

June 16, 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 8:45 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)*

**Tippett moved/Volz seconded:** To approve the agenda. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

**Volz moved/Tippett seconded:** To approve the minutes of Tuesday, June 9, 2026 with one change on the speed limit, it should read 60mph not 65 mph. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

**Volz moved/Volz seconded:** To approve the flood insurance renewal for Sheriffs garage. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

**Tippett moved/Volz seconded:** To set land use hearing date of Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 9:15 a.m. for Randy Patten for the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ and the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of 16-83-11. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye.

**Tippett moved/Volz seconded:** To approve farm exemption application for Pat Peters in a part of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of 8-84-9. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried

**Volz moved/Tippett seconded:** To approve the Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (BH-ASO) agreement between Benton County and BH-ASO to have a project coordinator in the Service Center 2 days a week for \$150/month, pending BH-ASO provides us with Liability Coverage and lists Benton County as an entity. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

**Tippett moved/Volz seconded:** To approve use of the courthouse lawn for the Vinton Cruise Committee for Saturday, September 19, 2026 from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

**Seeman moved/Tippett seconded:** To approve EMS Trust fund dollars to pay for Blairstown First Responders to attend an EMT class. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

**Volz moved/Tippett seconded:** To approve Resolution #26-51, Transfer of Funds for FY 27. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-51

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the following interfund funds are ordered:

Local Option Sales & Services (LOSST) to Secondary Roads in the amount of \$405,000.00

The auditor is authorized to make the necessary adjustments to the FY27 budget.

The Board of Supervisors of Benton County, Iowa, adopted the above and foregoing resolution on June 16, 2025.

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Tracy Seeman, Chairman

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Ronald J. Tippett

ATTEST:

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Bruce Volz

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Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

**Volz moved/Tippett seconded:** To approve Resolution #26-52, Interfund Operating Transfers for FY27. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-52

**INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS**

**WHEREAS**, it is desired to authorize the auditor to periodically transfer sums from the general basic fund to the secondary road fund, general supplemental fund, and conservation land acquisition fund; and rural services fund to secondary road and sanitary disposal funds during the 2026-2027 budget year, and

**WHEREAS**, said transfers must be in accordance with section 331.432, Code of Iowa,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BENTON COUNTY, IOWA** as follows:

Section 1. The total maximum transfers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, shall not exceed the amounts listed in the respective funds as follows:

<u>FROM (Fund)</u>	<u>TO (Fund)</u>	<u>AMOUNT (max.)</u>
General Basic	Secondary Road	\$ 260,216.00
Rural Services Basic	Secondary Road	\$ 3,005,000.00

Section 2. The auditor shall order a transfer each quarter of fiscal year 2026-2027. Said quarterly transfers shall be one quarter of the total transfer to each fund as set forth in Section 1.

Section 3. The amount of the transfers required in section 1 to the Secondary Road fund shall be in accordance with Iowa Code 331.429(1)(a) and (b).

Section 4. The amount of any transfer shall not exceed available fund balances in the transferring fund.

Section 5. The auditor is directed to transfer said funds in accordance with this resolution and to notify the treasurer and county engineer of the amounts of said transfers.

The Board of Supervisors of Benton County, Iowa, adopted the above and foregoing resolution on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 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

**Volz moved/Tippett seconded:** To approve Resolution #26-53, FY27 Appropriations. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 26-53  
FY27 APPROPRIATIONS

**WHEREAS**, it is desired to make appropriations for each of the different officers and departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, in accordance with Section 331.434, Subsection 6, Code of Iowa,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BENTON COUNTY, IOWA**, as follows:

Section 1. The amounts as shown, published, and approved in the County Budget for fiscal 2026/2027 on April 21, 2026, be and are itemized by service area to each department on the budgets filed in the office of the county auditor on July 1, 2026 are hereby appropriated. Federal and State grants and/or reimbursements expendable during the fiscal year are hereby appropriated to the designated departments or offices. For purposes of this resolution all departments relating to elections are considered one department. Further, the auditor is authorized to expend funds from the following budgets: Auditor, Elections, District Court, General Services, Non-departmental, GIS, Medical Examiner, Human Resources, and other budgets not under the specific authority of an elected official or full-time county official to ensure the day-to-day operations of the county.

