

Benton County Commission

October 04, 2021

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 4, 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 9/27/2021. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Friends of the Sheriff

The Friends of the Sheriff group was scheduled to meet with Commissioners at 9 a.m.; no one appeared for this meeting.

Road Vacation - Portion of Edwards Avenue

Attorney Jim Kjar met with Commissioners to present a petition to vacate a portion of a road described as follows: That portion of Edwards Avenue in Section 1, Township 39, Range 21 and in Section 6, Township 39, Range 20 which lies 20 feet North of real property owned by Todd A. Downing lying in Section 7, Township 39, Range 20. Mr. Kjar stated that the road is now useless and repairing the road is an unreasonable burden upon the Benton County Road District. Commissioners noted that they have visited the proposed road vacation area prior to this meeting. Further discussion will be given to this matter pursuant to Missouri Statute, and Commissioners will hear this petition again on January 3, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Road Vacation - Alleyway in Lakeview Heights Sub

Attorney Jim Kjar met with Commissioners to present a petition for the vacation of an alleyway in Lakeview Heights Subdivision described as follows: The 10' alleyway between Lots 278 and 279 of Lakeview Heights Subdivision. Commissioners noted that they have visited the proposed vacation site prior to this meeting. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to table this decision until October 25, 2021 at 9:30 a.m., so that further consideration can be given. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Road Vacation - Ozark North Shore

Attorney Jim Kjar met with Commissioners to present a petition for vacation of a portion of a platted road in Ozark North Shore, described as follows: From the Northerly corner of Lot 13, Block 11 of Unit 1, Ozark North Shore to the southernmost corner of Lot 1, Block 12, Unit 1, Ozark North Shore to the Southwest Corner of Lot 5, Block 12, Unit 1, Ozark North Shore to 22 feet south of the Northeast corner of Lot 11, Block 13, Unit 1, Ozark North Shore, to the point of beginning. Others in attendance were Donnie Lee, Dawn Struble, Douglas Ray, and Annette Ray. Commissioners indicated that they have visited the proposed vacation area prior to this hearing. Opposition was expressed to the proposed road vacation. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to table this discussion until October 25, 2021 at 9:30 a.m., to allow for further investigation; District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

David Malecki

David Malecki is now present.

Treasurer and County Clerk Reports

The Treasurer gave his weekly financial report. The County Clerk presented budget reports for each department; bills were submitted for approval and payment.

Sheriff

Sheriff Eric Knox and Captain Dean Noll met with Commissioners to discuss rates of pay for jailers in the Benton County Detention Center. Budget concerns for fiscal year 2022 were also discussed.

Collector Report

Collector David Brodersen presented the tax distribution report for the month of September.

RCS

Commissioners conducted a telephone conference call with RCS - Radio Communications Specialists - to discuss radio tower and equipment specifications that will be necessary in order to upgrade present communication equipment in the 911 Dispatch Center. E-911 Director Jessica Mayfield and Emergency Management Director Mark Richerson were also present.

Fuel Bid

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to approve the bid for Road District #2 for diesel fuel from Warsaw Oil Company at a cost of \$2.695 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 \$3.02 per gallon; the county accepted the low bid price.

Jailer's Salary Schedule

Commissioners discussed the new salary schedule that had been drafted for jailers and reviewed information that was presented by Sheriff Knox. According to the Sheriff, all personnel working within the detention area of the Benton County Jail are deemed jailers. At the Sheriff's request, all of these employees will be given an additional \$2.00 per hour to improve hiring and retention efforts. Jailers with added duties will be given additional hourly compensation. No additional funds are needed to provide the agreed-upon salary increases. These increases are effective October 3, 2021, and will be reflected at the October 22, 2021 pay.

Adjournment

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry Ordered that the commission adjourn until 10/12/2021. Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

Signatures



Steve Daleske, Presiding Commissioner