

**Benton County Commission**  
**October 5, 2026**

**Convene**

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 5, 2026, in the County Commission Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present; Scott Harms, Present; and Steve Daleske, Present.

**Approval of Prior Minutes**

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to approve prior minutes dated September 28, 2026. 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 present at today's meeting.

**Visitors**

The following citizens were present: Amber Segar, Rosa Valentine, Cynthia Smith, Jeff Sims, Sharon Karr, Sharon Guess, Patty Richardson, Rebecca Minks, Rich Chiles, Ava Aabak

**OmniGo Contract for Service**

Commissioners discussed information that has been received from OmniGo pertaining to retrieval of data for the sheriff's office. When the upgrades for computer maintenance were made and the transition was made to Central Square, OmniGo did not allow for a changeover to Central Square. In order for the sheriff's office to be able to access prior necessary information, an agreement must be entered into with OmniGo. The invoice amount for this service is \$30,000.00 for a 3-year period. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to enter into an agreement with OmniGo in order to allow retrieval of information, District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

**Rosa Valentine**

Rosa Valentine spoke to Commissioners pertaining to August 3 minutes, requesting an amendment to the minutes from that meeting. She stated that when Commissioners went into a short recess, that the information was not specified as to why they were in recess. Those minutes were produced, and it was noted that the minutes clearly state the reason for the recess; therefore, no amendment is necessary. She also inquired about livestreaming of meetings; Presiding Commissioner Daleske described the process necessary to implement livestreaming and further stated that the cost for this service would be at least \$20,000. Mrs. Valentine then questioned an ordinance that pertains to landfills; Presiding Commissioner Daleske indicated that an ordinance of this nature will require guidance from legal counsel. A report from the Department of Natural Resources was presented to Mrs. Valentine that provides information pertaining to various issues.

**Patty Richardson**

Patty Richardson discussed with Commissioners the procedures utilized for maintenance of county roads.

**Cynthia Smith**

Cynthia Smith spoke to Commissioners pertaining to the condition of Polk Street; Commissioners indicated that this is a county road after the city limits. Commissioner Berry will review the area for maintenance. She also requested speed limit signs on this road due to the high traffic area that this is.

**Elected Officials**

A meeting with elected officials was held to present 2027 budget worksheets. Those present with Commissioners were County Clerk Susan Porterfield, Collector David Brodersen, Recorder Carla Brown,

Assessor Jim Hansen, Sheriff Eric Knox, Major Kelly Lowe, Circuit Clerk Shanda Schultz, and Treasurer Rebecca Minks. Treasurer Rebecca Minks presented her financial report at this time.

#### **OmniGo Update**

Major Kelly Lowe met with Commissioners, noting that he has negotiated with OmniGo for retrieval of information, as discussed above. The new negotiated contract price for this service is \$20,201.28. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms amended his motion to reflect this updated invoice amount; District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

#### **Executive Session**

At 9:50 a.m., District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to go to Executive Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021.3 Personnel, District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

At 10:05 a.m., District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to reconvene in regular session, District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

#### **Visitors**

Rosa Valentine, Cynthia Smith, Sharon Guess, Patty Richardson, and Jeff Sims returned to the meeting.

#### **Peggy Crabtree-Berry and Ron Cobb**

Peggy Crabtree-Berry and Ron Cobb met with Commissioners to discuss fire protection service in the southwest portion of the County. Discussion of options will continue, and taxpayers in this area will set up meetings with applicable fire protection districts to discuss annexation or membership, whichever is feasible. Sharon Eldridge was scheduled at this time but did not appear.

#### **Jeff Sims**

Jeff Sims spoke with Commissioners and requested an ordinance to deter data centers and landfills from locating here, indicating that an ordinance will allow for guidelines to be put in place and will bar those types of establishments from locating here. He presented information that he has compiled on the subject and stated that noise generated by a data center will run 24/7, which can cause cognitive problems that will be ongoing for citizens, and adoption of an ordinance will ensure that Commissioners are looking out for the County. He also spoke in favor of planning and zoning, stating that Commissioners should meet with Warsaw, Lincoln, and Cole Camp cities and see their ordinances and guidelines.

#### **Tom Smith Road**

Rolland Wolgan met with Commissioners to address questions regarding Tom Smith Road.

Visitors exited the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

#### **County Clerk**

County Clerk Susan Porterfield presented monthly budget reports for each department, as well as monthly tax abatements for approval and signature; bills were submitted for approval and payment.

#### **District Assessed Valuations**

County Clerk Susan Porterfield presented the new district valuation totals for 2026, as reported on Form 11A. This information has been forwarded to the Missouri State Tax Commission as required, and districts will be notified of their assessed valuation.

#### **Sheriff's Fees for Unclaimed Property**

Treasurer Rebecca Minks discussed the procedures for the sheriff's fees for unclaimed property. These funds will need to be transmitted to the State.

**Adjourn**

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry ordered that the Commission adjourn until October 13, 2026; District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes) and Scott Harms (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

**Signature**



Steve Daleske  
Presiding Commissioner

(Note: visitors come and go at will during Commission session.)