

# **Benton County Commission**

**October 31, 2022**

## **Convene**

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 31, 2022 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 10/24/2022. 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.

## **County Clerk Report**

County Clerk Susan Porterfield submitted monthly budget reports for each department; budget worksheets for 2023 were also presented. It was determined that budget review will begin on November 28. Bills were submitted for approval and payment.

## **Fuel Bid**

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to approve the bid for diesel fuel from MFA Oil Company for Road District #2 at a cost of \$4.487 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 Warsaw Oil Company at a cost of \$4.55 per gallon; the County accepted the low bid price.

## **US Army Corps of Engineers/MO Dept of Conservation**

Commissioners discussed concerns of access to Corps and Missouri Department of Conservation properties. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representative Larry Smith was also present.

## **Major Dean Noll**

Major Dean Noll met with Commissioners to discuss issues pertaining to equipment for the Sheriff's Office.

## **J. D. Findley**

J. D. Findley met with Commissioners to discuss road conditions in southeast Benton County.

## **Mike Keith Insurance, Inc.**

A telephone conference call was conducted with Mike Keith Insurance representative Jeannie Cunningham, to discuss the costs of renewal of employee health insurance. Ms. Cunningham will gather more documentation and speak with Commissioners again next week.

## **Property and Liability Insurance**

Commissioners discussed the worksheets presented by Mike Keith Insurance, Inc. pertaining to property and liability insurance. Numbers will be finalized and returned to the insurance company in order to obtain cost information for 2023.

## **E-911**

On Friday, October 28, 2022, the Benton County Emergency Dispatch Center activated the new, digital communication system for all Benton County law enforcement agencies. County Commissioners have been working with Director Jessica Mayfield for over a year to make this improvement a reality. This new equipment permitted Benton County to complete the mandatory transition to an all-digital system as required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). With this change, the Benton County Sheriff's Office frequency is encrypted, and transmissions will no longer be available on a scanner. This change will protect law enforcement officers and the general public by preventing sensitive information from being transmitted on a live, scannable frequency. When this upgrade is completed, communications will improve in the areas where radio frequency reception has been a long-term problem.

## **Adjournment**

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 11/7/2022. Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

## **Signatures**



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Steve Daleske  
Presiding Commissioner