

Benton County Commission
June 29, 2026

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 29, 2026, in the County Commission Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present; Scott Harms, Present; and Steve Daleske, Present.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to approve prior minutes dated June 22, 2026. 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/Rebecca Minks

David Malecki and Rebecca Minks are present at today's meeting.

Jerry and Cynthia Smith

Jerry and Cynthia Smith met with Commissioners to express opposition to any County landfill; Commissioners stated that they have no information pertaining to landfills or the development of same.

County Clerk Reports

County Clerk Susan Porterfield presented copies of the draft audit that she has received from Stopp and VanHoy, LLC. Responses will be drafted and returned to that firm. Bills were submitted for approval and payment.

Board of Equalization

The Benton County Board of Equalization will convene on Monday, July 20, 2026, in the Commission room. Two members at-large will be contacted to serve on this Board, as required by Statute.

Rosa and Gerald Valentine

Rosa and Gerald Valentine met with Commissioners to express opposition to Data Centers being located within the confines of the County, stating that contamination of water and property will occur if such a facility is constructed. Further documentation will be gathered and presented to Commissioners at a later date. Commissioners indicated that no facility is located here.

Boonslick Regional Library

Two letters have been received from Boonslick Regional Library, requesting the reappointment of Dana Lynde and Randy Eaton to the Board of Boonslick Regional Library.

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to reappoint Dana Lynde to the Board of Boonslick Regional Library, District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes). District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to reappoint Randy Eaton to the Board of Boonslick Regional Library, District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Insurance Loss Consultant

Sam Palmer, CSP, MS-OSH, AFIS, CAWC, Risk and Safety Tech Lead for Loss Control Services, met with Commissioners to discuss and evaluate County-owned property for insurance purposes. Sheriff Eric Knox, Major Kelly Lowe, and Captain Kim Hausmann were also present.

Adjourn

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms ordered that the Commission adjourn until July 6, 2026; District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

SignatureA handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SD', is written over the printed name 'Steve Daleske'.

Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner