

Benton County Commission

January 05, 2022

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 10:00 a.m. on January 5, 2022 at the Board Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present: Scott Harms, Present: Steve Daleske, Present.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to accept prior minutes dated 1/4/2022. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

David Malecki

David Malecki was present at today's meeting.

Concerned Citizens of Benton County

A group of concerned citizens met with Commissioners today to discuss deputy sheriff pay. Discord was noted with response times to calls, as well as deputy actions once they arrive. Several also noted that the sheriff's responses to complaints pertaining to deputies are unsatisfactory, and no action is taken to deal with these complaints. Citizens stated that, on more than one occasion, they had to write their own report, and no follow-up was given to their report. They stated that, until deputies start performing their duties, they should not be given a raise, and expensive equipment that is requested should be withheld. Failure of leadership, lack of law enforcement and job performance, and concerns about the sheriff's excessive proposed pay increases for deputies were all issues noted by the group. Commissioners encouraged the group to meet with the sheriff to discuss these issues.

2022 Budget Preparation

Commissioners continued preparation of the 2022 budget today. Treasurer Rick Renno and County Clerk Susan Porterfield were also present.

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 1/10/2022. Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Signatures



Steve Daleske, Presiding Commissioner