

Benton County Commission

July 03, 2023

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 3, 2023 at the Board Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present: Scott Harms, Present: Steve Daleske, Present.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to approve prior minutes dated 6/26/2023. 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.

Colonial Life Insurance

Colonial Insurance representative Daniel Rodriguez met with Commissioners to present a detail of benefits offered by this company.

2022 Audit

Commissioners received information from Stopp & VanHoy pertaining to the 2022 audit request; this company can perform the audit later this year instead of before September 30, 2023, as originally requested. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to accept the proposal for audit services as submitted by Stopp & VanHoy, District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

County Clerk Report

County Clerk Susan Porterfield presented monthly budget reports for each department; bills were submitted for approval and payment.

Adjournment

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry Ordered that the commission adjourn until 7/10/2023. Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Signatures


Steve Daleske, Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

July 10, 2023

Convene

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 10, 2023 at the Board Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present: Scott Harms, Present: Steve Daleske, Absent.

Approval of Acting Presiding Commissioner

County Clerk Susan Porterfield appointed District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry as Acting Presiding Commissioner of today's meeting.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to approve prior minutes dated 7/3/2023. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes) and Scott Harms (Yes).

David Malecki

David Malecki is present at today's meeting.

Fuel Bids

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to accept the bid from Warsaw Oil Company for diesel fuel for Road District #1 at a cost of \$2.97 per gallon. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes) and Scott Harms (Yes). Other bids were received from Zollicker Oil Company at a cost of \$3.00 per gallon, and from MFA Oil Company at a cost of \$3.05 per gallon; the County accepted the low bid price.

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 \$2.87 per gallon. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes) and Scott Harms (Yes). Other bids were received from Zollicker Oil Company at a cost of \$3.01 per gallon, and from MFA Oil Company at a cost of \$3.07 per gallon; the County accepted the low bid price.

Board of Equalization

The Benton County Board of Equalization will convene on Monday, July 17, 2023, at 10 a.m. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to appoint Pam Grobe and Josh Sater to serve as representatives on the Board, District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes) and Scott Harms (Yes).

Bid Opening - Backfile Indexing System

Recorder Carla Brown presented information for the bid opening of backfile indexing services for her office. Two bids were received for this service, from Sutterfield Technologies in the amount of \$156,174, and from U.S. Imaging in the amount of \$145,125. The Recorder will review the bids before a final decision is made.

Benton County Economic Development

Benton County Economic Development Director Jo Ann Lane met with Commissioners to present her monthly report of economic efforts within the County.

Treasurer and County Clerk Reports

The Treasurer presented his weekly financial report; the County Clerk submitted bills for approval and payment.

Prosecuting Attorney

Prosecuting Attorney Rod Richardson met with Commissioners to discuss staffing issues, noting that he had previously stated that he required additional staff and also requested that the part-time prosecuting attorney position be made a full-time position. He indicated today that these staffing requests are not necessary at this time.

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 7/17/2023. Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Absent) Meeting adjourned at 12 p.m.

Signatures



Larry Berry
Acting Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

July 17, 2023

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 17, 2023 at the Board Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present: Scott Harms, Present: Steve Daleske, Present.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to approve prior minutes dated 7/10/2023. 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.

Windsor Review/Cole Camp Courier

Windsor Review/Cole Camp Courier reporter Kenny Ragland met with Commissioners to discuss upcoming road and bridge projects; impact of the current situation surrounding the Harry S. Truman Dam Visitor's Center and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was also discussed.

Recorder/Backfile Indexing System

Recorder Carla Brown met with Commissioners to report that she has reviewed bids received pertaining to the backfile indexing service for her office. District 2 Scott Harms made the motion to approve the bid from Sutterfield Technologies in the amount of \$156,174 as recommended by Recorder Carla Brown. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

County Clerk Report

The County Clerk submitted bills for approval and payment.

Mistletoe Avenue

Steve Doss met with Commissioners to discuss storm water run-off concerns on Mistletoe Avenue; District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry will look at this area and determine a solution.

Board of Equalization

The Benton County Board of Equalization convened at 10 a.m. Those present for the Board were: Steve Daleske, Scott Harms, and Larry Berry, Commissioners; Jim Hansen, County Assessor; Susan Porterfield, County Clerk; and Pam Grobe and Josh Sater, Appointed Members. A telephone conference call was conducted with T-Mobile representative Dmitriy Matsyshen to discuss valuations placed on business personal property equipment that is owned by T-Mobile Central, LLC. Assessor Hansen stated that his office needs more information from the company, and assessment values have been placed on property with the documentation received; Mr. Matsyshen stated that he will correspond further with the Assessor's Office in an attempt to reconcile these valuation issues. Scott Harms made the motion to uphold the assessor's 2023 values for this

property. Pam Grobe seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken: Steve Daleske (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Larry Berry (Yes), Pam Grobe (Yes), and Josh Sater (Yes).

Adjourn Board of Equalization

Josh Sater made the motion to adjourn the 2023 Benton County Board of Equalization, Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Steve Daleske (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Larry Berry (Yes), Pam Grobe (Yes), and Josh Sater (Yes).

Prosecuting Attorney

Prosecuting Attorney Rod Richardson met with Commissioners, at their request, for further discussion and clarification of staffing concerns and office renovations.

Michael Doss

Michael Doss met with Commissioners to express dissatisfaction with the valuation of his property, stating that he has talked to Assessor Jim Hansen on two separate occasions and is still not satisfied with his valuation and asked to speak with the Board of Equalization. He was advised that he did not schedule an appointment with the Board of Equalization within the statute-mandated timeframe, and the time to meet with the 2023 Board of Equalization is past. He indicated that he will pay his taxes under protest and meet with the Board next year.


RenoDry USA

A telephone conference call was conducted with RemDry USA representative Don Brown, to discuss the project estimate for 2 commercial-grade dehydration units. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to accept the proposal for this equipment in the amount of \$16,000, District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 7/24/2023. Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Signatures



Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

July 24, 2023

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 24, 2023 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 7/17/2023. 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.

Treasurer and County Clerk Reports

The Treasurer presented his weekly financial report; the County Clerk submitted bills for approval and payment.

Commissioners Absent from Courthouse Office

At 11:15 a.m., Commissioners took a short recess in order to visit the E-911 Center.

Commissioners Now Present

Commissioners returned to the Courthouse Office at 11:40 a.m.

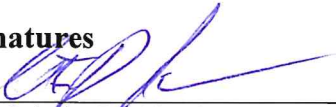
Windsor Review

A telephone conference call was conducted with Kenny from the Windsor Review, to give an update on construction progress and cost of Gray Avenue Bridge.

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 7/31/2023. Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Signatures



Steve Daleske, Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

July 31, 2023

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 31, 2023 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 7/24/2023. 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.

West Central Missouri Community Action Agency

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to re-appoint District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry as County representative to the board of directors of the West Central Community Action Agency. Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Fuel Bids

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to approve the bid from Warsaw Oil Company for Road District #2 for diesel fuel at a cost of \$3.36 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). This was the only bid received; MFA Oil Company was contacted but did not bid.

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to approve the bid from Warsaw Oil Company for Road District #1 for diesel fuel at a cost of \$3.38 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 MFA Oil Company at a cost of \$3.41 per gallon, and from Zollicker Oil Company at a cost of \$3.425 per gallon; the County accepted the low bid price.

Treasurer and County Clerk Reports

The Treasurer presented his weekly financial report; the County Clerk submitted bills for approval and payment.

Transportation Advisory Committee

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske reported that he attended the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting held in Clinton on Thursday, July 27, 2023. He stated that information was received at this meeting pertaining to MoDOT's upcoming bridge projects, and the two bridges that Benton County had submitted for replacement was not selected by MoDOT for the 2024 line-up.

Economic Overview Report

An economic overview report has been received from Kaysinger Basin Regional Planning Commission; this report will be on file in the Commission Office.

Adjournment

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry Ordered that the commission adjourn until 8/7/2023. Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Signatures



Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

August 07, 2023

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 7, 2023 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 7/31/2023. 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.

Treasurer and County Clerk Reports

The Treasurer presented his weekly financial report, noting that sales tax revenues are down from this time last year. The County Clerk presented budget reports for each department; bills were submitted for approval and payment.

Conflict of Interest Ordinance

County Clerk Susan Porterfield presented information pertaining to the re-adoption of the Benton County Conflict of Interest Ordinance. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to approve the re-adoption of this Ordinance, District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes). The ordinance remains the same as originally adopted in 2000, and will be filed with the Missouri Ethics Commission (MEC).

Sheriff

Sheriff Eric Knox and Major Dean Noll met with Commissioners to discuss the need for a fenced, storage facility for confiscated property; Commissioners recognize the need for such an area and will work toward a solution. Sheriff also asked for a status report of the LAGERS retirement system for employees; Presiding Commissioner Daleske stated that Commissioners are reviewing numbers and continue to gather information in this process.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Mark Richerson met with Commissioners to discuss the adoption of a county-wide burn ban; after discussion, Commissioners decided not to adopt such an ordinance at this time.

Communications Tower for Law Enforcement

Commissioners have entered into a sub-lease agreement with Cross Timbers Rural Fire Department to install a 100' radio control tower on their property that will be a communications tower for law enforcement. The Commission has also entered an agreement with the Antiwler Community Park for a right-of-way agreement to allow this project to proceed.

Liberty National Insurance

A representative from Liberty National Insurance had scheduled an appointment but did not appear.

Mileage Rate Reimbursement

Commissioners discussed the reimbursement rate for mileage that is currently utilized, noting that the current rate of \$0.42 per mile has been in place since 2010. Commissioners made the decision to make no change to the County rate at this time but will review the issue at the 2024 budget cycle.

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 8/14/2023. Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Signatures



Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

August 14, 2023

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 14, 2023 at the Board Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present: Scott Harms, Present: Steve Daleske, Present.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to approve prior minutes dated 8/7/2023. 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.

TeamLab Innovative Solutions

TeamLab Innovative Solutions representative Terry Maier met with Commissioners to introduce himself and to give information about the products offered by his company.

MO Department of Conservation

A letter has been received from the Missouri Department of Conservation, informing Commissioners of the payment in-lieu-taxes (PILT) that will be received for public land held by the Conservation Commission classified as forest cropland. This payment to Benton County should amount to approximately \$6,700 and has been withheld since 2020.

Officials Reports

The Collector noted the upcoming tax sale will be August 28. The Treasurer presented his weekly financial report. The County Clerk noted that the 2023 tax rate hearing will be held on August 21 at 10 a.m.; bills were submitted for approval and payment.

J. D. Findley

J. D. Findley met with Commissioners to discuss road conditions on Spry Road and Edwards Avenue.

Benton County Economic Development

Benton County Economic Development Director Jo Ann Lane met with Commissioners to provide a monthly update of economic development efforts within the County. Commissioners signed a letter of support for the TAP Grant application/improvement project on North Maple Street in Cole Camp.

C. J. Anthony

C.J. Anthony met with Commissioners to discuss road conditions on Sky Village Avenue.

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 8/21/2023. Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 12 p.m.

Signatures



Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

August 21, 2023

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 21, 2023 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 8/14/2023. 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.

Dent County

Commissioners spoke to Dent County Sheriff Bob Wells to ask questions pertaining to that County's detention center.

E-911

E-911 Director Jessica Mayfield met with Commissioners to discuss the continuing renovations at the E-911 Center. Discussion was also given to some communication tower issues that have become apparent in southern Benton County.

2023 Tax Rate Hearing

County Clerk Susan Porterfield presented information for the 2023 tax rate hearing. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to approve the proposed tax rates for the 2023 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 \$.1300 for General Revenue and \$.2107 for Road and Bridge, per \$100 assessed valuation.

Treasurer and County Clerk Reports

The Treasurer presented his weekly financial report; the County Clerk submitted bills for approval and payment.

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 8/28/2023. Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 12 p.m.

Signatures



Steve Daleske, Presiding Commissioner

August 21, 2023

Benton County Commission

August 28, 2023

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 28, 2023 at the Board Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present: Scott Harms, Present: Steve Daleske, Present.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to approve prior minutes dated 8/21/2023. 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.

K. E. Ragland

Cole Camp Courier/Windsor Review representative K. E. Ragland is present at today's meeting.

Treasurer and County Clerk Report

The Treasurer presented his weekly financial report, noting that sales tax and use tax revenues are up compared to this time last year. The County Clerk stated that districts continue to submit tax levy information, which are due to the State Auditor's Office by September 1; bills were submitted for approval and payment.

Fuel Bids

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to accept the bid for Road District #1 from Zollicker Oil Company for unleaded gasoline at a cost of \$2.98 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 bid was received from Warsaw Oil Company at a cost of \$3.32 per gallon; the County accepted the low bid price.

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to accept the bid for Road District #1 from Zollicker Oil Company for diesel fuel at a cost of \$3.51 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 bid was received from Warsaw Oil Company at a cost of \$3.895 per gallon; the County accepted the low bid price.

Major Noll

Sheriff's deputy, Major Dean Noll, was scheduled to meet with Commissioners but did not appear.

Senate Bill 190

The County Clerk presented information pertaining to Senate Bill 190 that she has received from Missouri Association of Counties; it appears that no clear definition is in place, and clarification on some issues is still necessary. Commissioners will continue to monitor processes as further information becomes available.

K. E. Ragland

Mr. Ragland has now exited the meeting.

Commissioners Now Absent

Commissioners left the Courthouse Office to attend a presentation at the 9-1-1 Center; this presentation was given to explain new laws that went into effect today, wherein dispatchers are now recognized as first responders.

Commissioners Now Present

Commissioners returned to the Courthouse Office at 10:30 a.m.

McClure Engineering

Aaron McVicker of McClure Engineering met with the Commissioners concerning the preliminary design for the Gray Avenue bridge scheduled for construction next year. The preliminary design will be submitted to MODOT and all other agencies with an involvement in the project with a plan to begin meeting with affected homeowners within the next two months. Tentatively, bids will be solicited and accepted later this year. Commissioners and Mr. McVicker also discussed the Jackman Avenue bridge project which is also scheduled for replacement in 2024. Mr. McVicker will make an application to MODOT for a BEAP Study to be conducted for this bridge.

Enter Executive Session


District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to enter executive session at 1:21 p.m. pursuant to RSMo 610.021, District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Reconvene from Executive Session

At 2:05 p.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).

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 9/5/2023. Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Signatures

Steve Daleske, Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

September 05, 2023

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 5, 2023 at the Board Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present: Scott Harms, Present: Steve Daleske, Present.

Motion/Vote - Approval Of Prior Minutes

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made a motion to approve prior minutes dated 8/28/2023. Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes).

David Malecki

David Malecki is present at today's meeting.

Motion/Vote - Approval Of Executive Session

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made a motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes of 8/28/2023. Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes).

Treasurer And County Clerk Report

The Treasurer presented his weekly report comparing current revenues for the full fiscal year. The County Clerk's staff submitted bills for approval and payment.

Tip Top Hills Home Owners Association Representative

Ms Melinda Hudgens visited with the Commissioners regarding a road issue with the Association. Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske provided her with the current information regarding this issue as recorded with the County Recorder. He recommended that the Association consider contacting an attorney for assistance in this matter.

Salary Increase Request

Sheriff Eric Knox had requested a salary increase for a current employee. After discussing this issue, the Commissioners prepared a response and sent this reply to the Sheriff.

Sunshine Law Request

Last week, County Clerk Susan Porterfield advised the Commissioners that she had received a Sunshine Law request for information from Sheriff Eric Knox, asking for documents pertaining to revenues and expenses of the Jail Sales Tax Fund. A response will be sent to the Sheriff upon compilation of the requested information.

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 9/11/2023. Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes).

Signatures



Presiding Commissioner/Steve Daleske

Benton County Commission

September 11, 2023

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 11, 2023 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 accept prior minutes dated 9/5/2023. 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.

Globe Life Insurance

A representative from Globe Life Insurance was scheduled to meet with Commissioners but did not appear.

Major Dean Noll

Major Dean Noll met with Commissioners to discuss the sheriff's office fleet of vehicles and equipment expenditures associated with these vehicles.

Treasurer and County Clerk Reports

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

Benton County Economic Development

Benton County Economic Development Director Jo Ann Lane met with Commissioners to present her monthly report of economic development efforts within the County.

Benton County Tourism

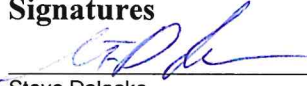
A telephone conference call was conducted with Benton County Tourism representative Lynette Stokes, to discuss the County tourism tax; it was noted that some businesses are not reporting this collection to the County Collector. A meeting will be set up with Prosecuting Attorney Rod Richardson to discuss further options for collection. Benton County Tourism representatives Jo Ann Lane, Rick Renno, and David Brodersen were also present.

Fuel Bid

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to accept the bid for diesel fuel for Road District 2 from MFA Oil Company at a cost of \$3.60 per gallon. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Other bid was received from Warsaw Oil Company at a cost of \$3.94 per gallon; the County accepted the low bid price.

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 9/18/2023. Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Signatures

Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

September 18, 2023

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 18, 2023 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 accept prior minutes dated September 11, 2023.

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.

Bridge Issue

Ed and Ansie Marquette met with the Commissioners regarding the Williams Creek bridge. They are concerned about the condition of the bridge and Commissioner Scott Harms advised them that this bridge is not yet scheduled for replacement within the MODOT guidelines. It does have a 20 ton load limit. They also discussed the condition of the roads in their area.

Proposed Poultry Barn Construction

Last week the Commissioners received two (2) certified letters describing the intent to construct eight (8) poultry barns in two different sites in the northwest portion of Benton County. Information indicates that the property owners in the immediate surrounding area were also provided copies of the proposed development.

Beth Crouch

Beth Crouch met with the Commissioners to request their support for National 4-H Week by signing a Proclamation developed by the University of Missouri Extension Office. The Commissioners expressed their strong support for the 4-H programs in Benton County and thanked Beth Crouch for all of her efforts.

County Clerk

The County Clerk submitted bills for approval and payment.

Telephone Call With CERF Representative

The Commissioners initiated a conference call with Nancy Griffin of the CERF Retirement Program. She confirmed that the CERF Retirement Program is mandatory for all Missouri county employees with the exception of Jackson and St. Louis counties. If Benton County chose to join the LAGERS Retirement Program, the CERF contribution would reduce from 6% to 4% of gross salary. Webster County joined the LAGERS Retirement Program in 2021.

Telephone Call With Webster County

The Commissioners initiated a conference call with Stanley Whitehurst, County Clerk of Webster County. He stated that they chose to join LAGERS on October 1, 2021. The decision was initiated by their County Sheriff and approved by the County Commissioners. They are pleased with the LAGERS L-7 retirement program. Currently, the county pays 4% to the CERF Retirement Program and the employees pay 6% into the LAGERS program. Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske asked Mr. Whitehurst if this choice helped deputy recruitment and he believes it did. The starting pay for a deputy is \$18.00 per hour and the starting pay for a jailer is \$15.50 per hour. They are fully staffed. Mr. Whitehurst agreed to provide additional information to the Presiding Commissioner via email regarding the amount the county pays toward the LAGERS Retirement Program. He may also provide information about their UAAL cost to join the program.

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 9/25/2023. Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes).

Signatures



Presiding Commissioner/Steve Daleske

Benton County Commission

September 25, 2023

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 25, 2023 at the Board Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present: Scott Harms, Present: Steve Daleske, Present.

Approval Of Prior Minutes

District 2 Commissioner made the motion to approve prior minutes dated September 18, 2023. 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.

Kenny Ragland

Kenny Ragland of the "Windsor Review" newspaper is in attendance; he left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Major Dean Noll

Major Dean Noll met with the Commissioners to discuss the need for additional speakers for the vehicle radios. Commissioner Daleske will follow-up with our radio contractor. Major Noll also advised Commissioners that he is still working with vehicle dealers to secure delivery of the units that were approved in the current budget.

Prosecuting Attorney

Prosecuting Attorney Rod Richardson met with Commissioners to provide information regarding the number of criminal cases handled by this office since 2018. He stated that he has 3,046 total pending cases and has closed 1,163 cases in 2023. He explained the need for an additional attorney to help handle this increased caseload. He will present additional information for the upcoming budget request for FY 2024.

Treasurer and County Clerk Reports

The Treasurer presented his weekly financial report; bills were submitted for approval and payment.

Proposed Poultry Barn Construction

Commissioners discussed the receipt of a certified letter describing the intent to construct eight (8) poultry barns in the northwest portion of Benton County. Information indicated that the property owners in the immediate area were also provided copies of the proposed development.

LAGERS Retirement Program

Recently, Commissioners were asked to consider offering the Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS) for County employees. The request was made by the Benton County Sheriff, who stated that offering the LAGERS retirement program could help recruit law enforcement officers from other jurisdictions who are currently in the LAGERS program, thus assisting in filling his vacant positions. The Commissioners contacted a

LAGERS representative, and a study was conducted to determine the feasibility of adopting this retirement program. Presiding Commissioner Daleske also contacted representatives of the County Employees Retirement Fund (CERF), which is the mandated retirement program for all Missouri County employees.

Information was sought concerning how the CERF and LAGERS retirement programs would be managed if Benton County chose to adopt both retirement programs. Currently, Benton County does not contribute to the CERF retirement program for County employees. If Benton County joined the LAGERS program, the County would be required to contribute to that retirement fund, and that contribution would become a permanent part of the annual budget. After analyzing this information and seeking the advice of the other County elected officials, the Commissioners determined that joining the LAGERS retirement program would not be a sound financial decision.

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 10/2/2023. Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes).

Signatures



Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner