

July 7, 2026

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman, Tippet and Volz were 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*

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

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the minutes of Tuesday, June 30, 2026. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the 07/02/2026 payroll checks numbered 144158 through 144162, ACH Deposits 65891 through 66062, EMS checks 257921 through 257928, vendor checks 257929 through 257936 and claims numbered 257937 through 258073. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye.

Grace Schmidt, Benton County Public Health Director gave the board an update regarding the Iowa HHS public health service system alignment. The new map puts Benton County in District 6 along with 14 counties. Mahaska County has shown interest to be the lead entity. This update will change how health services are organized, funded and delivered in Iowa, but won't change the legal responsibility the county and board of health has. Things are still subject to change and Schmidt will continue to provide updates. The time of 9:15 a.m. having arrived, and this being the time and date set for a land use hearing for Randy Patten within the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ and the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 16-83-11. Patten was present. Andrea Morris presented the technical information with the Benton County Agricultural Land Use Preservation Ordinance. Patten would like to change 6.26 acres to build a single family dwelling along the old abandoned railroad tracks ground he recently purchased from Benton County. The area has a CSR of 83, however the parcel has not been in production since the 1930s. There is an existing driveway that was reviewed and approved by Secondary Roads Department. The request will require the installation of a septic system. If possible, Patten would like to utilize rural water, otherwise a new private well will need to be installed, permitted by the Land Use Department. Official notices were mailed and published accordingly. There was one letter received ahead of today's hearing which Morris read aloud. The letter was inquiring how it would affect the nearby adjoining golf course and farm homes in relation to the utilities. This land already floods and affects 19th Ave, and concerns were asked if this would make things worse. The surrounding area is primarily agricultural with scattered single-family dwellings. Morris stated that this request has been found to be consistent with the applicable policies of the Benton County Land Preservation and Use Plan. Supervisor Seeman asked about hooking up to the rural water, Patten answered that he believes he would have to pay for a study before that could take place. No other further comments were had, the public hearing was closed.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the land use change for Randy Patten within the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ and the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 16-83-11. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-60, Temporary Road Closure for construction on 31st Ave. in Florence Township. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-60

BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the following described Secondary Road be closed for CONSTRUCTION effective from July 6, 2026, through the completion of the project.

From 79th Street southerly 1.0 mile to Benton-Iowa Road along 31st Avenue in Florence Township.

Signed this 7th day of July, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chair

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve Resolution #26-61, Salary increase for Barb Norton, Secondary Roads office manager. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-61

WHEREAS: The Benton Secondary Roads Department has a new Office Manager that has been here six months, and

WHEREAS: This employee is being evaluated semi-annually and is eligible for a salary increase, and

WHEREAS: This employee's evaluation has been quite favorable

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors that the salary for Barbara Norton be increased \$1,750.00 starting July 12, 2026.

Signed this 7th day of July, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chair

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-62, Bridge Embargo Removal for a new structure on 32nd Ave. Drive in Florence Township. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-62

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:

FL-4515 0.5 mile south of the N ¼ corner of section 11-82N-9W (Florence Township) on
32nd Avenue Drive between 75th Street and 76th Street

Signed this 7th day of July 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chair

Ronald J. Tippet

Bruce Volz

ATTEST:

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Engineer Myron Parizek reported that he has gotten stickers to start replacing the 55 mph speed limit signs with a 60 mph. As law states, if the sign is still posted at 55 and not 60, that is what holds up. Supervisor Tippet has an upcoming Board of Health meeting Friday. Supervisor Volz has a Heartland Insurance Meeting and also reported on his attendance at the Linn County Supervisors meeting last week in regards to the Morgan Valley Alliant Project. Volz also gave a brief Wellness update and reported that we have reached 50.83% participation so far for the on-line health assessments. Currently that would be a 1% discount for premiums.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To adjourn meeting at 9:43 a.m. and leave for a tour of various Benton County areas including the new shop at Hannen Lake and the Benton County Landfill. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor