

Benton County Commission
August 10, 2026

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 10, 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 August 3, 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

David Malecki is present at today's meeting.

Visitors

Visitors at today's meeting included Rich Chiles, Amber Segar, Rebecca Minks, Veletta Autry, Cynthia Smith, Sharon Guess, and Peggy Crabtree-Berry.

Moratorium

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske presented a moratorium that he has received from legal counsel, as requested by Commissioners, pertaining to data centers; this moratorium would allow Commissioners time to review information on data centers and their effects on the County, and to meet with citizens who are expressing concerns in this matter. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to approve the moratorium 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).

Visitor Exit

Veletta Autry exited the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Fuel Bids

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to accept the bid from Warsaw Oil Company for diesel fuel for Road District #1 at a cost of \$4.115 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 bids were received from Zollicker Oil Company at a cost of \$4.695 per gallon, and from MFA Oil Company at a cost of \$4.31 per gallon; the County accepted the low bid price.

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to accept the bid from Warsaw Oil Company for unleaded gasoline for Road District #1 at a cost of \$3.13 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 bids were received from Zollicker Oil Company at a cost of \$3.635 per gallon, and from MFA Oil Company at a cost of \$3.405 per gallon; the County accepted the low bid price.

2026 Tax Levy Discussion

Commissioners discussed the 2026 tax levy information as presented by County Clerk Susan Porterfield. Collector David Brodersen was also present. Further discussion will be given to this matter at the levy hearing that will be held on August 24, 2026, at 10 a.m.

County Clerk

County Clerk Susan Porterfield presented monthly tax abatements for approval and signature; bills were submitted for approval and payment.

Benton County Economic Development

Benton County Economic Development Director Jo Ann Lane met with Commissioners to present her monthly report of economic development efforts within the County.

Treasurer

Treasurer Rebecca Minks met with Commissioners to present her financial report; she also noted that "Positive Pay" transactions are now tracking properly within the software system. She also submitted a Corrective Action Plan for 2026 that outlines her intent to correct issues stipulated in the recent audit.

Cynthia Smith

Cynthia Smith spoke with Commissioners about several topics, including handicap accessibility in the Courthouse, elevator specifications, and nepotism; she also expressed opposition to any landfill being located in the County. Commissioners again stated that they have no knowledge of any potential landfill being located here.

Visitors Exit

Visitors exited the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Alpine Bank

A conference call was conducted with Jacob Going, Investment Manager of Alpine Bank, pertaining to the County's Lease Certificates of Participation related to the jail project.

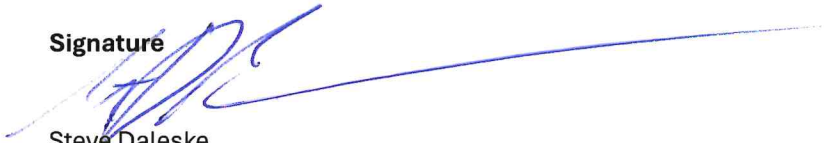
Fuel Bid

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to accept the bid for diesel fuel for Road District #2 from Warsaw Oil Company at a cost of \$4.16 per gallon; District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry 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 \$4.16 per gallon; the County accepted the bid most advantageous to the County.

Adjourn

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms ordered that the Commission adjourn until August 17, 2026; District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Signature



Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner