

Benton County Commission
July 13, 2026

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, July 13, 2026, in the County Commission Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present; Scott Harms, Present; and Steve Daleske, Present.

David Malecki

David Malecki is present at today's meeting.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to approve prior minutes dated July 6, 2026. 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 approve prior executive session minutes dated July 6, 2026; District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Foley Equipment

Foley Equipment representative Cody Painter met with Commissioners to discuss equipment and services offered by Foley Equipment.

Data Centers

Ava Aabak and Rosa and Gerald Valentine met with Commissioners for further discussion of potential data centers being located within the County. Mr. Valentine read information that he has gathered, indicating the damage such centers could produce. Commissioners again stated that they have no knowledge of data centers being located here and indicated that they continue to obtain information, and research will continue in this matter.

Bid Opening – Tower and Antenna Work

The bid opening was held for tower and antenna work at the 911 Dispatch Center. 911 representatives Ron Cobb and David Dunford were also present. The following bids were received: Second Sight Systems in the amount of \$42,614.73, Warner Communications in the amount of \$57,750.00, and Alt, Inc. in the amount of \$63,180.00. Bids were reviewed, and upon recommendation of Mr. Dunford, District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to accept the bid from Second Sight Systems. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Treasurer/Semi-Annual Report

Treasurer Rebecca Minks met with Commissioners to present her monthly financial report and a report of interest-by-month for each fund. She also submitted the Treasurer's semi-annual report of County funds, as required by Statute.

2024 Audit

Commissioners, County Clerk, and Treasurer discussed the 2024 audit; responses have been drafted and will be sent to the auditor.

Assessor

Assessor Jim Hansen met with Commissioners to report that he has received a letter from the Missouri State Tax Commission, indicating that, in response to state-wide budget cuts, the STC has decreased the per-parcel reimbursement for the Assessor's Office for this coming fiscal year; which will result in a decrease in funding of approximately \$21,000.

District Valuations and Form 11

County Clerk Susan Porterfield presented district valuation totals for 2026 and reported that the Form 11 has been sent to the Missouri State Tax Commission as required. Districts have been notified of their assessed valuations.

County Clerk

County Clerk Susan Porterfield presented the 2nd quarter property insurance schedule for review; she will follow up with pertinent information to Mike Keith Insurance. Bills were presented for approval and payment.

Fuel Bids

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to accept the bid for diesel fuel for Road District #1 from MFA Oil Company at a cost of \$3.66 per gallon; District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes). Other bid was received from Zollicker Oil Company at a cost of \$3.935 per gallon; the County accepted the low bid price.

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to accept the bid for unleaded gasoline for Road District #1 Zollicker Oil Company at a cost of \$3.335 per gallon; District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes). Other bid was received from MFA Oil Company at a cost of \$3.42 per gallon; the County accepted the low bid price.

Adjourn

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms ordered that the Commission adjourn until July 27, 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 2:25 p.m.

Signature

Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner