency Medical Technician ("EMT"), Advanced Emergency Medical Technician ("AEMT"), Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments ("CLIA"), Paramedic, and Critical Care Paramedic. Additionally, including any costs for books, class fees, uniforms, or mileage to/back from class.
 - B. Cost of any continuing education needed to maintain certification(s) or license requirements for any EMS or medical professional hired by an eligible EMS Agency to provide emergency medical services. Medical professionals for this paragraph are to include registered nurses (RN), physician assistants (PA), or medical doctors (MD).
 - C. Purchasing ambulances including the remount of an Ambulance Type I, II, or III.
 - D. Purchasing first responder vehicles that include SUVs, 4x4 trucks, and dual-purpose fire apparatus.
 - E. Purchasing certain medical equipment that is inclusive of the following:
 - i. Diagnostic equipment-examples: cardiac monitor, ultra sound
 - 11. Therapeutic equipment-examples: infusion pumps, suction device, video laryngoscopy
 - 111. Durable medical equipment (DME)-examples: cot, cot loading system, oxygen tanks 1v. Monitoring equipment-examples: blood pressure cuff, pulse oximeter, RAD device
 - v. Life support equipment-examples: ventilators, defibrillators, LUCAS devices.
 - F. Purchasing medical supplies.
 - G. Cost of vehicle maintenance for ambulances and first responder vehicles including but not limited to parts, service, and tires.
- 5. Reimbursement Authority Budget and Call Data.** This is a mandatory step for all Benton County EMS entities to have on file with the Benton County Auditor's Office ("Auditor") before receiving a reimbursement from the EMS Trust Fund.
- A. The EMS Trust Fund is a budgetary fund. The reimbursement authority shall be considered a budgetary report subject to Benton County accounting practices and policies.
 - B. The reimbursement authority budget must budget items eligible for reimbursement as established under Section 4 of this policy.
 - C. Prior to the start of every new fiscal year, each Benton County EMS Agency must submit a budget for reimbursement authority budget and the reportable call data that is sent to the State of Iowa for the past calendar year by the third Wednesday in June.
 - D. Failure to submit a budget for reimbursement authority budget and the reportable call data by the required deadline will result in that individual EMS Agency being barred from receiving

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reimbursements from the EMS Trust Fund for that particular fiscal year.

- A. The Benton County Board of Supervisors ("Board of Supervisors") shall establish the total amount of the EMS Trust Fund that is budgeted for each fiscal year subject only to the requirements established under Section 6 of this policy.
- B. Each Benton County EMS Agency shall be given a divided amount of the budgeted total amount as the basis for establishing that individual EMS Agency's reimbursement authority.
- C. The amount of funds that is divided between each Benton County EMS Agency is subject to a formula adopted by EMSAC that considers the (i) square miles of coverage within Benton County; (ii) the total population within the square miles of coverage area; and (iii) the total service calls received from the previous fiscal year for each Benton County EMS Agency.
- D. Please see Attachment B that sets aside the Reimbursement Authority calculated for the fiscal year 2026 including any reserve carry over funds from the previous fiscal year.

6. EMS Trust Fund Budgeting. Prior to the start of the new fiscal year, the Board of Supervisors shall establish the total amount of funds that are budgeted within each of the following funds,

- A. Reimbursement Fund. This fund will be budgeted for the total amount of money available to all eligible Benton County EMS Agencies with a submitted reimbursement authority budget. \$1,020,000 are set aside for fiscal year 2026 within the Reimbursement Fund, not including any reserve carry over funds from the previous fiscal year.
- B. 28E Agreement Fund. This fund will be budgeted for the total amount of money available to eligible non-Benton County EMS Agencies with a valid 28E agreement. \$40,000 are set aside for fiscal year 2026 within the 28E Agreement Fund.
- C. Reserve Fund. This fund will be budgeted for the total amount of money that will remain unaltered with the primary purpose of maintaining adequate funds to build interest. Money from this fund can only be moved by a unanimous vote by the Board of Supervisors and should only be done in extraordinary circumstances. \$140,000 are set aside for fiscal year 2026 within the Reserve Fund.

7. Procedures for Reimbursement Claims.

- A. These procedures for receiving reimbursements are subject to the practices and procedures of the Auditor's office, including any forms required to be filled out and signed before receiving a reimbursement.
- B. EMS Agencies shall submit a reimbursement claim form ("claim form") prior to receiving any reimbursement from the EMS Trust Fund. See Attachment A.
 - A. To reimburse a vendor directly requires (i) to be specified on the claim form; (ii) the vendor must have a W9 with Benton County; and (iii) meet the minimum threshold amount of \$1,000 or more. Otherwise, a reimbursement check will be provided to the EMS Agency subject to any additional requirements stated within this Section; OR have the reimbursement request be denied for not meeting the requirements stated within this Paragraph.
- B. All claim forms must be signed and submitted by one of the EMSAC Representatives for that EMS Agency. All non-EMSAC Representatives that submit or sign a claim form will automatically denied.
- C. Each Benton County EMS Agency that is eligible to receive reimbursements will continue to receive funds until each individual EMS Agency's reimbursement authority reaches its maximum

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division of funds as established under Section 5, Paragraph F of *this* policy.

- D. Each non-Benton County EMS Agency with a valid 28E agreement please refer to Section 13 of this policy..
- E. Each Benton County EMS Agency eligible for receiving a reimbursement shall provide copies of invoices and receipts for all expenses to be covered by this EMS Trust Fund to the Auditor.

8. Proposal for Early Disbursement.

- A. Proposals for early disbursement can be made to the Board of Supervisors for purchases exceeding \$20,000 so long as the requesting EMS Agency has enough funds available within their reimbursement authority to cover such expense.
- B. Any proposal for an early disbursement shall be set as an agenda item on a date when the Board of Supervisor have a meeting scheduled.
- C. The proposal shall be made in writing and include each of the following: (i) details about the item(s) to be purchased; (ii) the amount of funds needed; (iii) a statement that there are enough funds remaining in their reimbursement authority; and (iv) a signature by from an EMSAC Representative of that EMS Agency.
- D. Each proposal must be submitted to the Auditor at least three days prior to the date selected under Paragraph **B** of this Section.

9. Reimbursement Schedule.

- A. Benton County shall adopt a monthly reimbursement schedule system where any request for reimbursement will be paid out the following month at the Auditor's discretion and a cutoff date for each month will be the last Friday of every month except for the month of June where by June 1st of every year is the fiscal year end for requesting Reimbursement for that fiscal year.

10. Commitment of Funds.

- A. AIJ funds within each EMS Agency's reimbursement authority that was not spent prior to the end of the fiscal year will remain in EMS Trust Fund and will be properly budgeted for in future fiscal years to that EMS Agency.
- B. Any funds that are earmarked must be properly documented with the Auditor to be effectively committed to future fiscal year reimbursements.
- C. Any individual Benton County EMS Agency may, in whole or in part, voluntarily transfer funds within their reimbursement authority to another eligible Benton County EMS Agency's reimbursement authority so long as the transfer is properly documented with the Auditor's office.
- D. All documentation within this Section is subject to the practices and budgeting procedures of Auditor's office and shall include signatures from an EMSAC Representative for each EMS Agency involved in either transferring or earmarking funds.

- 11. Amendment.** Any amendment to this policy shall be binding only by majority approval by the Board of Supervisors.

- 12. Annual Review.** The Advisory Council shall annually assess and review the emergency medical services needs of the county, and shall include the results of such review and assessment in an annual report filed with the Board of Supervisors. The annual report shall be publicly available upon

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filing with the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall receive public comments regarding the report at one or more meetings of the board of supervisors. Any meeting of the board of supervisors at which public comment on the annual report is heard shall be at least fourteen (14) days following the date the annual report is filed with the board of supervisors.

13. 28E Agreements. Any 28E agreements made with non-Benton County EMS Agencies are subject to the terms of this policy except for the terms under Section 5 of this policy. All 28E agreements must comply with the Iowa Code. All non-Benton County EMS Agencies with a valid 28E agreement may receive a reimbursement of \$150 per service call for all transporting emergency medical services provided within the borders of Benton County. Each eligible non-Benton County EMS Agencies will continue to receive reimbursements until the 28E Fund runs out of money within that fiscal year.

14. For Fiscal Year 2025-2026 ONLY. Reimbursement authority budgets will be due by July 31, 2025. For every other fiscal year, the deadline is set in accordance with Section 5, Paragraph C of this policy.

15. Effective Date. This policy becomes effective immediately upon the approval of the Board of Supervisors by majority vote.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To acknowledge the resignation of Terry Ehlinger, part-time custodian at the Sheriff's office effective July 1, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Class C Alcohol License for Kacena farms effective August 7, 2026 through August 7, 2027. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To adjourn meeting at 9:14 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

John Martin, Benton County Deputy Auditor

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July 7, 2026

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman, Tippet and Volz were 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/Tippett seconded: To approve the agenda. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the minutes of Tuesday, June 30, 2026. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the 07/02/2026 payroll checks numbered 144158 through 144162, ACH Deposits 65891 through 66062, EMS checks 257921 through 257928, vendor checks 257929 through 257936 and claims numbered 257937 through 258073. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye.

Grace Schmidt, Benton County Public Health Director gave the board an update regarding the Iowa HHS public health service system alignment. The new map puts Benton County in District 6 along with 14 counties. Mahaska County has shown interest to be the lead entity. This update will change how health services are organized, funded and delivered in Iowa, but won't change the legal responsibility the county and board of health has. Things are still subject to change and Schmidt will continue to provide updates. The time of 9:15 a.m. having arrived, and this being the time and date set for a land use hearing for Randy Patten within the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ and the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 16-83-11. Patten was present. Andrea Morris presented the technical information with the Benton County Agricultural Land Use Preservation Ordinance. Patten would like to change 6.26 acres to build a single family dwelling along the old abandoned railroad tracks ground he recently purchased from Benton County. The area has a CSR of 83, however the parcel has not been in production since the 1930s. There is an existing driveway that was reviewed and approved by Secondary Roads Department. The request will require the installation of a septic system. If possible, Patten would like to utilize rural water, otherwise a new private well will need to be installed, permitted by the Land Use Department. Official notices were mailed and published accordingly. There was one letter received ahead of today's hearing which Morris read aloud. The letter was inquiring how it would affect the nearby adjoining golf course and farm homes in relation to the utilities. This land already floods and affects 19th Ave, and concerns were asked if this would make things worse. The surrounding area is primarily agricultural with scattered single-family dwellings. Morris stated that this request has been found to be consistent with the applicable policies of the Benton County Land Preservation and Use Plan. Supervisor Seeman asked about hooking up to the rural water, Patten answered that he believes he would have to pay for a study before that could take place. No other further comments were had, the public hearing was closed.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the land use change for Randy Patten within the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ and the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 16-83-11. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

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Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-60, Temporary Road Closure for construction on 31st Ave. in Florence Township. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-60

BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the following described Secondary Road be closed for CONSTRUCTION effective from July 6, 2026, through the completion of the project.

From 79th Street southerly 1.0 mile to Benton-Iowa Road along 31st Avenue in Florence Township.

Signed this 7th day of July, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chair

Ronald J. Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-61, Salary increase for Barb Norton, Secondary Roads office manager. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-61

WHEREAS: The Benton Secondary Roads Department has a new Office Manager that has been here six months, and

WHEREAS: This employee is being evaluated semi-annually and is eligible for a salary increase, and

WHEREAS: This employee's evaluation has been quite favorable

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the salary for Barbara Norton be increased \$1,750.00 starting July 12, 2026.

Signed this 7th day of July, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chair

Ronald J. Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-62, Bridge Embargo Removal for a new structure on 32nd Ave. Drive in Florence Township. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-62

WHEREAS, the structure at this location has been replaced by a new structure and

WHEREAS, the new structure will no longer need a weight restriction,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the weight restriction previously imposed on this structure be removed. The structure is located as follows:

FL-4515 0.5 mile south of the N ¼ corner of section 11-82N-9W (Florence Township) on
32nd Avenue Drive between 75th Street and 76th Street

Signed this 7th day of July 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chair

Ronald J. Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Engineer Myron Parizek reported that he has gotten stickers to start replacing the 55 mph speed limit signs with a 60 mph. As law states, if the sign is still posted at 55 and not 60, that is what holds up. Supervisor Tippett has an upcoming Board of Health meeting Friday. Supervisor Volz has a Heartland Insurance Meeting and also reported on his attendance at the Linn County Supervisors meeting last week in regards to the Morgan Valley Alliant Project. Volz also gave a brief Wellness update and reported that we have reached 50.83% participation so far for the on-line health assessments. Currently that would be a 1% discount for premiums.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To adjourn meeting at 9:43 a.m. and leave for a tour of various Benton County areas including the new shop at Hannen Lake and the Benton County Landfill. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

John Martin, Benton County Deputy Auditor

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The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman, Tippet and Volz were 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*

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, June 30, 2026. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-63, Approval and Disapproval of Homestead Tax Credits and Exemptions, Military Tax Credits, and Disabled Veteran's Homestead Tax Credits for the 2026 Assessment. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-63**APPROVAL AND DISAPPROVAL OF HOMESTEAD TAX CREDITS AND EXEMPTIONS, MILITARY TAX CREDITS, AND DISABLED VETERAN'S HOMESTEAD TAX CREDITS FOR 2026 ASSESSMENT**

WHEREAS, Iowa law provides that property owners may apply for certain credits against their property tax; and

WHEREAS, new applications for various credits have been submitted to the assessor, in accordance with law, for his approval or disapproval; and

WHEREAS, the assessor has made recommendations and provided said applications to the auditor; and

WHEREAS, the auditor has submitted said applications to the board of supervisors for their consideration; and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors is required to allow or disallow the credit,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the applications for Homestead Credit and Exemption, Military Credit, and/or Disabled Veteran's Homestead Credit that were filed with the assessor on or before July 1, 2026, for the 2026 assessment year are allowed based on the assessor's recommendation. The assessor is to maintain a permanent file of the applications in accordance with law.

Signed this 14th of July, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ron Tippett

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the Treasurer's Semi Annual Report ending June 30, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Veteran's Affairs Quarterly Report ending June 30, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve General Assistance Quarterly Report ending June 30, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Bruce Volz attended the Heartland Insurance Meeting. There are a lot of new requirements for posting public notices, regarding websites along with the physical location. Other things discussed were OSHA, insurance deductibles and stop signs placements with the new speed limit change.

Supervisor Tippett reported on the Public Health meeting and still digesting all that change that was brought to us last week.

Chairman Seeman had a Conservation Board meeting. They are having water issues along with some septic

Tippett moved/Seeman seconded: To recess the meeting at 9:43 a.m. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m. at the Courthouse basement conference room to meet with staff from Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC), Benton was their 55th county along their 99 county tour. They provided a folder with various resources that are available to the counties and also left time for answering questions and allowing suggestions from us how they can better serve us.

The Historical Preservation put on a nice ceremony starting at 2:00 p.m. of the coloring contest winners.

The winners were recognized with certificates and cake along with tours of the courthouse including visiting the various offices and learning what each of them do.

Seeman moved/Tippett seconded: To adjourn at 4:10 p.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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July 21, 2026

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman, Tippet and Volz were 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.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve the minutes of Tuesday, July 14, 2026. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/seconded: To approve the 07/16/2026 payroll checks numbered 144163 through 144174, ACH Deposits 66063 through 66233, vendor checks 258074 through 258082 and claims numbered 258083 through 258209. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-64, Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-64

Sergeant Promotion in the Corrections Division at the Sheriff's Office

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff has elected to promote a correctional officer to the rank of Sergeant in the Corrections Division at the Benton County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, applications have been accepted, and interviews have been completed for said position; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff recommends Officer Caleb Stewart, who has been employed with Benton County since 06/10/2022, as the most qualified candidate for the position;

WHEREAS, compensation associated with this promotion shall be as provided in the applicable collective bargaining agreement and Benton County Board of Supervisors Resolution No. #25-96.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that Caleb Stewart be approved for this promotion effective July 21, 2026.

Signed this 21st day of July, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To table action on replacing the witness chair in the courtroom until Maintenance and Clerks office can decide what will work best for the replacement. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

The time of 9:15 a.m. having arrived, and this being the time and date set for a land use hearing for Farmtastic 3, LLC within the NE ¼ NE ¼ and the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 12-86-11. Andrea Morris presented the technical information with the Benton County Agricultural Land Use Preservation Ordinance. Farmtastic 3, LLC would like to add a new non-agricultural use to allow for storage in the old abandoned chicken layer farm. Total parcel size is 16.15 acres with 52% of the area having a CSR of 70, the area of the

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request having a weighted average CSR of 68, so based on that, this area is considered low-quality farmland. There is an existing driveway that was reviewed and approved by Secondary Roads Department. The septic system for former office was abandoned in 2017, if plumbing fixtures would be installed or utilized in the future, a private sewage disposal system will need to be installed. There are two private water wells located on this property. Official notices were mailed and published accordingly. The department received several calls asking clarification on the type of storage and whether it would be used as a wind blade storage facility. They also received one public comment ahead of today's hearing which Morris read aloud and afterwards explained that this is for storage and not warehousing and that the facility will not be used for the storage of wind blades. The surrounding area is primarily agricultural with scattered single-family dwellings. The requested use will take place within existing buildings, therefore it should not materially alter the stability of the overall land use pattern in the area. According to the Benton County Land Preservation and Use plan, is to provide low-impact development opportunities within the area upon a fair and equitable evaluation. Morris stated that based on the information provided with the application this request has been found to be consistent with the applicable policies of the Benton County Land Preservation and Use Plan. Adjoining resident Don Petersen read a letter contesting the land use change, stating concerns that by changing to commercial will reduce the surrounding property value. If the property is zoned and has been advertised and operating as a commercial storage facility for the past two years. The ag buildings are engineered as ag not for commercial use, and the past precedents has shown that the owners are not complying with county zoning laws and Petersen has continued concern they will not follow the commercial zoning laws. Questions were why is there a need to change from agricultural to commercial now when it has been operating as a business the past 2 years. How do we ensure property is compliance, does owners have a business plan that they shared with the board and how do we ensure the owners are not considering selling the property once it has been approved to commercial, can it be used as a data center/solar or wind generation facility or any other large industrial/manufacturing facility? Morris explained that the county does not have commercial zoning and that it has a land use policy which changes have to go through the land use policy one use at a time. Morris had sent a notice of violation to Farmtastic and that is why they had to apply for the change to allow for storage rental. Other questions were if it should be put in writing, what the owners can store, hours of business and other specifics. Morris and Assistant Attorney Derek Marsh explained that Benton County does not have zoning, they have a Land Use Ordinance and that each use has to be applied for individually and the owners is provided with a compliance certificate after approval. No other further comments were had, the public hearing was closed.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the land use change Farmtastic 3, LLC within the NE ¼ SE ¼ and the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 12-86-11. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried. Supervisor Tippett reported on his tour with the weed department last week and the main concerns were Canadian thistle, bull thistle and morning glory. Supervisor Volz commented what a nice ceremony last Tuesday was with the coloring contest winners and tours given. Supervisor Seeman virtually attended the WMA meeting last week.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn at 9:43 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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July 28, 2026

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman, Tippet and Volz were 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. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve the minutes of Tuesday, July 21, 2026. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-65, Amending Resolution #26-57, Granting Variance to the Subdivision Ordinance for Thomas and Jonna Darland. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-65**AMENDING RESOLUTION #26-57****VARIANCE TO THE BENTON COUNTY SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, Benton County adopted the Benton County Subdivision Ordinance #61, as amended by Ordinance #72; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance regulates the subdivision of land; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance sets forth the minimum requirements and improvements for subdivisions created in the unincorporated area of Benton County; and

WHEREAS, a request has been presented to the Board of Supervisors by Thomas & Jonna Darland to waive the required provisions in 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 of the ordinance to allow for a property line adjustment within the North ½ of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ and the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ except the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ all within Section 15, Township 86N, Range 10W subject to Outlot A not being developed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the requirements of Ordinance #61, as amended by Ordinance #72, are hereby waived as stated for the division of real property located in the N 1/2 SW SW NW Section 15, Township 86N, Range 10W

Signed this 28th day of July 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-66, Enter into a 28E Agreement between the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Benton County, Iowa. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-66**INTERGOVERNMENTAL (28E) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND BENTON COUNTY, IOWA**

WHEREAS, both the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Benton County, Iowa are public agencies as defined by section 28E.2 of the Code of Iowa, and

WHEREAS, section 28E.3 of the Code of Iowa provides that any power or powers, privileges, or authority exercised or capable of exercise by a public agency of the State of Iowa may be exercised and enjoyed jointly by a public agency of the State of Iowa having such power or powers, and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Chapter 455B, Subchapter III, and administrative rules in Chapters 567—39 and 567—49 (IAC) provide for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to delegate its authority for regulation of the construction, reconstruction, and abandonment of private water wells and issuing permits for private water wells to a county board of supervisors or the board's designee while retaining concurrent authority, and

WHEREAS, section 34.2 of the Benton County Code of Ordinances provides that the Benton County Board of Health is responsible for the enforcement of 567 IAC 49 and 567 IAC 39 in Benton County and through its designee Benton County Environmental Health shall be responsible for issuance of required permits for well construction.

IT IS NOW AGREED that the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Benton County, Iowa, and Benton County Environmental Health enter into an intergovernmental agreement pursuant to Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa providing for cooperative action pursuant to the conducting of programs for the evaluation and issuance of private water well construction and reconstruction permits and said cooperative actions include those outlined in the attached intergovernmental agreement.

Signed this 28th day of July, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ron J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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**IOWA DNR AGREEMENT ID 26ESDWQBDWATT0001
INTERGOVERNMENTAL (28E) AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
AND
BENTON COUNTY, IOWA**

THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL (28E) AGREEMENT (Agreement) is entered into by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (Department), the Benton County Board of Supervisors (County Board), and the designated County private water well permitting entity (Permitting Agency) (jointly referred to as the County.)

- I. Authority: This agreement is entered into pursuant to the authority in Iowa Code Chapter 455B, Subchapter III; 567 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) sections 49.7; and Iowa Code chapter 28E.
- II. Statement of Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is to establish the terms and conditions for delegation to designated county Permitting Agencies of the Department's permit-issuing authority with respect to private water well construction, reconstruction (hereafter, jointly, "construction"), and abandonment, as provided in Iowa Code Chapter 455B, Subchapter III, and administrative rules in Chapters 567—39 and 567—49 (IAC) applicable to county delegation. The agreement specifies the extent and manner of cooperation between the two agencies in conducting programs for the evaluation and issuance of private water well construction and reconstruction permits. This agreement places emphasis on assuring the County well program meets or exceeds the minimum standards required by the Department.
- III. Entire Agreement: This Agreement, its amendments, and its attachments shall constitute the entire agreement between the Department and the County with respect to delegation of the Department's authority to issue and ensure compliance with private water well construction permits and well abandonment. To the extent that the terms of this Agreement conflict with an act of the Iowa Legislature or with 567 IAC Chapters 39 and 49, (referred to as Chapter 39 and Chapter 49 (IAC)), that act or those Chapters shall control.
- IV. A. Concurrent Jurisdiction: The Department retains concurrent jurisdiction with the County over the permitting for the construction and abandonment of private water wells as provided in Iowa Code Chapter 455B, Subchapter III. Nothing in this Agreement or its attachments shall be construed as limiting the power of the Department to issue or deny private water well construction permits or to take any other action, including taking enforcement action in any manner and against any person, consistent with the provisions of Chapter 567—39 and Chapter 567—49 (IAC), or any other rules established or to be established under Subchapter III of Iowa Code Chapter 455B, which the Department and/or the Environmental Protection Commission deem necessary for the continued proper implementation of Iowa Code Chapter 455B, Subchapter III.
B. No Defense Created: Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating a defense for any person except the County in any action by or against the Department, and no person except the County may use the terms of this Agreement as a defense against the Department in any action by or against the Department.

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- V. Review for Compliance: This section of this Agreement shall apply in the event that any of the following items are either rescinded, declared invalid or improper by a court of law, a final administrative action, or an act of the Iowa Legislature, or are rendered moot and/or void for any reason: all or part of this Agreement; and/or all or part of the applicable County ordinances, regulations, and/or resolutions referred to in this agreement; and/or all or part of said Chapters 567—39 and 567—49 (IAC). In such an event, the remaining rules, ordinances, and/or resolutions shall remain in full force and effect. Upon notice of such an event, the Department shall promptly review the remaining rules, ordinances, and/or resolutions to determine this Agreement’s continuing compliance with Iowa Code Chapter 455B, Subchapter III and any rule enacted under the authority of that subchapter.
- VI. Certification of Authority: The County certifies it has lawfully adopted private well construction and reconstruction permitting ordinances and private well abandonment ordinances or enforceable regulations in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 455B, Subchapter III that satisfy one of the following standards:
- The ordinances or regulations adopt by reference Chapters 567—39 and 567—49 (IAC); or
 - The ordinances or regulations adopt Chapters 567—39 and 567—49 (IAC) in their entirety; or
 - The ordinances or regulations are consistent with and no less stringent than Chapters 567—39 and 567—49 (IAC); or
 - The ordinances and regulations grant express authority to the Permitting Agency to implement Chapters 567—39 and 567—49 (IAC) as provided in Iowa Code Chapter 455B, Subchapter III.

The County further certifies these ordinances and regulations grant the county authority to enforce violations of the above ordinances and regulations, or the authority to enforce violations of Chapter 567—49 (IAC) as provided in Iowa Code Chapter 455B, Subchapter III. The Department may periodically review the county ordinances and regulations to determine that they are consistent with and no less stringent than Chapter 567—49 (IAC), and that the County has adequate authority to enforce their local ordinances or regulations, or has the authority to enforce Chapter 567—49 (IAC) as provided in Iowa Code Chapter 455B, Subchapter III.

- VII. Duties:
- A. Duties of the County
1. Personnel: The County represents that it either has, or will acquire no later than the date of signing this agreement , all personnel required for the performance of the work specified under this Agreement.
 2. Continued Employment: The County shall continue to employ sufficient personnel to perform the services of this Agreement for the duration of the Agreement.
 3. Documentation: Prior to or immediately upon the signing of this Agreement, the County shall submit the following information to the Department:
 - i. The name(s), title(s), and all relevant work contact information of the employee(s) and/or the division(s) designated within the Permitting Agency that will be responsible for implementing the provisions of this agreement and the delegation authorities specified in Section VI above.
 - ii. A copy of the County regulations and/or County ordinance(s) and/or adopting resolutions authorizing the County to implement and enforce the water well construction permit, construction, and abandonment rules of Chapters 39 and 49 (IAC) pursuant to the County’s certification under Section V of this Agreement.
 4. Compliance with Administrative Rules: The County shall comply with all applicable administrative rules in Chapter 567—49 (IAC).
 5. Permit Application Review and Permit Issuance:

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- i. The Permitting Agency shall review all private water well construction permit applications for requests to construct private water wells (which shall include all applications to modify, repair, or upgrade existing private wells) on property or portions of property located within the County in accordance with the provisions of County ordinances, regulations, and the provisions of Chapters 567—39 and 567—49 (IAC), except as provided in subrule 567 IAC 49.7(3) and Iowa Code Chapter 455B, Subchapter III.
- ii. In its review, the Permitting Agency shall determine:
 - 1) If the proposed well location meets the applicable separation distances of listed in rule 567 IAC 49.8.
 - 2) If the proposed well location falls within an area that is regulated by federal, state, or local institutional controls.
 - 3) If the proposed well will withdraw less than 500 gallons per minute and the proposed location is known to be within 1000 feet of a previous or current known contaminated site or leaking underground storage tank (LUST) site as shown on the Department’s mapping tool.
 - 4) If the proposed well will withdraw 500 gallons or more per minute and the proposed location is known to be within 2,500 feet of a previous or current known contaminated site or LUST site as shown on the Department’s mapping tool.
 - 5) If the water well construction permit is submitted for a project requesting 10 or more boreholes.
 - 6) If the proposed well location falls within an area where the well is also regulated by a local governing body through the use of municipal ordinances or local covenants.
 - 7) If the well will withdraw from the Cambrian-Ordovician (Jordan) aquifer.

When proposed water well construction application meets any of the criteria stated in section VII.A.5.ii.2, VII.A.5.ii.3, VII.A.5.ii.4, VII.A.5.ii.5, VII.A.5.ii.6 or VII.A.5.ii.7 of this Agreement, the Permitting Agency shall consult with the Department before the issuance of a well construction permit. The Department will perform an environmental review that is expected to last, but is not limited to, 14-28 days, after which the Department will notify the permitting agency of the findings,, and what, if any, additional construction standards will be required.

- iii. If after the review of an application, the Permitting Agency determines that the proposed construction of a private water well complies with all applicable laws, rules, and county ordinances, and is pursuant to the authority granted to the County by this Agreement, the Permitting Agency shall issue a private well construction permit in a timely manner to the applicant.
 - iv. If the review by the Permitting Agency or the Department determines that an application should be denied based on circumstances listed in subrule 567 IAC 49.6(6), the Permitting Agency shall provide a written explanation to the applicant stating the reasons for the denial and shall include notice of the right to appeal the denial.
 - v. If the Permitting Agency fails to contact the DNR for a review as described in this section and the application met the criteria described 5.iv, the department may use its concurrent authority to modify, revoke, or suspend the permit, or other actions deemed necessary to comply with 567 IAC 49.6(6).
6. Water Allocation Permits: The County shall notify the applicant that any well using more than 25,000 gallons of water any single day of the year requires a water use permit to be issued by the department before the well can be used. This language shall also be clearly stated in the well construction permit.

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7. Well Construction Permit Copies: The County shall provide the applicant a paper or digital copy of the well construction permit available in IWIS, or a county level permit copy that contains the same details as the IWIS permit language.
8. Compliance, Inspections and Monitoring: The County has the primary responsibility for enforcing its laws and regulations relating to the private water well construction permits, well construction, and well abandonment as long as this delegation agreement is in force.
9. Monitoring for Compliance: It is expected that the County and/or Permitting Agency will monitor compliance with issued well construction permits and well abandonments by initiating full or partial on-site inspection and monitoring of permitted wells or for well abandonments performed by the property owner. The Department shall be allowed access to any reports of such or similar inspections or monitoring activities.
10. Enforcement Action by the Permitting Agency: Should the Permitting Agency take enforcement action against permits issued by the Permitting Agency or well abandonments performed by the property owner, for applicable violations of Chapters 567—39 and 567—49 (IAC), as well as County rules, ordinances, and/or regulations, such enforcement action shall be handled in accordance with the noncompliance provisions of the County ordinances and regulations or any other applicable County ordinance, resolution, rules and/or regulations.
11. Intergovernmental Cooperation: The County shall submit such information as the Department may require to show compliance with the private water well construction rules and the adequate implementation of the permitting authority delegated to the County.
12. Reporting: Pursuant to 567 IAC 49.7(2), the Permitting Agency shall enter all new permit, well construction, and well abandonment information on the internet access program called Iowa Well Information System (IWIS) before the well is constructed. The Permitting Agency shall ensure that well construction log information has also been entered in the IWIS within 90 days after well construction.
13. State Permit Fees: Pursuant to subrule 567 IAC 49.5(2)“b”, the County shall submit to the Department a fee of \$25 for each well permit issued. These fees shall be submitted quarterly by the County in a manner provided by the Department. Non-digital fee payments shall include a copy of the Payment Voucher form generated from IWIS.

B. Duties Of The Department

1. Administrator: The Department shall be the administrator of this Agreement for purposes of Iowa Code section 28E.6(1) to ensure its terms are properly carried out.
2. Review of County Program: The Department shall periodically review the rules, policies and procedures of the County and/or Permitting Agency to ensure consistency with Chapters 567—39 and 567—49 (IAC). The Department shall advise the County and Permitting Agency of its findings in writing. Such reviews shall not be more frequent than once a year unless the Department provides prior written notice. The Department shall conduct at least one review within the 12 months prior to the expiration date of this agreement.
3. Technical Assistance: The Department shall provide technical assistance and well program information to the County programs.
4. Areas of Contamination: The Department shall make available the technical resources to help the Permitting Agency determine the boundaries of known sources of contamination so that the Permitting Agency can determine if additional Department consultation and authorization is required by the applicant relating to the potential for groundwater contamination.
5. Water Allocation Permits: If the Department finds that a well construction permit has been issued for a well that is proposed to use 25,000 gallons per day or greater, the Department will contact the applicant or property owner to notify them that the water use permit must be obtained prior to using more than 25,000 gallons any single day.

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6. Compliance: The Department states its intention to limit its involvement in compliance activities or enforcement actions related to the Permitting Agency or private well construction permits issued by the Permitting Agency to:
 - i. Audits of the County and/or Permitting Agency's compliance with this Agreement; and
 - ii. Review and comment on any proposed changes in the County and/or Permitting Agency's rules, ordinances, policies, and/or procedures related to this Agreement; and
 - iii. Compliance activities or enforcement actions against any person where:
 - 1) The County specifically requests the Department's involvement and the Department agrees to accept responsibility; or
 - 2) The Department determines that the County program's enforcement response is inappropriate or untimely, after providing notice to the County and Permitting Agency in writing and allowing the County and/or Permitting Authority a reasonable opportunity to act prior to initiating any Department compliance activities or enforcement actions; or
 - 3) The Department is enforcing the provisions of Iowa Code subsections 455B.172(5) and 567 IAC 49.7(3), and 49.7(7).
 7. Intergovernmental Cooperation: In addition to the assistance and cooperation noted regarding specific issues above, the Department will keep the County informed of state and federal developments which may affect the private water well construction program in the County.
- VIII. Amendments: This Agreement may be amended at a later date by mutual agreement of the parties. Additionally, this Agreement expressly includes "Attachment A: Memoranda of Understanding," which shall include all memorandums of understanding between the County and the Department that are entered into before or after the signing of this Agreement that provide for specific procedures to be used by those parties in the implementation of this Agreement.
- IX. Period of Agreement: This Agreement is valid for an initial period of up to five years, beginning upon approval and signature of the County and the Department, and shall end five years after the signed date. This Agreement may be renewed by amendment for up to an additional five years. Such an amendment may expressly include a duplication of this section of the Agreement to allow for future extensions. This Agreement may remain in effect up to a period of one month after the expiration date through a memorandum of understanding between the County and the Department if renewal negotiations are in progress and additional time is required.
- X. Legal or Administrative Entity Created: No new legal or administrative entity is created by this agreement.
- XI. Manner of Financing: The functions to be performed by the County, under the provisions of this agreement, are to be financed by the County at no obligation to the Department. The County may use permitting fees charged to all eligible applicants pursuant to 567 IAC 49.5(2). However, the County is not necessarily limited to the funding source referenced above.
- XII. Acquiring, Holding, or Disposing of Real Property: The functions of this Agreement do not require the acquisition, holding, or disposal of real property. In the event that an amendment to this Agreement or a memorandum of understanding included in Attachment A requires the acquisition, holding, or disposal of real property, this Agreement shall be amended to detail a manner of acquiring, holding, or disposing of real property.

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- XIII. Termination: The Department or the County may terminate this agreement by providing to the other party a written notice of intent to terminate this agreement at least 60 days prior to the intended date of termination. The notice shall specify the reasons for termination, and shall be delivered by sending the notice to the person listed below via U.S. Certified Mail.

Tracy Seeman, Chairperson
Benton County Board of Supervisors
111 E 4th St
Vinton, Iowa, 52349

Director
Department of Natural Resources
6200 Park Ave, Suite 200 Des Moines IA 50321

Upon termination, the County shall provide to the Department digital copies of all private water well construction permit program records in its possession, including file copies of permits, permittee files, unused application forms, all pending applications and pending fees, and all other documents generated as a result of this program no later than 30 days following the stated termination date.

- XIV. Filing and Recording: The Department shall file a copy of this agreement electronically with the Iowa Secretary of State in accordance with Iowa Code section 28E.8.

ATTACHMENT A: Memoranda of Understanding

None.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Department and the County have executed two copies of this agreement that include, each of which shall be considered an original.

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Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the extension of the part-time assistant for in the Environmental Health and Land Use to not exceed January, 2027. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

The time and date was set for opening bids for sheriff's vehicles. The only bid received was from Thys for 3 vehicles each in the amount of \$44,955.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To award the bid from Thys Motor Company, Belle Plaine for (3) 2027 Dodge Durango Pursuit Vehicles, AWD, V-8 Hemi in the amount of \$44,955.00 each. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Utility Permit for East Central Iowa REC in Jackson Township. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Greg Walston provided an Old School Produce update. The production of vegetables isn't as good compared to previous years, due to the rain and other timing. Walston also wanted to inquire about a donated bat box and if he could get permission to install in the garden areas. The Board all agreed that was fine. The fence request was also discussed, Seeman mentioned the quotes obtained were very expensive. He suggested waiting until the weather cools off and he'd assist with the volunteers helping out. Walston also reminded the Board about the lease that will come due in December for the year.

Old School Produce is always welcome to donations both monetarily and in vegetables.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-67, Amending Resolution #16-19, Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority Articles of Agreement. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-67

AMENDING RESOLUTION #16-19, MIDDLE CEDAR WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Benton County, Iowa is a member of the Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority, as organized under Iowa Code Chapter 28E (“Authority”); and

WHEREAS, the Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority, was created as a mechanism for cities, counties, Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) and stakeholders to cooperatively engage in watershed planning and management; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to amend the *Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority Articles of Agreement* dated June 16, 2016, to outline each eligible member entity, regardless of Authority member status; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to amend the *Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority Articles of Agreement* dated June 16, 2016, to permit eligible entities to join the Watershed Management Authority by adopting a resolution and signing the required signature page; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to amend Resolution #16-19, *Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority Articles of Agreement* dated June 16, 2016, so existing members are not required to approve a new resolution each time a new member joins; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to amend the *Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority Articles of Agreement* dated June 16, 2016, to add the ‘Execution of Documents’ clause to Section 11, allowing execution of this document outside the presence of other Members and in separate counterparts; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to amend the *Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority Articles of Agreement* dated June 16, 2016, to add Section 15 ‘Authorization and Signature Pages’; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 *Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority Articles of Agreement* has been prepared which document includes the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, the approval by Members of the Authority has taken place to amend the agreement dated June 16, 2016, and adopt the 2026 *Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority Articles of Agreement* dated July 28, 2026; and

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WHEREAS, amendments to the 28E Agreement for the Authority require approval from all of the governing boards of the Members of the Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 28E, Code of Iowa, Benton County, Iowa hereby approves that the *Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority Articles of Agreement* dated June 16, 2016, be omitted in its entirety to be amended in its entirety with the *2026 Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority Articles of Agreement* dated July 28, 2026.

Signed this 7th day of July 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chair

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-68, Committing Fund Balances in Accordance with GASB 54. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-68

RESOLUTION COMMITTING FUND BALANCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH GASB 54

WHEREAS, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has adopted statement #54 (GASB 54); and

WHEREAS, Benton County desires to commit a portion of fund balances in accordance with GASB 54,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the following funds are committed as of June 30, 2026:

COMMITTED FUND BALANCES:

General Fund:

- \$42,000 sanitarian vehicle replacement;
- \$60,000 election equipment replacement;
- \$50,000 emergency response;
- \$500,000 infrastructure upgrades;
- \$243,382 RACOM maintenance agreement

Rural Services Fund - \$42,000 land use administrator vehicle replacement

Conservation Land Acquisition Fund-\$289,926 conservation projects

EMS Revolving Loan Fund – \$126,484 for emergency services loans

EMS Trust Fund- \$1,271,985

LOSST Fund - \$115,000 Pictometry aerial flight cost, technology upgrades and infrastructure

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BE IT RESOLVED that committed fund balances established prior to June 30, 2026, are hereby uncommitted as of June 30, 2026, and the committed fund balances stated above are established in lieu thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the designation of committed fund balances indicates that Benton County prefers to use available financial resources for the specific purposes set forth above, and although committed, the funds are to remain an integral part of the spendable or appropriable resources of Benton County

Signed this 28th of July, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To appoint Mariam Gallagher as Deputy Medical Examiner for Benton County. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Tippet seconded: To set the date of Monday, August 31, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.-4:30 for the all employee meeting and will give notice to the public accordingly. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Supervisor Tippet wasn't able to join the HACAP meeting. Supervisor Volz gave a quick Wellness update, the county is only at 50.83% participating and will need much more to qualify for discounts. Auditor Rippel said there would be some reminders done at the all employee meeting day on this as well. Supervisor Seeman had a landfill meeting.

Shelby Williams, Conservation Director brought up some new business. First off, Williams reported that the water is back on at Rodgers Park, although Hannen lake is having some septic issues. Currently there are temporary holding tanks, but the DNR will need to do permitting, and there will be costs to design and implement the new septic tanks. This led to budget amendment discussions and other funding sources that may be needed. Along with Hannen's septic, there is a future watershed project that has potential for 75% grant funds to reimburse expenses. Williams will get with Auditor Rippel and look at some funding sources and options with the budget planning before anything takes place. Rippel mentioned the Audit firm is working with her next week and they could have some joint conversations.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To adjourn at 10:13 a.m. All three voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor