

# **Benton County Commission**

**January 12, 2026**

## **Convene**

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 12, 2026 at the Board Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present: Scott Harms, Present: Steve Daleske, Present.

## **Approval of Prior Minutes**

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to approve prior minutes dated 1/7/2026. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes).

## **David Malecki/Rich Chiles**

David Malecki and Rich Chiles are present at today's meeting.

## **2026 Salary Resolution**

Commissioners discussed the 2026 Salary Resolution, that outlines hourly pay rates for county employees for the 2026 calendar year. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to approve the salary resolution as presented, District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

## **2026 Final Budget Hearing**

The final budget hearing was held for the 2026 budget. Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske made the motion to accept the 2026 budget as presented, District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

## **Rich Chiles**

Rich Chiles exited the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

## **Benton County Economic Development**

Benton County Economic Development Director Jo Ann Lane met with Commissioners to present her monthly report of economic development efforts in the County.

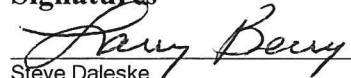
## **Treasurer and County Clerk Reports**

The Treasurer presented her weekly financial report. The County Clerk presented monthly tax abatements; bills were submitted for approval and payment.

## **Adjournment**

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 1/20/2026. Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

**Signatures**

  
Steve Daleske  
Presiding Commissioner