Section 2. Subject to the provisions of other county procedures and regulations and applicable state law, the appropriations authorized under Section 1 shall constitute authorization for the department or officer listed to make expenditures or incur obligations, effective July 1, 2026.

Section 3. In accordance with Section 331.437, Code of Iowa, no department or officer shall expend or contract to expend any money or incur any liability, or enter into any contract, which by its terms involves the expenditure of money for any purpose in excess of the amounts appropriated pursuant to this resolution.

Section 4. If at any time during the 2026-2027 budget year the auditor shall ascertain that the available resources of a fund for that year will be less than said fund's total appropriations, she shall immediately so inform the Board of Supervisors and recommend appropriate corrective action.

Section 5. The auditor shall establish separate accounts for the appropriations authorized in Section 1, each of which account shall indicate the amount of the appropriation, the amounts charged thereto, and the unencumbered balance. The auditor shall report the status of such accounts to the applicable departments and officers at least quarterly during the 2026-2027 budget year.

Section 6. Tax Increment payments, which are subject to annual appropriation are authorized.

Section 7. All appropriations authorized pursuant to this resolution lapse at the end of the business day on June 23, 2026, for payment of goods and services received and/or performed as of that date. The board reserves the right to waive this date at its sole discretion for specific payments for the provision of goods and services that it deems should be paid within said fiscal year.

Section 8. Departmental appropriations remain in full force and effect through June 30, 2027, for payroll expenses occurring after the date stated in Section 7, for the final processing of expenses submitted on or before June 16, 2027, and for any expenses approved by the Board of Supervisors subsequent to June 22, 2027. All appropriations will lapse at the close of business June 30, 2027.

The Board of Supervisors of Benton County, Iowa, adopted the above and foregoing resolution on June 16, 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

	<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>FY 27 Adopted Budget</u></b>	<b><u>FY 27 Appropriations</u></b>
1	Board of Supervisors	\$301,205.83	\$301,205.83
2	Auditor	\$353,960.46	\$353,960.46
3	Treasurer	\$831,212.62	\$831,212.62
4	Attorney	\$1,112,051.04	\$1,112,051.04
5	Sheriff	\$6,849,859.71	\$6,849,859.71
7	Recorder	\$359,057.00	\$359,057.00
9	Rural Addressing	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
10	Sanitarian	\$402,941.64	\$402,941.64
13	Transportation	\$732,981.61	\$732,981.61
14	GIS	\$142,500.00	\$142,500.00
15	Pioneer Cemetery	\$6,800.00	\$6,800.00
16	HUB	0.00	0.00
19	Relief	\$45,296.67	\$45,296.67
20	Secondary Roads	\$16,664,875.00	\$16,664,875.00
21	Veteran Affairs	\$116,942.77	\$116,942.77
22	Conservation	\$2,005,756.06	\$2,005,756.06
23	Public Health	\$303,479.21	\$303,479.21
24	Weed Commissioner	\$668,507.71	\$668,507.71
25	DHS	\$48,090.00	\$48,090.00
28	Medical Examiner	\$96,700.00	\$96,700.00
31	District Court	\$47,500.00	\$47,500.00

33	County Library	\$88,890.00	\$88,890.00
35	Historic Preservation	\$19,367.00	\$19,367.00
42	Federal Forfeiture	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
43	State Forfeiture	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
49	Elections	\$267,446.00	\$267,446.00
50	Personnel	\$21,200.00	\$21,200.00
51	General Services- Maintenance	\$510,343.88	\$510,343.88
52	Information Technology	\$866,476.53	\$866,476.53
54	Sanitary Disposal	\$307,500.00	\$307,500.00
55	Debt Service	\$809,350.00	\$809,350.00
60	Mental Health	\$18,950.00	\$18,950.00
61	Juvenile Probation	\$142,100.00	\$142,100.00
71	Fairgrounds	\$23,750.00	\$23,750.00
73	Primary Elections	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
76	Special County Elections	\$36,300.00	\$36,300.00
77	Special City Elections	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
78	Special City Elections	\$11,600.00	\$11,600.00
79	General Elections	\$74,350.00	\$74,350.00
81	Operating Transfers	\$3,670,216.00	\$3,670,216.00
99	Non-Departmental	\$4,769,068.00	\$4,769,068.00
		\$42,766,124.74	\$42,766,124.74

**Volz moved/Tippett seconded:** To approve Resolution #26-54, Bank Depositories for FY 27. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Resolution #26-54

Bank Depositories

BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that we do hereby designate the following named banks to be depositories for the County funds in amounts not to exceed the amount named opposite said designated depository, and the County Treasurer is here by authorized to deposit said county funds in amounts not to exceed the maximum approved for each respective bank as follows for fiscal year 2027.

Farmers Savings Bank & Trust

Vinton/Traer

\$ 20,000,000

Chelsea Savings Bank	
Belle Plaine	\$ 5,000,000
Chelsea Savings Bank	
Van Horne	\$ 5,000,000
Benton County State Bank	
Blairstown	\$ 4,000,000
Bank Iowa	
Norway	\$ 2,000,000
Watkins Savings Bank	
Watkins	\$ 1,000,000
Cedar Valley Bank & Trust	
La Porte City/Vinton	\$ 13,000,000
Central State Bank	
Walford	\$ 2,000,000
Atkins Savings Bank & Trust	
Atkins	\$ 1,000,000
Keystone Savings Bank	
Keystone	\$ 3,000,000
First Federal Credit Union	
Urbana	\$ 2,000,000

Signed this 16th day of June, 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 #26-55, County Official Bank Depository Limits for FY 27. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-55

COUNTY OFFICIAL BANK DEPOSITORY LIMITS

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that we do hereby designate the following named banks to be depositories for County funds in amounts not to exceed the amount named opposite said depository and the following named county officers are hereby authorized to deposit said County funds in amounts not to exceed the maximum amount named after said bank as follows for fiscal year 2027:

Lexa Speidel, Recorder

Cedar Valley Bank and Trust \$150,000

David Upah, Sheriff

Farmers Savings Bank & Trust – Vinton \$ 500,000

David Upah, Sheriff

US Bank \$ 1,000

Mark Erickson, Transportation Dept.

Midwest One Bank \$ 2,500

Signed this 16th day of June, 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

Committee Reports: Tippett missed out on the Public Health Meeting last Friday. Volz has a Heartland Insurance meeting Thursday. Seeman didn't have anything to report on. Auditor Hayley Rippel mentioned that she was leaning on Monday August 31<sup>st</sup> for the all employee meeting. Once she coordinates with all those involved and gets it finalized she will put it on an agenda so that we can post notice to the public of the half day closing of the courthouse. Rippel also brought up House File 2490, in regards to public notice on public meetings. They will need to have it be available 24 hours a day, so inside the courthouse on the bulletin board does not qualify anymore. This is on next week's agenda and she wanted them to be aware and possibly look into an outdoor display. This will need to go into effect July 1.

Jon Lee, representing the group "Save Morgan Valley" discussed why it is important that Benton County has a seat at the table with the Iowa Utilities Commission. Under Iowa Code 476A, the Iowa Utilities Commission, not the county (Linn or Benton) makes the final decision on a power plant this size. A facility's failure to meet county zoning does not stop the Commission from issuing certificates. Lee stressed that a standalone opposition letter does not change this. Only formal party status can put Benton County on the record. He is asking that we direct the county attorney to file for party (intervenor status I IUC Docket GCU-2026-0002. We should want the County Attorney engages as an active party to

preserve the record and the county's right to appeal. If Benton County receives intervenor status, the commission must weigh reasonable land use of air, land, and water. The Board all three agreed that they are opposed and would discuss with the attorney's office how they could pursue more whether as a joint board or individually. Iowa Code 335.5 states it is the county's duty to protect public health and the general welfare. Lee and others at present urged Benton County to draft an ordinance modeling Linn County's. Derek Marsh, Assistant Attorney was also present to hear the residents concerns and plea's. **Tippett moved/Volz seconded:** To adjourn meeting at 9:57 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