

November 26, 2024

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Bierschenk and Seeman present, Primmer absent. 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.bentoncountyiowa.gov*

Bierschenk moved/Seeman seconded: To approve the agenda. Both members voting aye. Motion carried.

Bierschenk moved/Seeman seconded: To approve the minutes from November 19, 2024. Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve the following claims to be paid out of the ARPA fund: Custom Jet Oubords in the amount of \$27,718.68 for a rescue boat for EMA and Sheriff. Karl Emergency Vehicles for \$15,637.79 patrol truck for conservation, Uline Shipping Supplies for \$758.76 and Huffcutt for \$169,625 for Conservation's shower house at Wildcat. Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye. Motion carried.

Bierschenk moved/Seeman seconded: To approve handwritten claim number 251906, Payroll checks numbered 143419 through 143528, ACH Deposits 59160 through 59316, vendor checks 251907 through 251913, and claims numbered 251914 through 252106. Both members voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To set public hearing date of Tuesday, January 21, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. for FY 25 Budget Amendment. Both members voting aye. Motion carried.

Benton County Attorney Ray Lough explained how the county had a committee formed for the Opioid Settlement Funds. The goal of the committee is to get something in place that was thoughtful and gave more bang for our bucks. The committee collected RFPs and have been meeting to discuss those received. Lough presented a resolution that will authorize a memorandum of understanding with the Area Substance Abuse Council(ASAC) regarding Opioids. Chelsea Hurber, Director of Fund Development for ASAC explained how this program would bring a care coordinator and a provider to Benton County located in their own buildings. This would bring better access to Vinton and Belle Plaine instead of having the patients having to get their care of out Cedar Rapids. This would be a one-year program, and then check to see if they want to continue to do this on a long-term basis.

Seeman moved/ Bierschenk seconded: To Approve Resolution #24-106, Disbursement of Opioid Settlement Funds with ASAC. Both members voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #24-106

Disbursement of Opioid Settlement Funds for Purpose of Contracting with the Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC) for the Provision of Opioid Treatment and Services in Benton County, Iowa.

WHEREAS, Benton County is a party to the National Opioid Settlement Agreement, and

WHEREAS, Benton County has received settlement funds as a result of the National Opioid Settlement Agreement, and

WHEREAS, as a requirement of the National Opioid Settlement Agreement, said funds are to be used in the remediation of the opioid epidemic within Benton County, including identifying and treating persons addicted to opioids; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that Benton County use a portion of the settlement funds to contract with the Area Substance Abuse Council for the provision of a care coordinator and care provider to be located within, and provide services to, Benton County; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of both a care coordinator and care provider in Benton County will make treatment needs more readily identifiable and accessible. It will provide faster and more accessible necessary treatment services to persons suffering from opioid addiction; and

WHEREAS, the costs of these services is \$70,000.00 which, along with the description of services to be provided, are to be included in a memorandum of understanding to be signed by the parties.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED; that the contract for services with the Area Substance Abuse Council will identify and treat individuals with opioid addictions which is directly related to the remediation of the opioid use disorder in Benton County as required by the National Opioid Settlement Agreement.

Adopted this 26th day of November, 2024.

Rick Primmer, Chairman

Gary Bierschenk

Tracy Seeman

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Chris Ward, Vinton City Administrator met with the board about a possible speed limit change for the road along Nathan's mile trail.. Supervisor Seeman suggested that the City of Vinton work with ECICOG for possible Grant funding to hard surface the road instead. No action was taken on this.

Bierschenk moved/Seeman seconded: To approve and sign plan set for Project BROS-CO06(124)—8J-06 for a RCB culvert replacement-twin box on 32nd Ave. Drive in Florence Township. Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye. Motion carried.

Engineer Myron Parizek shared the bid letting sheet from the Iowa DOT that was had on November 19th.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To ward the Bridge Replacement Project BROS0CO06(123)—8J-06 on 26th Ave. Dr to the lowest bidder K Construction Inc. of Elkader. Iowa in the amount of \$459,494.21. Both members voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Resolution #24-107, Contract Designee. Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #24-107

WHEREAS, the Benton County Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the BROS-C006(123)—8J-06, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Benton County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as Bridge Replacement-CCS on 26th Ave. Dr., over Prairie Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Benton County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Board to accept the bid from K Construction Inc. in the amount of \$459,494.21 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Benton County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Myron L Parizek, the County Engineer for Benton County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

Dated at Benton County, Iowa, this 26th day of November, 2024.

Rick Primmer, Chairman

Gary Bierschenk

Tracy Seeman

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

The Sheriff had sent out for bids for three (3) police package SUVs, 4 door, 4WD or AWD model year 2025.

Only one bid was received from Thys Motor Company in Belle Plaine.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To award the bid to Thys Motor Company for three (3) D025 Durango Pursuit Vehicle AWD 22Z in the amount of \$44,564 each for a grand total of \$133,692. Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye. Motion carried.

Anna Demuth, North Benton Ambulance Director along with members of the EMS Advisory Council shared their proposal how the trust fund should be divided. Services in Benton County are: North Benton Ambulance, Blairstown and Belle Plaine Ambulances along with numerous first responder services in the area communities. The council looked at various scenarios before agreeing to their proposal to divide it out by a percentage based on things such as population, square miles of coverage. The Auditor's office will require all invoices to come to them for payment directly to vendors for items that are allowed under the EMS Trust Fund.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve the funding proposal brought to the board by the EMS Advisory Council to divide the EMS Tax dollars starting December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025 and revisit with the council how this is working. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To accept resignation from Cale Schmidt for the Atkins representation on the EMS Advisory Council and appoint Dan Rammelsberg to replace him. Both members voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman reported on his recent EMS Advisory Council Meeting, EMA meeting and also a safety committee meeting.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To Adjourn at 10:01 a.m. Seeman and Bierschenk voting aye. Motion carried.

Gary Bierschenk, Co-Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor