

October 8, 2024

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Bierschenk and Seeman present, Supervisor Primmer met via telephone. Supervisor Bierschenk 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/Primmer seconded: To approve the agenda. Seeman, Primmer and Bierschenk voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve the minutes from October 1, 2024 Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Seeman seconded: To approve Payroll checks numbered 143401 through 143405, ACH Deposits 58670 through 58831, claims numbered 251412 through 251573 and vendor checks 251579 through 251574. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Seeman seconded: To approve the following invoices to be paid out of ARPA fund: Racom for \$219,903.76, Ralston Construction for \$45,525.00, RC Tech for \$7,882.96, Bolton & Menk for \$6,856.00, Frazier Nursery for \$500.00, Menards for \$379.32 and Racom for \$1,443.554.19. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve the Auditor's Quarterly Report ending September 30, 2024. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve the Sheriff's Quarterly Report ending September 30, 2024. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve the Recorder's Quarterly Report ending September 30, 2024. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Primmer seconded: To table the discussion of a donated bench from the Vinton Cruise Committee. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

Sergeant Josh Karsten along with Deputy Scott Bahmann, Deputy David Upah and Detective Tyler Brandt, presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the BearCat G3 Armored Rescue Vehicle. Karsten is requesting \$348,698.00 of ARPA funds to approve the purchase of the Rescue Vehicle. The ARPA committee already approved the purchase.

Seeman moved/Primmer seconded: To adopt Resolution #24-95. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk all voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #24-95

WHEREAS, the Benton County Treasurer has reported that a mobile home have been deemed to have no value by the court pursuant to Iowa Code 562B.27 and Chapters 555C.2B ; and

WHEREAS, there are currently tax liens filed against the properties and has determined that it is impractical to pursue collection of the total amount of tax due through the tax sale and the personal judgment remedies and has recommended that the board of supervisors abate the tax on this parcel

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the delinquent tax, penalty, interest and costs assessed on parcels:

INFLV55AB3909BJ13	\$3246.00
32976	\$1760.00
GE10233330	\$1044.00

is hereby abated pursuant to Iowa Code 445.16. The treasurer is directed to strike the amount due from the county system.

Dated this 8 day of October, 2024

Richard Primmer, Chairman

Gary Bierschenk

Tracy Seeman

ATTEST:

Gina Edler, Benton County Deputy Auditor

Seeman moved/Primmer seconded: To approve tax suspension for parcel 170-13200 per 441 Iowa Admin Code 75.52, 427.9, 75.1(29). Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk all voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve hiring of part-time transportation driver, Brad Stainbrook at \$16.04/hr. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye thereon. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Primmer seconded: To Adopt Resolution #24-96 Approving hire of Office Manager. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk all voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #24-96
APPROVING HIRE OF OFFICE MANAGER

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Sheriff's Office has a vacancy for the position of office manager, and;

WHEREAS: Applications were accepted for the position, and

WHEREAS: These applications have been reviewed and evaluated, and

WHEREAS Sarah Ries has been selected to fill this vacancy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that Sarah Ries be hired for full-time office manager for the Sheriff's department, effective October 17, 2024, at a starting salary of \$65,000. After 6 month performance review, salary increase to \$67,500 and after 1 year review increase to \$70,000.

Date this 8th day of October, 2024.

Rick Primmer, Chairman

Gary Bierschenk

Tracy Seeman

ATTEST:

Gina Edler, Benton County Deputy Auditor

Rick Grimm spoke with the Board asking for an update on the speed limit on 64th Street. Myron Parizek stated he has sent the request into the DOT and they have received the request. The no passing signs will be moved along with it when the project is finished.

Grimm also discussed the recycling at the county shed in Shellsburg. He stated that the bin gets full and people still drop off their recycle and then it blows around. He asked if the County could put a 3 sided fence around the area to help with garbage. He asked Lifetime Fence for a quote for a 24foot 3 sided fence and it came to \$4,300.00.

Grimm requested a better understanding of structure of time with Secondary Roads employees. He was inquiring if they had set hours, how they clocked in and out. He questioned how they were held accountable and who was monitoring it. Grimm also asked if there was a policy for tools that were Benton County's being used for personal use.

Seeman moved/Primmer seconded: To adopt Resolution #24-97. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk all voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #24-97

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:

CE-0028 0.2 mile north of the SW corner of section 18-86N-11W (Cedar Township) on 16th Avenue - north of 53rd Street

Signed this 8th day of October 2024.

Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____

Gina Edler, Benton County Deputy Auditor

Seeman moved/Primmer seconded: To Approve and sign plan set for Project BROS-C006(126)—8J-06 (Bridge Replacement on 16th Ave in Cedar Twp). Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Primmer seconded: To approve use of ARPA funds for the purchase of Sheriff's Department on armored vehicle. The decision for allocation of funds for other approved projects was tabled. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments were heard from Jerry Grief, he stated he thought that the purchase of the armored vehicle is outrageous. He questioned how the Board can justify this. Rick Grimm stated he supported the purchase and thought it was a good idea.

Seeman moved/Primmer seconded: To Adjourn at 10:39 a.m. Primmer, Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye. Motion carried.

Gary Bierschenk, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Gina Edler, Benton County Deputy Auditor