

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.bentoncountya.gov](http://www.bentoncountya.gov)*

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

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

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

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

**Volz moved/Tippet 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.

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

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

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

**Volz moved/Tippet seconded:** To approve Resolution #26-23, Abatement of Taxes on Parcel #360-00540. Tippet, 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

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Tracy Seeman, Chairman

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Ronald Tippet

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Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

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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.

#### 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 Cherveney 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 (NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) and the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) 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 Cherveney Wildlife Area by accepting sealed bids; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors have previously approved the deed for the Cherveney 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 Cherveney 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 Cherveney 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.

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Tracy Seeman, Chairman

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Ronald J. Tippett

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Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

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Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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.

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Tracy Seeman, Chairman

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Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

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Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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

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Tracy Seeman, Chairman

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Hayley Rippel Benton County Auditor