

Benton County Commission

February 23, 2026

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9 a.m. on February 23, 2026, in the Board 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 2/17/2026; 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/Rich Chiles

David Malecki and Rich Chiles are present at today's meeting.

Senior Citizens Services Board

County Clerk Susan Porterfield spoke to Commissioners on behalf of Amanda Von-Senden concerning expiring terms of Board members on the Senior Citizens Services Board. The Board has noted that Steven Snow and Michael Schnakenberg have both agreed to serve another term. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to approve the appointments of Steven Snow and Michael Schnakenberg to the Senior Citizens Services Board, District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Fuel Bid

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 \$2.73 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 \$2.83 per gallon; the County accepted the low bid price.

Generator Bid Opening

The bid opening was held for the stationary emergency standby generator at the E-911 Dispatch Center. One bid was received for this equipment, from Norton Power Systems, in the amount of \$61,000.00. Upon review of the submitted specifications, District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to accept the bid as presented, District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Rich Chiles

Rich Chiles exited the meeting at 10 a.m.

MU Extension Council

MU Extension Council representatives Amie Breshears and Allison Gunter met with Commissioners to provide an update of Extension functions and to present a copy of the Annual Report for 2025.

Lease for Copy Machines

Commissioners discussed the lease agreement that was presented from Missouri Typewriter of Warrensburg, Inc., noting that the current lease agreement will expire on March 1, 2026. Missouri Typewriter representative Chuck Gard was present to discuss details of the lease. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to renew the lease with Missouri Typewriter as presented, 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.

Adjourn

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms ordered that Commission adjourn until March 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). Meeting adjourned at 12 p.m.

Signature

Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner