

**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.bentoncountya.gov](http://www.bentoncountya.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, April 28, 2026. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

**Tippett moved/Volz seconded:** To approve the Class C liquor license for Blairstown Lions Club for Sauerkraut Days to be held on Labor Day Weekend. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

**Volz moved/Tippett seconded:** To approve the FY25 Central Service Allocation Plan. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

**Tippett moved/Volz seconded:** To approve Resolution #26-36, Proclamation Commemorating America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Tippett, Volz and Seeman voting aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #26-36  
PROCLAMATION  
HONORING THE RULE OF LAW AT  
AMERICA'S 250<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS,** As the United States prepares to commemorate its 250<sup>th</sup> 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 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary, The Iowa State Bar Association and The Iowa State Bar Foundation are honored to present a Commemorative 250<sup>th</sup> 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 250<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY.**

Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

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Tracy Seeman, Chairman

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Ronald J. Tippet

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Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

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Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

**Volz moved/Tippet seconded:** To approve Resolution #26-37, Enter into 28E Agreement for 3 years with Tama County and Benton County for Collections. Tippet, 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.

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Tracy Seeman, Chair

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Ronald J. Tippet

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Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

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Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

**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

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Tracy Seeman, Chairman

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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.

**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.

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Tracy Seeman, Chairman

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Ronald J. Tippett

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Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

**\*\* See Section 4.4 of Benton County Handbook**

**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

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Tracy Seeman, Chairman  
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Ronald J. Tippet

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Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

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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 Tippet 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.

**Tippet moved/Volz seconded:** To adjourn meeting at 10:05 a.m. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

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Tracy Seeman, Chairman

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Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor