

Benton County Commission

April 22, 2024

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 22, 2024 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 4/15/2024. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

David Malecki

David Malecki is present at today's meeting.

Road Vacation - Lover's Leap Addition to Blue Branch

Attorney Hurley Mahan met with Commissioners for further discussion of certain property in Lover's Leap Addition to Blue Branch. Lisa Thorne and Jim Thorne were also present. This Petition for Vacation had originally been brought to Commissioners on March 18, 2024. The two tracts of property sought to be vacated are described as (1) a portion of a platted but undeveloped area and perhaps roadway (Tract 1) and (2) an undeveloped area between Lot 1, Block 2, and Lot 16, Block 3, (Tract 2) both lying within the confines of the boundaries of Blue Branch Lover's Leap Addition, a subdivision in Benton County. Commissioners have contacted the County's legal counsel, who has stated that documents are in order as presented. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to approve the road vacation as submitted, District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Ricky Hinkley

Ricky Hinkley is present at today's meeting.

Treasurer and County Clerk Reports

The Treasurer presented his weekly financial report; the County Clerk submitted bills for approval and payment.

Kaysinger Basin Regional Planning Commission

Kaysinger Basin Regional Planning Commission representatives Dillon Harness and Teresa Heckenlively met with Commissioners to present a proposal for a federal grant that addresses roadway safety issues and mitigation efforts. This endeavor would include Bates, Benton, Cedar, Henry, Hickory, St. Clair, and Vernon Counties and would require a cash match from each County.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representatives Dylan Reeder and Bradley Wright met with Commissioners to discuss County maintenance of roads that lead to public lands; a list will be compiled of these roads, and another meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Ricky Hinkley

Ricky Hinkley exited the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Road Conditions

Commissioners discussed road conditions on various county roads, noting that asphalt overlay will begin soon.

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 4/29/2024. Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes).

Signatures

Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner