

Benton County Commission

August 16, 2021

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 16, 2021 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 8/9/2021. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Fuel Bid - Unleaded Gasoline

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to approve the bid for unleaded gasoline for Road District #1 from Warsaw Oil Company at a cost of \$2.49 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). This was the only bid received for this service.

Fuel Bid - Diesel Fuel

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to approve the bid for diesel fuel for Road District #1 from Warsaw Oil Company at a cost of \$2.48 per gallon. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). This was the only bid received for this service.

Friends of the Benton County Sheriff

Members of the Friends of the Benton County Sheriff group met with Commissioners to discuss budget concerns on behalf of the Benton County Sheriff. Staffing issues, pay, and benefits were discussed. Commissioners indicated their willingness to work with the Sheriff to overcome obstacles, noting that this will be an ongoing process in order to find a solution for all parties. Another meeting will be held on September 13 for follow-up in this matter.

2021 Tax Rate Hearing

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to accept the proposed tax rates for the 2021 tax year. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes). The tax rates will be \$.1350 for General Revenue, and \$.2108 for Road and Bridge, per \$100 assessed valuation. Other officials present were County Clerk Susan Porterfield, Treasurer Rick Renno, Assessor Jim Hansen, and Collector David Brodersen.

Treasurer and County Clerk Reports

The Treasurer gave his weekly financial report. The County Clerk submitted bills for approval and payment.

KY3 News Interview

Marina Silva, journalist from KY3 News, interviewed Commissioners pertaining to budget concerns and staffing

issues at the Benton County Sheriff's Office.

Leave Policy

Commissioners discussed the current leave policy that is in place. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to adopt a policy that indicates the following: if an employee is required to quarantine due to Covid-19 or any variance thereof, or if an employee contracts Covid-19 or any variance, employees will be required to use sick, vacation, holiday, or personal time for this leave; employees who do not have paid time available will be permitted to utilize non-paid time without penalty. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske. This policy will become effective August 16, 2021.

Adjournment

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry Ordered that the commission adjourn until 8/23/2021. Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Signatures



Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner