Benton County Commission
November 9, 2026

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 9, 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 November 2, 2026. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to approve prior executive session minutes dated November 2, 2026, District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Visitors

The following citizens were present: David Malecki, Amber Segar, Patty Richardson, Sharon Guess, Liza White, Baron Y. Pennington, Sr., Rosa Valentine, Rich Chiles, Peggy Crabtree-Berry, and Rebecca Minks.

Fuel Bids

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 $3.475 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 $3.735 per gallon, and from MFA Oil Company at a cost of $4.02 per gallon; the County accepted the low bid price.

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to accept the bid from MFA Oil Company for diesel fuel for Road District #1 at a cost of $5.41 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 Warsaw Oil Company at a cost of $5.495 per gallon, and from Zollicker Oil Company at a cost of $5.585 per gallon; the County accepted the low bid price.

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to accept the bid from MFA Oil Company for diesel fuel for Road District #2 at a cost of $5.26 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 $5.495 per gallon; the County accepted the low bid price.

County Clerk

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

Quad-Lakes Solid Waste Management

County Clerk Susan Porterfield presented the annual invoice for membership in the Quad-Lakes Solid Waste Management district. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to renew membership with this group, at an annual cost of $1,387. 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 with Commissioners pertaining to County bills, questioning certain expenses. She also questioned the agreement for attorney services that the County has with Travis Elliott, through Missouri Association of Counties. She requested information about the economic development director position. She questioned when Commissioners intended to sign the ordinance that was brought to the office last week; Commissioner Daleske stated that legal counsel has not completed its' review.

Patty Richardson

Patty Richardson requested information pertaining to the ordinance that governs wastewater treatment systems from 1991and submitted a Sunshine Request to the county clerk requesting a certified copy of this.

2027 Budget

Commissioners began 2027 budget meetings today; meetings will be conducted with officials and department heads.

Collector Budget

Collector David Brodersen met with Commissioners to present his 2027 budget requests. This included the budget for the Collector's Tax Maintenance Fund.

County Clerk Budget

County Clerk Susan Porterfield and County Clerk-Elect Amber Segar met with Commissioners to present the 2027 budget requests. This included budgets for county clerk, elections, Election Services, and HAVA Funds.

Benton County Economic Development – report and budget

Benton County Economic Development Director Jo Ann Lane met with Commissioners to present her monthly report of economic development efforts within the County. She also submitted her 2027 budget requests.

Road District Budgets

Associate Commissioners Scott Harms and Larry Berry presented their 2027 budget requests for Road Districts 1 and 2.

Treasurer

Treasurer Rebecca Minks presented a financial report for October and a month-end reconciliation report.

Assessor Budget

Assessor Jim Hansen met with Commissioners to present his 2027 budget requests.

Senate Bill 3

Commissioners discussed the ramifications of Senate Bill 3 and additional staff and computer programs that could be necessary for implementation of this change. Assessor Jim Hansen and Collector David Brodersen were also present.

Adjourn

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms ordered that the Commission adjourn until November 10, 2026; District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes) and Scott Harms (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Signature

Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner