

August 6, 2024

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Primmer, Bierschenk and Seeman present. Supervisor Primmer 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>. *Summarized Resolutions will be available in the Auditor's office and at: www.bentoncountytia.gov*

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve the agenda, minus item #10, Scott Hansen isn't able to make the meeting today. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve the minutes from July 30, 2024. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye. Motion carried.

Joy Wieditz, Treasurer deputy, had questions regarding the sick leave and vacation which were acted on at last week's meeting. Wieditz would like to be allowed to use her sick time for her spouse who will be having surgery. Wieditz also brought up the vacation and being based on their anniversary dates. She told the board it was time to fix this hostile work environment they created and to make it right with employees with 17-plus years, to get their extra five days effective July 1, 2024.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To table revising the handbook changes until the Board can talk with county attorney and allow time for the handbook committee time to hammer out the details. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Bierschenk moved/Seeman seconded: To approve a new brush purchase for the maintenance department's tractor mower. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve 71 hours of vacation carryover for Courtney Long to be used by the end of November, 2024. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

Bierschenk moved/Seeman seconded: To approve Resolution #24-74, Temporary Road Closure. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #24-74

BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the following described Secondary Road be closed for CONSTRUCTION effective from August 7, 2024, through the completion of the project.

From 21st Avenue thence east 0.5 mile to 21st Avenue

Drive along 63rd Street in Big Grove Township.

Signed this 6th day of August, 2024.

Rick Primmer, Chairman

Gary Bierschenk

Tracy Seeman

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Bierschenk moved/Seeman seconded: To approve Resolution #24-75, Wage and Classification change for Cody Jones. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 24-75

Wage and Classification Change

WHEREAS, Benton County Secondary Roads has an employee that has been employed by Benton County for one year,

WHEREAS, upon completion of the year period the base wage is to be increased from the intermediate wage (per bargaining unit agreement)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the hourly wage for Cody Jones be set at \$29.04 effective August 2, 2024. This position (mechanic) carries a Labor Grade VD classification.

Signed this 6th day of August, 2024

Rick Primmer, Chairman

Gary Bierschenk

Tracy Seeman

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Resolution #24-76, approve hiring of an equipment operator for secondary roads. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #24-76

APPROVE HIRE OF EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

WHEREAS: Benton County Secondary Road Department has an opening to fill for an Equipment Operator for Secondary Roads; and

WHEREAS: Applications were accepted for this position and

WHEREAS: These applications have been reviewed and evaluated.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY The Benton County Board of Supervisors that Jakob Long be hired to fill one position of Equipment Operator at a starting wage of \$26.30 per hour starting August 7, 2024. This is an Equipment Operator II classification with a Labor Grade IVA.

Signed this 6th day of August, 2024.

Rick Primmer, Chairman

Gary Bierschenk

Tracy Seeman

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve a credit card for the Emergency Management Department with a credit limit of \$1,500. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Resolution #24-77, Approval and Disapproval of the 2024 Homestead Tax Credits and Exemptions, Military Tax Credits and Disabled Veterans Homestead Tax Credits. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #24-77

APPROVAL AND DISAPPROVAL OF HOMESTEAD TAX CREDITS AND EXEMPTIONS, MILITARY TAX CREDITS, AND DISABLED VETERAN'S HOMESTEAD TAX CREDITS FOR 2024 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 following application for Disabled Veteran's Homestead Credit submitted to the assessor on or before July 1, 2024, is hereby disallowed based on the assessor's recommendation:

Parcel #200-18150 – Disabled Veteran's Homestead Credit
Parcel #240-97630 – Military Service Property Tax Exemption

IT IS FURTHER 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, 2024, for the 2024 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 6th of August, 2024.

Rick Primmer, Chairman

Gary Bierschenk

Tracy Seeman

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Tracy Seeman reported on the radio tower project. The project is to be about 95% complete, waiting on the base radio's to get into some of the fire stations yet.

The Board stayed and signed all the tax exemption forms.

Bierschenk moved/Seeman seconded: To Adjourn at 10:44 a.m. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye. Motion carried.

Richard Primmer, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor