

Benton County Commission

April 01, 2024

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 1, 2024 at the Board Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present: Scott Harms, Present: Steve Daleske, Present.

David Malecki/Gary Batson/Ricky Hinkley

David Malecki, Gary Batson, and Ricky Hinkley were present at today's meeting.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to approve prior minutes dated 3/25/2024. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Approval of Prior Executive Session Minutes

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to approve prior executive session minutes dated 3/25/2024, District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Federal Marshall Contract Renewal

Sheriff Eric Knox met with the Commissioners to discuss the proposed renewal of the federal inmates contract. The Sheriff reviewed the documentation that was provided and believes that the daily rate should be negotiated less than the daily rates of Pettis County (\$95.00) and Greene County (\$100.00). It was recommended that the County propose a rate of \$100.00 per day but accept down to \$94.50 per day. The Sheriff is concerned that if we charge a higher rate than those detention centers around Benton County, the inmate numbers might be reduced for Benton County. Presiding Commissioner Daleske provided Sheriff Knox a copy of the additional information that was needed for the contract negotiation with Summerill. Sheriff Knox will return this information as soon as possible so that the negotiation process can begin.

Named Roads In Forthview Subdivision

Gary Batson and Ricky Hinkley met with the Commissioners to discuss road names in Forthview Subdivision. E-911 Director Jessica Mayfield was also present. When Mr. Batson purchased parcels of land in the area, his development area did not include names for the roads. Later, he met with Assessor Jim Hansen and names were assigned to the roads in the area. However, these chosen names were not properly named when the property was surveyed, causing a problem with new property owners needing a 911 address. Director Mayfield provided information related to a recent address assignment to a new property owner. She advised that new signage would be installed later this week with the agreed-to names. However, a cul-de-sac named Brooks Circle is not on any mapping programs, and it was recommended that Mr. Batson file the appropriate information with the Benton County Recorder. This information will then be sent to the Assessor to be added as needed. Mr. Batson asked if the County was collecting taxes on public property. He was directed to meet with the County Collector. Finally, Mr. Batson stated that Southwest Electric Cooperative (SWEC) informed him that they could not provide power to some of the properties in this area. Director Mayfield will contact SWEC to clarify this issue.

Fuel Bid

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms solicited bids to purchase red diesel for the Lincoln and Cole Camp sheds. Waraw Oil bid \$3.26 per gallon including taxes. MFA Oil bid \$3.11 per gallon plus taxes of \$0.245 per gallon. Commissioner Harms motioned to accept the bid of Warsaw Oil. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes). The County accepted the low bid price.

Treasurer And County Clerk Reports

The Treasurer presented his weekly report. The County Clerk submitted monthly budget reports for each department; bills were presented for approval and payment.


Gary Batson/Ricky Hinkley

Gary Batson and Ricky Hinkley exited the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 4/8/2024. Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Signatures



Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner