

# **Benton County Commission**

**July 14, 2025**

## **Convene**

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 14, 2025 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 7/7/2025. 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.

## **Department of Natural Resources**

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske noted that he has contacted a representative from the Department of Natural Resources pertaining to the number of confined animal operations that are being established in Benton County. He was informed that larger operations fall within the guidelines of the Department of Natural Resources and must follow the established guidelines of the DNR; however, small operations are not governed by DNR and are out of the County's control.

## **Dawson Road**

A telephone call was conducted with a taxpayer residing on Dawson Road pertaining to needed maintenance in that area; District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry stated that he will visit this area to determine maintenance.

## **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. Discussion was also given to the re-appointment of board members to the Benton County Enhanced Enterprise Zone.

## **Board Appointments**

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to reappoint members of the Benton County Enhanced Enterprise Zone as follows: Steve Daleske, Chairman; Tim Kreisel, representative of special taxing districts; and William Smart and Eddie Simons, members. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes). These terms will expire on June 22, 2030.

## **Treasurer and County Clerk Reports**


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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Commissioners discussed the request received from Prosecuting Attorney Rod Richardson pertaining to the addition of a position for a detective/investigator to his staff. No decision has been reached at this time.

**Adjournment**

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 7/21/2025. 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**  
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Steve Daleske  
Presiding Commissioner