

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